

# POST-UHC HLM DEBRIEF AND STRATEGY SESSION

WELCOME on the ONLINE civil society debrief and strategy session on the outcomes of the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC

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# Agenda

1. **Reflections on the 2023 Political Declaration (PD)**
  - a. What has changed from 2019?
  - b. Analysis of PD and the Action Agenda - strengths and weaknesses
2. **Key messages from Member States at the HLM**
3. **Interactive session**
4. **Summary of post-HLM discussions in NY**
5. **Next steps and closing**

# 2023 Political Declaration

## What's changed since 2019?

- Stronger position on PHC as a path for UHC
- Stronger language on financial protection and financing
- More emphasis on the health workforce and women's role
- Emphasis on citizen engagement/ social participation, digital health, patient safety
- New links with PPPR
- Weaker language on gender and SRHR

# 2023 Political Declaration

## Alignment with Action Agenda

Action area 1: Champion political leadership for universal health coverage

Action area 2: Leave no one behind

Action area 3: Adopt enabling laws and regulations

Action area 4: Strengthen the health and care workforce for quality health care

Action area 5: Invest more, invest better

Action area 6: Move together towards universal health coverage

Action area 7: Guarantee gender equality in health

Action area 8: Connect universal health coverage and health security

Mostly addressed

Somewhat addressed

Mostly addressed

Strongly addressed

Somewhat addressed

Mostly addressed

Somewhat addressed

Strongly addressed

# 2023 PD and the Action Agenda

## Strengths

**AA1:** Strong call for **political leadership and international cooperation** at the highest levels.

**AA2:** Strong language on ensuring **access to services for key and vulnerable populations\***

**AA2:** Emphasis on **primary health care and community health** as the foundation of quality national health services.

**AA3:** Call for “increase and sustain **political leadership...to strengthen legislative and regulatory frameworks**”; calls for legal systems to strengthen digital health system

**AA4:** Strong recognition of the **role of women in the health workforce** and the need to empower them, including promoting them to decision making positions

**AA4:** Strong, repeated language on ‘**community-health workers**’, this includes, improving their training, development, recruitment and retention of competent, skilled.

# 2023 PD and the Action Agenda

## Strengths

**AA5:** Clear language on **financing for UHC and areas that require further investment R&D, digital health\***; call for 1% spending on PHC but no target for health spending

**AA6:** Recognition of the **importance of community-level services**

**AA6:** Recognition of the **importance of inclusive approaches to health governance for UHC and social participation**

**AA7:** **Emphasis on women's role in health care** recognized

**AA7:** Emphasis on **engagement women and girls in the designing, implementing and monitoring health policies**

**AA8:** Recognition of need to **strengthen PHC and UHC for emergencies**. Including the maintenance of essential services during emergency situations.

# 2023 PD and the Action Agenda

## Weaknesses

- **No health spending target** - Action Agenda calls for 5% of GDP
- **Weak language on sexual & reproductive health & rights** (stronger in 2019 PD “acknowledging that the human rights of women include their right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on all matters related to their sexuality” Beijing Platform for Action)
- Despite language on ensuring access to services for key and vulnerable populations, **some populations are left out entirely such as LGBTQIA+, sex workers, people in prison** etc.
- **Weak/almost no language on accountability mechanisms**
- **Weak language on integration of CHWs in health systems**

# Key messages from countries

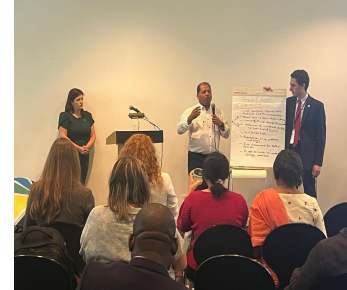
**16 Heads of State (10 spoke), 119 Ministers;**

## Key messages from countries

- Emphasis on **leave no one behind** and **key/vulnerable populations** not included in PD
- Strong **support for PHC**
- Emphasis on **social participation** and role of CS
- Acknowledgement of the very **limited fiscal space for health** and the need to find ways to increase resources available
- Commitments to **aligning resources to countries' needs and plans**, avoid fragmentation, in line with the Future of Global Health Initiatives approach
- Support for **community engagement** and ensuring the **most vulnerable are covered by services**
- Mentions of specific health issues: **equity, digital health, gender, SRHR, climate, health security**



# Interactive session - questions in New York



## **Group 1 & 2:**

What are the top 3 priorities that can drive progress at the country level?

How will civil society and other stakeholders contribute to those priorities? What are the entry points?

## **Group 3 & 4:**

What are the top 3 priorities that can drive progress at the country level?

How can we better coordinate, at the global and country level, civil society and other stakeholder actions to take forward the outcomes of the HLM and the momentum for UHC created at the country level?

# Interactive session - questions online



Intro: Share your top priorities to drive progress on UHC!

1. How will your organization enhance and sustain political momentum on UHC at the global or country level?
1. How can your organization help translate global commitment to country level advocacy and accountability for action? How can we better coordinate?

# Key points from post-HLM discussions

Share your top priorities to drive progress on UHC!



# Key points from post-HLM discussions

- **Focus on increase funding for health**, including domestic and donor/multilaterals funding, and other innovative financing mechanisms
- **Strengthen CS role in social participation** including knowledge sharing with decision makers and communities, priority setting, budgeting processes, accountability and community-led monitoring, promoting political commitments etc.
- Push policies to **improve working environment for CHWs**
- **Strengthen health data to identify groups left behind**, why and concrete actions to address need. **Use data driven platforms** to provide evidence base/ strong case building. This include invest more in research.
- **Engagement with decision makers** (including parliamentarians) and the private sector at all levels.

# Key points from post-HLM discussions

- **Tackle cross cutting issues** to reach stakeholders who work beyond the health sector. **Foster multi stakeholders collaboration**, including by adopting a multi sectoral approach (ex: reach out not only to health departments, but also to international affairs, economics etc...)
- **Translate the commitments into actionable plans at the country level**
- **Hold leaders accountable** through regular reports on the progress made
- **Strengthen public campaign** to increase public awareness on UHC, and mobilize more CSOs and organizations.
- **Create tools** to translate the PD into understandable language, and foster civil society engagement

# Upcoming opportunities & closing

- You can still give us your feedback by completing the survey [here](#)
- Share your national and regional campaigns following the HLM so that we can share and promote through the CSEM channels ([laura@wacihealth.org](mailto:laura@wacihealth.org))
- Join us for the virtual launch of the global UHC Day Campaign - October 18
- Engage in the global conversation at the World Health Summit, Oct 15-17 (free virtual participation)
- Stay tuned for opportunities to participate in the next **State of the UHC Commitment review**
- Become a CSEM member to be informed of the latest news ([www.csemonline.net/join-csem](http://www.csemonline.net/join-csem))



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