

*SDG Summit 2023 Informal Stakeholder Dialogue – UHC2030*

UHC2030 is a global movement to build stronger health systems for universal health coverage.

We welcome the Zero Draft of the SDG Summit Political Declaration and its vision for a world where everyone, everywhere has access to the health care they need. The COVID-19 pandemic made it clear that healthy societies are a precondition for sustainable development and the SDGs as a whole. We support the call to leave no one behind by focusing policies and actions on the poorest and most vulnerable, with a particular emphasis on women and girls, and to take action to combat inequalities within and between countries, including through universal health coverage.

To ensure that the Political Declaration on Sustainable Development is well-aligned with the three health-related Political Declarations that will be adopted in September 2023, we urge Member States and other stakeholders to:

- Recognize that UHC provides an umbrella for all health issues, and all populations, in all countries, and is essential for poverty reduction and the 2030 Agenda as a whole.
- Strengthen integrated approaches to pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and UHC by building equitable, resilient health systems.
- Realize equitable access to quality health care without financial hardship through UHC.
- Leave no one behind by focusing on the poorest and most vulnerable, including women and girls, and by removing the barriers of various types of discrimination and by achieving UHC.
- Institutionalize formal mechanisms for inclusive governance and social participation to ensure policies best respond to the needs of communities and strengthen people's trust in government actions.

We call on Member States to ensure they fully leverage the transformative power of UHC for the SDGs. UHC is essential to ensure a healthier, safer and fairer world.