



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

2025



Sustainable Development Goal 3

*An Expert Group Meeting in preparation for HLPF
2025: Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-
and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda
and its SDGs for leaving no one behind*

12 February 2025

WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

PROGRAMME	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
09:00 – 9:15	<p><u>Opening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs • Mr. Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage - Life Course, World Health Organization (WHO) • UNFPA
09:15 – 10:30	<p><u>Stocktake of SDG 3 targets: What have we achieved; what opportunities to accelerate exist?</u></p> <p>Moderator and SDG 3 progress overview: Mr. Pavel Ursu, Director, Delivery for Impact, Division of Data, Analytics and Delivery for Impact, WHO</p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Magda Robalo, Chair, Universal Health Coverage 2030; Founder, The Institute for Global Health and Development • Ms. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Director of the Centre for the AIDS Program (CAPRISA), Professor of Epidemiology at CUMC [ONLINE] • Mr. Carlos das Neves, Chief Scientist, European Food Security Agency • Ms. Asih Eka Putri National Social Security Council [ONLINE]

	<p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advancing SDG 3 targets - What and where have the most significant advancements in SDG 3 been since the last review in 2021, and why? What are the lessons learned since the COVID-19 pandemic? What opportunities are there to scale success and accelerate progress, particularly in tandem with other SDG targets? - Promoting health and well-being – Where have we made progress in addressing social and gender determinants of health and root causes of ill health? - Universal Health Coverage –What can we learn from countries that have made progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC)? How can we advance UHC to reach people in Fragile, Conflict-Affected and Vulnerable Settings? - Preparedness and response – What progress has been made in strengthening capacities for preparedness and response? - Recommendations to HLPF - What policy recommendations should be brought to the HLPF session on accelerating SDG 3 progress?
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	<p><u>Spotlight topic: Harnessing science, technology and innovation for SDG 3</u></p> <p>Moderator: UNFPA</p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline Perrin, Executive Director, Geneva Digital Health Hub, University of Geneva • Mr. Hans V Hogerzeil, Emeritus Professor of Global Health at Groningen University; Co-Chair, Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines Policies [ONLINE] • Ms. Maxine Whittaker, Co-Director, WHO Collaborating Center on Vector Borne and Neglected Tropical Diseases [ONLINE] • Ms. Soumya Swaminathan, Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, Tufts University [ONLINE] <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science, technology and innovation - What is the evidence on the most promising science, innovations and technologies for SDG 3 implementation? What are the main challenges associated with using them at scale in different contexts and for their integration into the national health systems? How can these challenges best be addressed?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital health - What are the most inclusive, effective and efficient digital health interventions on SDG 3 progress? How can the newly adopted Global Digital Compact be implemented and used for SDG 3 progress? - Recommendations to HLPF - What recommendations should be brought to the HLPF session on science, technology and innovation?
11:45 – 13:00	<p><u>Tackling priority data gaps in SDG3 and health equity</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Anne-Claire Guichard, Senior Policy Advisor, UNAIDS</p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marie Ng, Affiliate Associate Professor, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) University of Washington; Associate Professor, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore [ONLINE] • Ms. Caroline Homer, Co-Program Director, Maternal and Child Health, Burnet Institute [ONLINE] • Ms. Simona Torotcoi, Research Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States • Ms. Veronika Wirtz, Professor, Department of Global Health, Boston University School of Public Health [ONLINE] • Mx. Dumi Gatch, Founder, Success Capital NGO [ONLINE] <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data gaps - Where are the greatest data gaps in tracking progress towards SDG3 and how can they be tackled? - Evidence-based – How can we strengthen data and evidence-informed decision-making? How can we use data to reduce fragmentation and improve alignment to national systems and priorities? - Equity - Do we understand who is left behind, foregone care and unmet care? What matters for measuring, analyzing and understanding equity, exclusion and universality of UHC? What can we learn from country and regional experiences? - Recommendations to HLPF - What recommendations should be brought to the HLPF session on tackling data gaps?
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	<p><u>Breakout groups: Accelerating progress on SDG 3 while managing trade-offs and generating synergies across the 2030 Agenda (SDGs 3,5,8,17)</u></p> <p>A. Strengthening the health and care workforce [in person]</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Genevieve Gencianos, Migration Program Coordinator, Public Services International PSI</p>

	<p>B. Financial protection [hybrid] Chair: Mr. Gil Shapira, Senior Economist, Human Development Research Group, World Bank</p> <p>C. Tackling maternal mortality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) [Online] Chair: Mr. Faysal El Kak, Senior Lecturer in Health Behaviour and Sexuality and Public Health, American University of Beirut</p> <p>D. Advancing SDG 3 in fragile, conflict-affected, and vulnerable settings [Online] Chair:</p> <p>E. Optimizing health of people, animals and the environment [hybrid] Chair: Ms. Violette Geissen, Professor, Soil Physics and Land Management, Wageningen University</p>
15:00 – 15:45	<p><u>Financing SDG 3</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Anna Vassall, Unit Head, Economic Evaluation and Analysis, WHO</p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Beth Thompson, Executive Director, Policy and Partnerships, Wellcome Trust • Mr. Stephane Verguet, Associate Professor of Global Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health [ONLINE] <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financing - How can we ensure adequate health financing and financial protection against catastrophic health costs against a tightening fiscal outlook? - Recommendations to HLPF - What recommendations should be brought to the HLPF session on financing?
15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:15	<p><u>Recommendations for the HLPF – report back and synthesis</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, DESA</p> <p><u>Rapporteurs from breakout groups</u></p>

	<p>Youth respondent: Ms. Lucía Pérez Gómez, Vice President of External Affairs, International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)</p> <p>Major Groups and other Stakeholders respondent: Ms. Marianne Haslegrave, Director, Commonwealth Medical Trust</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the key messages from each breakout group to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)- What key policy recommendations should be brought to the HLPF session from the meeting?- How can the review of progress of SDG 3 at the HLPF best boost implementation efforts at all levels going forward? How can the Expert Group Meeting contribute to wider conversations on development and financing, including at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development in 2025?
17:15 – 17:30	Closing and next steps