



**UHC2030 STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**11th Session – 17-18 October 2022**  
**World Health Summit, Berlin**

## **Session 2 - Updating the Key Asks: rationale, needs/priorities and approach**

## Overview

In 2019, UHC2030 convened a powerful movement of diverse voices around a set of UHC Key Asks, which fed into the Political Declaration. UHC2030 has been invited to play a similar role in the UN High-Level Meeting. In order to contribute to meaningful commitments and actions in the 2023 HLM Political Declaration, and to get UHC progress back on track, UHC2030 will update the Key Asks, focusing on a limited number of action-oriented policy recommendations.

This session will provide an opportunity for the Secretariat and representatives from Chatham House to present an update on the work of the 2023 UN HLM Task Force, and share initial reflection on the Key Asks 2.0. They will inform the Steering Committee of the process, including how the State of UHC commitment feeds into the work of the Task Force and opportunities/ways for various stakeholders to contribute to the process.

UHC2030 constituencies will be invited to share their reflections on the desired level of ambition for the Key Asks 2.0 and needs for adjustment against changes since 2019. Their initial thinking on potential inputs for action-oriented policy recommendation would also be welcome. To do so, they will present updates on progress of their actions on health systems for UHC and health security in 2022 and plans for 2023 (e.g., promotion of health systems strengthening in PPR, leveraging Global Fund's support to health systems (RSSH), gender responsive health systems, etc.).

## Objectives of the session

- To consolidate the shared understanding of the rationale for updating the key asks, including the level of ambition and the approach (including the role of the Task Force and its interaction with the Steering Committee).
- To ensure focus on actions to make health systems equitable and resilient for both UHC and health security.

## Questions for consideration

- What are the potential “game changers” needed (in terms of policy reforms and institutional developments, resource mobilization and allocation, partnerships, service delivery, civil society and community empowerment, etc.) to accelerate progress on UHC in countries?
- What are the contributions from different constituencies to strengthen health systems for UHC and health security that could provide inputs to revise the actions contained in the Key Asks?

## Background information

The UN HLM 2023 Task Force brings together twenty representatives from UHC2030 constituencies and beyond. Its primary responsibility will be to oversee the development of the next set of UHC Key Asks based on the latest data, the new global health context, and inputs received through inclusive consultations. The Task Force will aim to submit a limited number of action-oriented policy recommendations to the President of the General Assembly ahead of the 2023 UHC Political Declaration Negotiation. It will also be instrumental in providing political advocacy and strategic communications support to UHC2030 throughout the year.

The Task Force held its kick-off meeting on Tuesday, 13 September in the presence of the UHC2030 co-chairs, Ms. Gabriela Cuevas and Dr. Justin Koonin, along with three Representatives from the UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel: Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG); Prof. Keizo Takemi, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for UHC; and Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, WHO Special Envoy for the European Region.

Discussing the threats weighing on the health sector everywhere, Task Force members reiterated the importance of investing in resilient and equitable health systems and primary health care as necessary foundations to reach UHC and health security. Much work will need to be done to overcome the setbacks still being caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, looming economic collapse and climate change-related disasters.

Over a series of meetings of the Task Force in 2022, each of the 'Key Asks' will be presented with updated evidence from desk review, for discussion. The aim will be to have a first draft the Key Asks 2.0 ready for consultation in December 2022 - January 2023.

#### **Project Milestones:**

- Desk Review and Thematic Analysis – September-November 2022
- Roundtable: World Health Summit – October 2022
- First draft UHC Key Asks 2.0 – December 2022
- Online Consultation focusing on updating the Action Agenda of the Key Asks– December-January 2023
- Final draft UHC Key Asks 2.0 shared with the Steering Committee for its review – End of February 2023
- Approval of the UHC Key Asks 2.0 by the Steering Committee and dissemination – Early March 2023

**Ways of working:** Consultations are expected to take place primarily online and inputs collected in writing by Chatham House, which has been contracted to provide support to the UN HLM Task Force. Biweekly virtual meetings of one hour will be held on Tuesdays until the end of the year.

UHC2030 constituencies are all represented in the Task Force and will reflect the views of other members. Although the Steering Committee has delegated the responsibility of overseeing this work to the Task Force, Steering Committee representatives will receive updates around key milestones and approve the final draft.

#### **Annex**

- Updated Terms of Reference of the UN 2023 HLM Task Force. This version has been updated to include the final list of its members.

#### **For further reference**

- [UHC Key Asks \(2019\)](#)
- [UN HLM Task Force webpage](#) where updates will be regularly posted

## Annex

# UHC2030 Task Force for the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on UHC

## Terms of Reference (draft as of 16 September 2022)

### Background

In September 2019, at the United Nations High-Level Meeting, world leaders endorsed the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history. However, UHC progress is not on track, and the COVID-19 pandemic seems to bring the world further away from the 2030 targets set by the political declaration, which include: i) progressively covering 1 billion additional people, with a view of covering all people by 2030; and ii) to stop the rise and reverse the trend of catastrophic out-of-pocket health expenditure, and eliminate impoverishment due to health-related expenses by 2030. Many countries have made a wide range of commitments to UHC, set national targets, and prioritised equity in their UHC commitments. However, gaps persist between policy, implementation and results. Making progress towards achieving UHC has never been more urgent.

### Opportunity

The United Nations General Assembly decided in August 2021 to organise the one-day high-level meeting on UHC (UN HLM) in New York in September 2023. The interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will be scheduled before the end of June 2023. In 2019, UHC2030 convened a powerful movement of diverse voices around a set of UHC Key Asks, which fed into the Political Declaration. UHC2030 is expected to play a similar role in the next UN HLM. UHC2030 will contribute to the overall outcomes of this meeting that secures meaningful commitments and actions to get UHC progress back on track. Critical outcomes for the next high-level meeting would include:

- Countries motivated to step up investment in resilient and equitable health systems and specific policy actions for UHC, through a primary health care approach;
- “Renewed action on SDG 3”: Political declaration reinforces clear and measurable UHC commitments, with specific milestones/actions to accelerate equitable progress by 2030;
- “Inclusive accountability”: Member states monitor and report progress towards 2019 UHC commitments in consultation with diverse country stakeholders of UHC2030;
- “A path to 2030”: Member states agree to conduct a comprehensive review of global health commitments in 2025 linked strategically with SDG accountability processes and WHO’s GPW 13 impact framework; and
- In tandem with the pandemic treaty negotiations, countries commit to core minimum health systems capacities as the basis for UHC and health security.

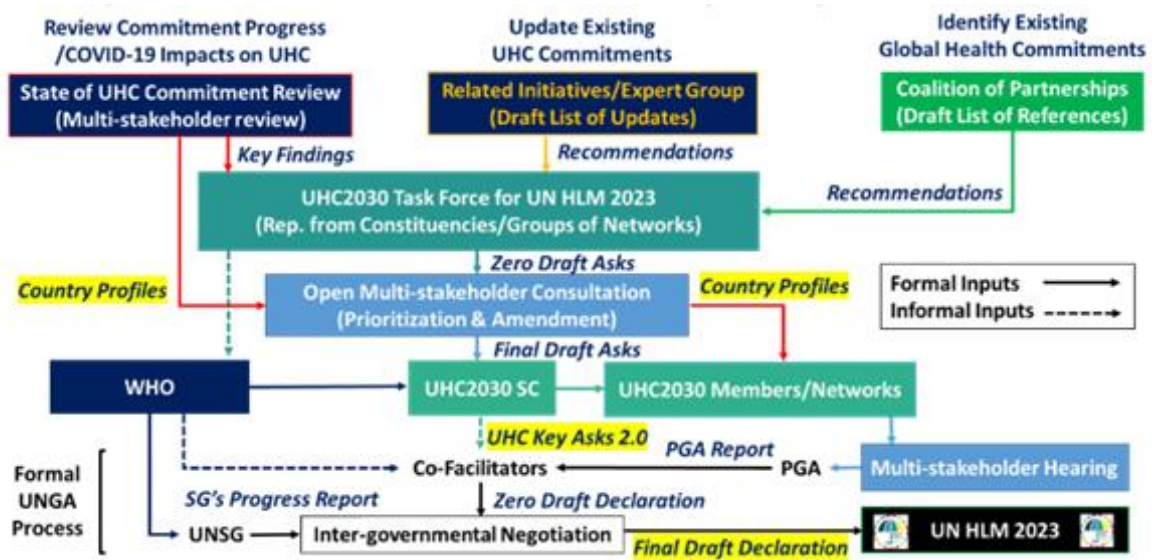
### Scope of work

The overall purpose of the task force is to ensure effective multi-stakeholder engagements in the 2023 UN HLM preparation and strengthen strategic communication around the event. The task force will support the President of the 77<sup>th</sup>/78<sup>th</sup> sessions of the General Assembly and Co-

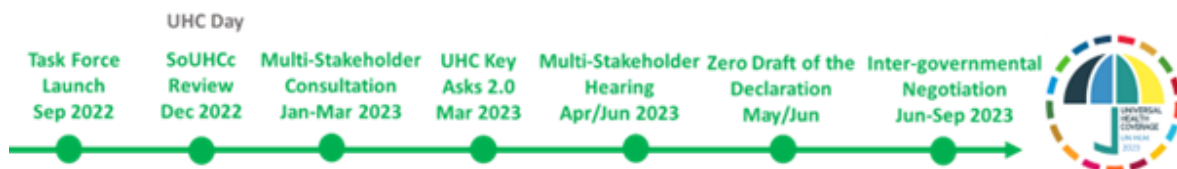
facilitators for the 2023 UN HLM outcomes. In close collaboration with identified multi-stakeholder partners by the modality resolution<sup>[1]</sup>, the task force will:

1. Oversee the production of the Draft Key Asks (UHC Key Asks 2.0) based on key findings from the State of UHC Commitment review, recommendations from Related Initiatives/Expert Group (TBC) and the Coalition of Partnerships
2. Help mobilise UHC2030 constituencies and networks to organise multi-stakeholder consultations to prioritise and amend the draft UHC Key Asks 2.0 for the final approval by the UHC2030 Steering Committee
3. Help disseminate the State of UHC Commitment review and the UHC Key Asks 2.0 to countries through UHC2030 constituency and network channels
4. Help disseminate the UHC Key Asks 2.0 among UHC2030 constituencies and networks so that they can use them to prepare their contribution to the multi-stakeholder hearing, inter-governmental negotiation, and UN HLM 2023
5. Mobilise high-level UHC champions from the UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel and other UHC champions in the opening segment and other relevant high-level sessions of UN HLM
6. Advise on a strategic approach to stimulate public and multi-stakeholder attention to UHC agenda before UN HLM

### UHC2030’s contribution to the outcomes of UN HLM 2023



### Task Force Tentative Schedule and Tasks



**Timeline and Deliverables 2022-2023**

*The Task Force will advise the UHC2030 Secretariat in producing the deliverables below by overseeing the development of the Key Asks 2.0 and advising strategising and planning for effective mobilisation of the broader UHC membership*

<b>2022</b>	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the UHC2030 Task Force</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall framing/structure of UHC Key Asks 2.0</li> <li>• Plan for UHC2030's multi-stakeholder consultations</li> <li>• Strategy for political and public mobilisation for UN HLM</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft UHC Key Asks 2.0</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial multi-stakeholder consultation process with the first draft UHC Key Asks 2.0 (<b>UHC2030 Steering Committee advice</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>2023</b>	
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open multi-stakeholder survey to prioritise draft UHC key asks 2.0</li> <li>• Private Sector Consultation (World Economic Forum)</li> <li>• Academia &amp; Practitioners Consultation (PMAC)</li> <li>• CSO Consultations (multiple regions)</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentarians Consultation (IPU Annual Parliamentary Hearing, UN)</li> <li>• Local Government Consultation (UCLG retreat)</li> <li>• CSO Consultations (multiple regions)</li> <li>• Youth Consultation</li> <li>• Update UHC Key Asks 2.0</li> <li>• Finalised UHC Key Asks 2.0 (<b>UHC2030 Steering Committee decision</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Submission of UHC Key Asks 2.0 to UN HLM Co-facilitators</b></li> <li>• <b>Publication of the UHC Key Asks 2.0 with a political statement</b></li> <li>• <b>Launch of the UN HLM 2023 advocacy toolkit</b></li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States Informal Briefing: UHC Key Asks 2.0</li> <li>• Preparation of coordinated interventions for the UN HLM multi-stakeholder hearing</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of intel and support to intergovernmental process</li> </ul>
<b>June-August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of intel and support to intergovernmental process</li> <li>• Preparation of statement(s) with the UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel (push consensus building and encourage highest level participation in UN HLM)</li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of coordinated interventions for the 2023 UN HLM UHC multi-stakeholder panel</li> </ul>



## Members of the Task Force

- 1 member from each constituency of UHC2030 (10 members: Countries, Multilateral organisations and Global health initiatives, Philanthropic foundations, Non-governmental organisations, Private sector)
- 1 member from each category of UHC2030 partner/network/initiative (10 members: Parliamentarians, Local Governments, Academia, Healthcare Professionals, Women, Children/Youth, Indigenous leadership, Labour, Coalition of Partnerships, Health System Related Initiatives)

## Annex 1 Milestones and Opportunities in 2022-2023

2022	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Political advisory panel meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>DG's progress report on UN HLM 2019 to World Health Assembly</b> UHC2030's political statement on the road to 2023 UN HLM</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise task force TOR (<b>UHC2030 Steering Committee decision</b>)</li> <li>• Call for nomination (UHC2030 Task Force)</li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UHC Day 2022 Campaign Theme Announcement</b></li> <li>• <b>HLPF 2022</b></li> <li>• Close nomination (UHC2030 Task Force)</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch 2023 UN HLM UHC information page (2030 webpage)</li> <li>• <b>Political advisory panel meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>UNGA GOF Ministerial event on UHC and Global Health</b></li> <li>• <b>Launch UHC Day 2022 Campaign Page</b></li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UHC2030 Steering Committee Meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>World Health Summit</b></li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Political advisory panel meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>The coalition of Partnerships principal group meeting</b></li> <li>• Prepare a virtual UHC Day event to raise public awareness</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a virtual UHC Day event</li> <li>• Launch State of UHC Commitment country profiles (2022 update)</li> <li>• <b>Publish the Coalition BMJ Series on UN HLMS on Health (umbrella article)</b></li> <li>• <b>Member States information briefing (1)</b></li> </ul>
2023	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release key findings from State of UHC Commitment review 2022</li> <li>• <b>WHO Executive Board</b></li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Political advisory panel meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>The coalition of Partnerships principal group meeting</b></li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-stakeholder hearing preparation</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Publish the Coalition BMJ Series on UN HLMS on Health (all articles)</b></li> <li>• <b>IMF/World Bank Spring Meeting / Civil Society Forum</b></li> <li>• <b>Financing for Development Forum (UN)</b></li> <li>• Multi-stakeholder hearing preparation</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Member States Informal Briefing: Outcome document zero draft</b></li> <li>• <b>World Health Assembly: UHC Technical Briefing / WHA Side Events</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>June-August</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start intergovernmental process</li> <li>• Intergovernmental process</li> <li>• <b>Political advisory panel meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>The coalition of Partnerships principal group meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>G7 Summit (Japan)</b></li> <li>• <b>G20 Summit (India)</b></li> <li>• <b>HLPF</b></li> <li>• Multi-stakeholder panel preparation</li> </ul>
<p><b>September</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome document final draft (mid-Sep: hard deadline)</li> <li>• Multi-stakeholder panel preparation</li> <li>• 2023 UN HLM UHC, including <b>multi-stakeholder panel</b></li> <li>• <b>SDG Summit (mid-term review)</b></li> </ul>

**Annex 2. Expected role of Co-Charis, Political Advisors, TF and UHC2030 members/networks**



**Annex 3. Structure of UHC Key Asks 2.0 (image)**

**Overall Targets:**

- a. To progressively cover 1 billion additional people by 2025, with a view to covering all people by 2030;
- b. To stop the rise and reverse the trend of catastrophic out-of-pocket health expenditure and eliminate impoverishment due to health-related expenses by 2030;





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<sup>11</sup> Modality resolution para 5. "Requests the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and other relevant partners, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, before the end of June 2023, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, youth and indigenous leadership, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;"