

## **UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose:**

- The UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel (The Political Panel) provides guidance to the UHC2030 Steering Committee to strengthen political support for universal health coverage (UHC);
- The Political Panel also conveys UHC2030's consolidated message to high-level political leaders for ensuring their commitment translates into action in countries.

#### **Role and responsibilities:**

- Advise on opportunities that UHC2030 may use to further leverage political processes to sustain high-level momentum on UHC and ensure follow-up on the UHC political declaration, which was adopted in the UN High-level meeting in 2019;
- Reach out to specific processes with a view of influencing the agenda and mobilise political and financial support;
- No legal status or binding obligations – advisory role to the UHC2030 Steering Committee.

#### **Ways of working:**

- Convene in person once per year on the margin of the high-level political or economic fora and engage in quarterly teleconferences as needed;
- Work in a way to ensure full transparency of the group, with open and regular communication with the UHC2030 Steering Committee;
- Light-touch secretariat support and coordination to be provided by UHC2030 Secretariat.

#### **Appointment process:**

- UHC2030 Secretariat to nominate UHC2030 Political Advisors for the UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel (The Political Advisors) base on guidance from co-chairs;
- UHC2030 Steering Committee to approve nomination of the political advisors;
- Level expected would be current or former head of agency/minister (across government) and on the basis of personal capacity to connect with and leverage relevant political processes and institutions (e.g. UN, G20 + G7, EU, AU, ASEAN+3, APEC, MERCOSUR, political players such as MPs and local authority leaders).

#### **Secretariat:**

- UHC2030 serves as the secretariat of the political panel;
- UHC2030 does not provide personal assistance to the individual political advisors.

#### **Terms:**

- Each political advisor will serve a one-year term to be eligible for re-appointment for maximum two additional terms;
- Up-to seven political advisors will serve for the political panel in the same term;
- The Political Advisor is a function without remuneration apart from travel and accommodation costs associated with relevant UHC2030 co-hosting events or UN official meetings on behalf of UHC2030 if necessary.

## Annex 1. List of the political advisors in 2020 (alphabetical order)

- Mr. Elhadj As Sy, Chair of the Board, Kofi Annan Foundation (Former Secretary-General, IFRC / Former Director of Partnerships and Resource Development, UNICEF)
- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union / Congresswoman of Mexico
- Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Board Members of The Elders (Former Prime Minister, Norway)
- Prof. Keizo Takemi, Member of the House of Councillors, Japan / WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Universal Health Coverage (Former Vice Minister of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan)
- Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador)
- Dr. Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis (Former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety / Former Minister of Health, Lithuania)

## Annex 2. Political advisory panel in the governance structure of UHC2030

UHC2030 partners are organized into 5 constituencies, whose members endorsed UHC2030 Global Compact. All UHC2030 constituencies are represented on the Steering Committee, which serves as the leadership and decision-making body for the partnership.

The Steering Committee is led by two co-chairs. UHC2030 brings together under a common platform related initiatives working on health systems. The Steering Committee also creates time-bound Working Groups or Task Teams when strategic or operational tasks require specific attention across constituencies.

The political panel is a high-level group of appointed the political advisors who advocate for and mobilize wider political commitment to UHC Political Declaration. The political panel will be led by a lead political advisor with technical support of co-chairs and core team. The political panel will provide guidance to the UHC2030 Steering Committee though co-chairs. Individual political advisor has a right to attend the Steering Committee as an observer.

Individual political advisor is expected to convey consolidated message on behalf of UHC2030 prepared by the secretariat in line with decision of the Steering Committee.

<b>Political Advisory Panel (Lead Advisor)</b> High-level Advocacy – advice to Steering Committee and convey UHC2030 message to political leaders	<b>Steering Committee (Co-Chairs)</b> Strategic Leadership/Decision Making
<b>Secretariat (Executive Director and Global Director)</b> Organized by 2 hosting agencies (WHO and World Bank Group)	<b>Partner Constituencies</b> Organized into 5 constituencies (Countries; International organisations: incl. UN, Global Health Initiatives and other International Organizations; Philanthropic Foundations; Civil Society; and Private Sector)
<b>Core Team (Joint Leads)</b> Virtual team led by Joint Leads (WHO and World Bank Group) to provide partner coordination and support	<b>Working Groups / Task Teams (Task Lead)</b> Strategic / Operational support
	<b>Related initiatives</b> Coordination and information sharing