UHC2030 engagement of low- and middle-income countries

Steering Committee Discussion, June 2018
Background

Why this discussion now?

• Important to ensure UHC2030 adds value to countries – not about more IN countries but FOR countries
• Risk of diluted emphasis on country level impact since transition to UHC2030
• Different interpretation amongst partners about how UHC2030 does and should engage countries

• Note: limitations of this exercise & the range of stakeholders for country engagement – initial focus L&MIC governments
Objective

To identify how UHC2030 can better support L&MIC governments in their efforts to achieve UHC

- Articulate the relevance/added value of UHC2030
- Inform future areas of work/activities
- Promote active engagement of L&MIC constituencies
Engagement in the existing workstreams/TWG

- **Knowledge Management:**
  - A repository of tools to help countries navigate and identify appropriate tools.
  - Knowledge summaries, synthesising guidance/evidence/best practice with emphasis on how countries can leapfrog towards UHC (e.g. digital health opportunities, lessons from OECD countries). Produced with RIs/technical partners, for different audiences – make this accessible & well known.

- **Advocacy:** Political momentum – especially beyond MoH – MoF, Head of State etc., not preaching to the converted.

- **Accountability:** Civil society engagement/participation at country level – need for strong civil society voice, limited knowledge on how best to engage.

- **Communications:** Raise awareness on UHC2030 within countries & high level leadership – briefing by WRs/TTLs including info on TWGs, RIs, tools etc.
Engagement in the existing workstreams/TWG

- **Multisectoral agenda** – supporting countries to design strategies
- **PFM** – effective approaches to engage MoF, guidance, sharing/learning
- **Transition** – Managing and incentivising adherence to good practice principles
- **TWG & SC meetings in countries beyond Geneva**; with **field trips** for sharing & learning. This can also amplify domestic political momentum for UHC
Support to countries with coordination of related initiatives

- **Need for better coordination** across HSS networks at global & country levels – overlaps, confusion, competition, duplication

- The problem is **broader than UHC2030 RIs** (also RMNCAH & communicable disease networks/funds/global programmes, ILO social protection work)

- **Joint missions** preferable to reduce transaction costs and promote synergies

- Link with **national planning process**
Discussion

• Does this reflect the L&MIC sentiment?
• What are we missing?
• Priority opportunities for meetings and key themes?
Proposed next steps

- Consolidate the **country constituency** approach with Core Team focal point.
- **Country focused meetings:**
  - Reconvene the country teams meetings every 2 years, working closely with the UHC Partnership
  - Identify related meetings to influence/meet alongside
  - Engage the constituency to set the agenda & objectives for country focused meetings
- **Meetings in L/MICs**
  - 1 SC meeting/year
  - TWG meetings where possible
- Develop **info pack for countries** on UHC2030, who we are & what we offer – equip WRs/TTLs (and other partners) to raise awareness in country