

# UHC2030 engagement of low- and middle-income countries

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# 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/TWGs

- *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/TWGs

- **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