



European Commission DEVCO Academy Public Webinar
The EU and Collective Action for Universal Health Coverage
Thursday, 14 January 2021, 15:00 to 16:30 CET

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Welcome & opening remarks:

Henrietta Geiger, Director for People and Peace, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, European Commission

Chair:

Jan Paehler Head of Sector Health, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation

Respondent:

Robert Yates, Director, Global Health Programme; Executive Director, Centre for Universal Health, Chatham House

Setting the scene – presentation on UHC political accountability and collective action for UHC:

Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO Amref Health Africa and UHC2030 co-chair

Interactive discussion on country experiences:

- **Tunisia:** country experience on societal dialogue for health system reforms
Hela Ben Mesmia, Dialogue sociétal, Ministry of Health
Dr Abdellatif Chabbou, Vice-President, Red Crescent
- **Kenya:** country experience on UHC plans 2018-2022 and national hospital insurance fund reforms
Speakers from government and civil society (tbc)

The following issues will be explored:

- Has policy dialogue in your country involved meaningfully civil society and communities?
- What does it take for dialogue to feed into health policies and influence decision making?
- What are the lessons learned/tips for other countries on what works and what does not in advocating for change including accountability
- How can external partners such as the EC, WHO and multi-stakeholder partnerships best help, for example: dialogue and lessons learning, guidance and tools, technical and financial support?

Closing:

- **Gabriella Fesus**, Head of Unit, Culture, Education, Health, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation