



UHC2030 STEERING COMMITTEE

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UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel

Terms of Reference

This document includes updated Terms of Reference for approval by the Steering Committee. The changes aim at increasing the size of the panel for greater political outreach in the lead up to the UN HLM 2023. A brief summary of activities in 2021 is provided for reference.

For Information **For Review & Advice** **For Approval**

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(proposed revision in March 2022)

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 at least one virtual meeting every quarter prior to the high-level political opportunities;
- 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 and the lead political advisor;
- UHC2030 Steering Committee to approve nomination of the political advisors;
- Level expected would be current or former head of partnership/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 ten 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 (as of March 2022, alphabetical order)

- Mr. Elhadj As Sy, Chair of the Board, Kofi Annan Foundation (Former Secretary-General, IFRC)
- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments
- Prof. Ilona Kickbusch, Chair, International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies Geneva (Former Co-chair of UHC2030 Steering Committee)
- Ms. Joy Phumaphi, Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (Former Co-Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel for Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent)
- Prof. Keizo Takemi, Member of the House of Councillors, Japan (Former Vice Minister of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan)
- **[Lead Advisor]** 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, WHO Special Envoy for the European region (Former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety)
- To be identified by July 2022
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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.

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

For reference:**The UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel - Summary of Activities 2021****Virtual Panel**

In 2021, the political advisory panel organised four virtual meetings (March, May, September, November) to discuss and provide advice on the following topics to Co-chairs and the Secretariat.

- UN HLM in 2023 preparation
- The Coalition of Champions for Global Health
- Support to Parliamentary Initiatives on UHC
- State of UHC Commitment Review, 2021
- UHC2030's strategic narrative for strengthening health systems, and priority actions
- UHC Day campaign, 2021/ Message for political leaders, UHC Day 2021
- Action on resilient and equitable health systems, for UHC & health security goals

Political Statements

Based on the discussion in the panel, the panel issued two political statements in 2021.

- [Dear Global Leaders: Now is the time to invest in better global governance, and stronger country health systems – for everyone](#) (21 May 2021)
- [Message for political leaders on UHC Day 2021](#) (8 December 2021)

High-level Meetings/Events

Political advisors played moderator/speaker roles in the following high-level meetings/events in 2021.

- Meeting with the Co-chairs of the Group of Friends of UHC and Global Health (April 2021) - H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa (participant)
- Building Back Better Through Sustainable Investments in Health: GOF hosted event (April 2021) - H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa (moderator)
- [The Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health](#): kick-off meeting with principals of health-related partnerships (April 2021) - H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa (moderator)
- [UCLG's high-level policy dialogue on health](#) (May 2021) - Dr Vytenis Andriukaitis (speaker); Ms. Emilia Saiz (moderator)
- [Consultation meeting on UHC Parliamentary Guide](#) (June 2021) - Prof. Keizo Takemi (opening remarks)
- Digital Health Solutions to Accelerate UHC Post-COVID19 is now available – GOF hosted event (July 2021) – Prof. Ilona Kickbusch (moderator)
- [The Road to 2023: gaps, challenges and opportunities to accelerate progress on UHC](#) (September 2021) - H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa (moderator); Ms. Emilia Saiz (speaker)
- [Does COVID-19 present an opportunity to advance UHC? – UNITE Global Summit 2021](#) (December 2021) - Prof. Keizo Takemi (speaker)
- [UHC Day 2021 Champion Campaigns](#) (12 December) - Ms. Emilia Saiz; Prof. Ilona Kickbusch; Prof. Keizo Takemi; Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa; Dr. Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis (video messages)