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# **Parliamentarian Engagement Terms of reference**

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## Overview

UHC2030 aims to support parliamentarians more systematically and effectively to translate global commitments made in the 2019 Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) into tangible actions at the country level. Based on guidance from the 9<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee in September 2021, the Secretariat has developed ‘Terms of Reference for UHC2030’s Engagement with Parliamentarian Networks’ to engage more systematically with a range of parliamentarian networks.

## For decision:

The Secretariat is seeking the Steering Committee’s approval of this TOR.

## Terms of Reference: UHC2030’s Engagement with Parliamentarian Networks

### 1. Background

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is an urgent priority to end the current global health crisis and build a safer, healthier future for everyone, everywhere. In September 2019, at [the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC](#), world leaders endorsed the most ambitious political declaration on health in history ([A/RES/74/2](#)). The declaration recognised the critical importance of legislative and regulatory frameworks for the achievement of UHC, and, therefore, parliamentary action.

Making UHC a reality cannot happen without the support and active involvement of parliamentarians. Through their work in legislation, budget allocation, oversight, representation and in some cases, ratification of international agreements, parliamentarians are responsible for laying the groundwork necessary to building strong and resilient health systems that can provide care to everyone, everywhere, especially the most vulnerable and the most marginalised.

In that context, UHC2030, together with various country, regional and international parliamentarian networks, published [a Parliamentarian Guide: 6 Action Steps to Achieve Universal Health Coverage](#) (UHC Parliamentarian Guide) in September 2021 that provides legislators with six action steps that are essential to achieving UHC: (1) lead, (2) protect, (3) legislate, (4) advocate, (5) invest, and (6) cooperate. The guide also includes a summary of 10 modules developed by experts from partner networks that discuss the role of parliamentarians in the context of specific health agendas.

In September 2023, the President of the General Assembly will convene another high-level meeting on UHC ([A/RES/74/2](#)) to follow up the progress of the commitments made in 2019. The modality resolution of the high-level meeting recognises parliamentarians as one of the important partners to feed into the outcomes of the next meeting. UHC2030 will coordinate inputs from various multi-stakeholders through interactive multi-stakeholder hearing for the UN HLM 2023 to be held before June 2023.

### 2. Purpose

UHC2030 aims to support parliamentarians more systematically to translate [Global UHC Commitments](#) into tangible actions at the country level. Partnering with (and/or contracting out to) existing Parliamentarian Networks, which are already playing a parliamentarian hub/coordination role in the health sector, we will indirectly engage with country parliamentarians through their advocacy, accountability and knowledge sharing activities on the ground.

### 3. Expected Deliverables and Indicative Timeline

Deliverable	Timeline
Collect country information (e.g. political leadership, legislation, budget) from MPs for the State of UHC commitment review through existing parliamentary networks	Annual
Organise one knowledge-sharing workshop on the six action steps for parliamentarians - exchanging country case studies on parliamentary initiatives on the margins of a relevant global parliamentary meeting	Annual
Organise one briefing and consultation session on UN HLM 2023 to get inputs from parliamentarians into the Key Asks (updated version for UN HLM 2023)	Ad hoc
Support UHC2030 representatives' contribution to existing parliamentary working groups and events in global health (e.g. International Forum on Global Health, UNITE Global Summit, PFGG SDG Webinar Series, OSCE-PA Webinar, IPU Health Advisory Group)	Ad hoc
Enhance collaboration of UHC2030 constituencies, in particular civil society, with parliamentarians in the area of advocacy and accountability (e.g. country consultation for the State of UHC commitment review)	Ad hoc

### 4. Selection Criteria for Identifying a Hub Network (if contract-out)

- Required: Diverse membership, including country parliamentarians from [all UN regional groups](#)
- Required: Willingness to collaborate with other parliamentary networks, ensuring inclusiveness of collaboration with UHC2030 member parliamentary organisations.
- Required: Existing public/official commitment to support health systems agenda for achieving UHC by 2030, at least endorsement of the UHC2030's Global Compact.
- Required: Proven track record of supporting parliamentarians in implementing UHC and related global health agenda items.
- Desired: Institutional capacity to conduct formal communications with international organisations and country parliamentarians.
- Desired: Experience working with health-related UN bodies and other international organisations.

**Annex 1. Related Activities with Parliamentary Networks in 2019-2021**

Name	Major Focus	Main Actors
Working Group on Global Health	Pandemic Preparedness and Health Security Global Health Multilateralism and Equity Resource Mobilisation Investment in Research and Development Universal Health Coverage	UNITE The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF
UNITE Global Health Summit 2021	HIV Global Health, Democracy & Human Rights Global Drug Policy Index Release etc.	UNITE
Parliamentarian Guide on UHC	Health System Primary Health Care Global Health Security Immunisation SRHR and RMNCAH + FP Gender Equality The Human Right to Science The Digital Divide HIV/AIDS Budget Appropriation and Accountability	EPF APF
SDG Webinar Series	COVID-19 Recovery Climate Change Designing National Budgets	PfGG SDSN
OSCE-PA Webinar	Health as a Human Right	OSCE-PA
Letter to Speakers of Parliaments	COVID-19 Universal Health Coverage Health System	IPU
UHC Day Campaign (2020)	Universal Health Coverage	IPU Health Advisory Group
COVID-19 Advocacy Tool (2020)	COVID-19	IPU Health Advisory Group
Key Asks Consultation (2019)	Universal Health Coverage	IPU

## Annex 2. Potential Collaboration Partners

The proposed list of potential collaboration partners is based on information collected via desk research and semi-structured expert interviews, as well as advice from Co-chairs and the UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel.

TABLE 1. Potential Collaboration Partners				
Organisation	Focus	Organisational/ Administrative Structure	Members	UHC2030 Related Activities
<b>Africa Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (FPA)</b> Member of UHC2030	SDG, SRHR, HIV/AIDS, and gender equity	Hosted by EPF Executive committee (divided by sub-regions) and parliamentarians	Membership is open to all parliamentarians	Parliamentarian Guide on UHC; Parliamentarian Briefings on UHC (UHC Forum 2017, 2020)
<b>European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)</b> Member of UHC2030	Reproductive health rights	Executive committee (President and 11 MPs); EPF Secretariat (10 members); parliamentarians	Composed of 31 All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs)	Parliamentarian Guide on UHC; Parliamentarian Briefings on UHC (UHC Forum 2017, 2020)
<b>Asia Pacific Parliamentarian Forum on Global Health (APFPGH)</b> Potential Member of UHC2030	Global health	Hosted by WHO WPRO	East Asia, Southeast Asia, Oceania	UHC2030 Political Advisor Prof. Keizo Takemi is the chair of the forum
<b>Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD)</b> Potential Member of UHC2030	Reproductive health and rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, investing in youth, active ageing, UHC	Governed by the General Assembly; Managed by the Executive Committee; Advised by 3 Standing Committees; Supported by the Secretariat	Consists of 30 member National Committees of parliamentarians on population and development in the Asia-Pacific region	UHC2030 Political Advisor Prof. Keizo Takemi is the chair of the forum
<b>Forum of Presidents of National Parliaments of Countries in Central America and Caribbean Basin (FOPREL)</b> Member of UHC2030	Constitutional, democratic, intercultural, and the social rule of law, SDGs	Parliamentarians Presidents Executive Secretariat Advisory council	11 full members; 5 observer members	UNITE Global Summit 2021; Parliamentary Working on health and nutrition Political Advisor law making
<b>Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)</b> Member of UHC2030	Women, age, human rights, and gender equality	Executive committee (President, 15 elected members, 2 board presidents); Secretariat (40 members)	179 member parliaments; 13 associate members	UN HLM 2019 preparation, Key Asks Consolation, COVID-19 Advocacy Tool, Joint Letter to Speakers of Parliaments (2020)
<b>Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases (UNITE)</b> Member of UHC2030	Infectious diseases	Founder and President; Global board; Secretariat (5 members)	149 representatives from 66 countries (10 regional chapters)	UNITE Global Summit 2021; Parliamentary Working Group on Global Health
<b>Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly</b> Processing formalisation of the membership	Political Affairs and Security, Econ. Affairs, Science, Tech. & Environment, Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian	The Bureau (composed of the President, 6 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Officers of the three General Committees and President Emeritus)	323 members from 56 parliaments (in North America, Central and South America, Europe, and East Asia)	One Joint Webinar
<b>Parliamentarians for the Global Goals (PfGG)</b> Potential Member of UHC2030	SDGs		Parliamentarians from 46 countries located throughout North America, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia	Three Joint Webinar Series with SDSN
<b>Parliamentary Network on the World Bank &amp; IMF</b> Potential Member of UHC2030	Development Cooperation	Hosted by the World Bank Group & IMF; Governed by the Board of Directors (10 members elected every 2 years); Administered by the International Secretariat	Over 1000 parliamentarians from 158 World Bank Group and IMF member countries	Parliamentary Working Group on Global Health

**Annex 3. Outcomes of Related Activities in 2021**

- [Parliamentarian Guide - 6 action steps to achieve UHC and Country Case Studies](#)
- [UNITE Global Summit, 2021: Leave no one's health behind: Invest in health systems for all](#)
- [International Forum on Global Health](#)

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