

Questions from participants of the UN HLM on UHC Multistakeholder Hearing, 29 April 2019, New York



Questions	
1	How do you envision the gender dimensions of health, including sexual and reproductive health, being included in the High-Level Declaration on UHC? It's been overlooked before, yet it's key to health.
2	To leave no one behind, UHC must address gender-related dimensions of health throughout the life course, including but not limited to SRHR. How do we make sure that UHC prioritizes gender equality?
3	We must not forget that sexual and reproductive rights are human rights. How can we ensure and fight the backlash?
4	How can we ensure an integrated system of care, that includes both infectious diseases and noncommunicable diseases common to people of all ages?
5	Youth and students play a pivotal role in the future workforce and in delivering UHC. How can we support them in their capacity to contribute to relevant processes?
6	UHC will not be achievable without addressing the gender/power dimensions of accessing health services, in particular SRHR for women and girls. How can we prioritize this issue in the UHC agenda?
7	How will use address social determinant of health that are key to ensure, not only health coverage but health access?
8	How can we ensure that UHC efforts includes refugees, IDPs and migrants, particularly the 32 million girls and women - and counting - in need of lifesaving sexual and reproductive health services?
9	Sexual reproductive rights often don't make it to the agenda paper. How do we make everyone realize that sexual reproductive rights are



	actually human rights?
10	How do we ensure disabled persons and people with mental health issues have the access and quality care they need when planning for UHC? Where is GENDER in the 6 asks and 4 priority actions?
11	Growing up in my village of Nyanza District Rwanda we heard of Alma ata, Abuja Declaration, Gobi and other great ones. They ended up being empty promises. What makes this UHC movement any different?
12	How will WHO support the development of the health workforce - from pediatricians to community health workers to social workers - to achieve UHC?
13	The UHC debates must center the rights and needs of women and girls in all their diversity. How do we ensure that gender justice is addressed in this forum and beyond?
14	Some people can be criminalised just for accessing health services specifically LGBTQI, sex workers, & people who seek abortion. How can we ensure they are not left behind in UHC?
15	How do we ensure that UHC goes beyond prioritizing one health issue over another but actually ensure access for health for all no matter what the issue, gender, age, status etc
16	Young people, especially young women and girls, face specific structural barriers to accessing health services that member states must address, what can we all do to put their agenda on the table?
17	As we strengthen health systems towards #Health For All, how can we ensure that the health system is INCLUSIVE of oral health, vision, hearing, and mental health - (services often overlooked)?
18	From a practical standpoint, how do we help accelerate the use of evidence to guide UHC policy to assure that all components of functional health care systems are supported?
19	How do we plan and ensure people living in humanitarian and fragile states also have UHC?
20	How can we ensure lifetime affordable access to essential lifesaving medication such as insulin in every country in the world?
21	Are there any Member State representatives here to listen?
22	What role do innovations in health technology and service delivery have in achieving UHC? How can we leverage new, more efficient approaches/technologies such as self-care?
23	Dental caries is the worlds most common chronic disease affecting 3.9billion people. How do we make sure that preventive oral health is included in all countries' primary healthcare plans?
24	Noting that oral diseases affect 3.9 billion people, and that these are preventable and share common risk factors with other NCDs, can we be sure of inclusion of prevention and treatment in UHC?
25	Can we put the mouth back in the body? Why are oral diseases and dental preventive and treatment services often excluded from PHC? Orals diseases are a huge burden globally - over \$500 billion/year!
26	How can we ensure decision makers use evidence to select the best policy options, in terms of both cost effectiveness and community preferences, in order to optimise benefits to communities?
27	Given that the criminalization of same-sex relationships, sex-work, HIV and drug use are major barriers to care, what will be the strategy to ensure the most marginalized are included in UHC?
28	How can we convince governments to understand that civil society engagement is necessary to attain UHC?
29	Dr. Gitahi said we are not here for organizations. We are here for the individuals, those whose voices are not being heard. How do you listen and attend to the voices of the least privileged among us?
30	UHC must include oral health care measures due to the evidence on oral systemic links. As a result, I ask the question, why is oral health



	not considered in health measures.
31	Let's not forget vulnerable populations be they young or old , those with mental illness , the LGBTQ+ , prisoners. How do we ensure all means all ?
32	What role do technology-based innovations and solutions have in leveraging limited resources in underserved communities to advance health equity and achieve UHC for all?
33	According to WHO: "Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide, and is a major contributor to the overall global burden of disease." How can we ensure mental health integration into PHC?
34	Given that a young child with dental decay is likely to be the obese teenager, the diabetic young adult, developing CVD in midlife, cancer in later life, can UHC change this trajectory? YES!
35	What will persuade govts to shift from out-of-pocket payments to taxing people fairly to pay for health care?
36	In the spirit of leaving no one behind. How do we ensure that gender equality gets addressed comprehensively within UHC?
37	How to move this discussion from more requests for different diseases, to bringing practical solutions to government on UHC?
38	Please make identity of speakers, backgrounds transparent.
39	RE the taxation issue, why do we always focus on african corruption when the US and IS-backed corporations DEMAND tax incentives in the name of "free trade"
40	How can we overcome inherent ageism to insure that older persons have access to UHC?
41	How can we ensure that high-quality, integrated and financially sustainable community health programs are prioritized in the UHC agenda?
42	When purchasing services from private sector, how do we balance the need for regulation of private sector with the fact that regulations increase inefficiencies & risk market failure. Good Examples?
43	Given that 1 in 4 people worldwide will experience mental health problem and mental health MUST be integrated into primary healthcare, how do you see mental health access be highlighted in UHC?
44	How can governments ensure that UHC drives inclusive development and prosperity for women and girls in a world where women are the majority of the world's poor?
45	How do you envision the integration of nurses in the development of sustainable, cost effective health care access systems for diverse populations to achieve quality health care for all?
46	As a young dentist I ask - why are governments restricting their people from Universal Health Coverage where also Oral Health is included?
47	How do we develop systems and mechanisms that reach the most marginalised and most likely to be left behind first?
48	Even developed country governments avoid public health accountability - how can accountability be improved?
49	Even if governments show the political will to tackle UHC (eg India and it's Ayushman Bharat) how can we ensure they leverage civil society, to reach the last mile and make UHC a real success.
50	Without addressing the myriad of barriers accessing comprehensive sexual reproductive health n gender based violence UHC policies will fail no matter how well they are financed or rolled out
51	The IFRC strongly believes that we must put the last mile first. Can you talk about how community-based health programmes can be an essential means to reaching the most left behind? (session 2)
52	How do national governments incentivize professional physician organizations to support policy change that permits professional nurses to practice at the TOP of those education and training?



53	Without global equity in the availability of health inputs there is no equity. What is not available cannot be purchased NY the rich or made available without financial hardship by the poor
54	How do we get health to be part of every government departments set of priorities?
55	Should UHC integrate traditional medicine and other non traditional medical practices while creating a UHC basic service package?
56	Cultural sensitivity and gender equality - are really included in this call for action?
57	What is being done to engage nurses as the leaders they are in health care and interprofessional collaboration?
58	In High-Level Declaration: how to ensure govts create & sustain environments where right to health for civilian populations & health workers respected amidst political, economic or armed conflict?
59	On the 1st panel discussion which is ongoing at present youth representation is missing ?? We need to be inclusive to move to a healthier world for all and youth need to a have voice at the table !
60	Children with oral diseases do not grow as fast as those who are orally healthy, do not achieve as much academically. So easy to prevent! What's the problem, why excluded from UHC?
61	How do we ensure accountability after UHC HLM?
62	How can we build responsive and resilient health systems to make sure that the most vulnerable have access to services?
63	Kenya is a Friend of UHC, 4 counties piloting UHC, success will be determined by the same government. UHC is meant to look like a magic wand, is it really?
64	Padmini Murthy How can the policy makers / politicians put aside partisan politics to work on making universal health care for a reality???
65	1,300 NGOs urged gov'ts in the 2018 HLM on NCDs to stress binding regs to promote prevention based on the best available evidence & conflict of interest safeguards. Should UHC do so, too?
66	UHC might present danger of exclusions of civil society in the decision-making process. How can we ensure civil society engagement in this process?
67	What should be the message from Minister of Health to Minister of Finance?
68	It is revolutionary to learn that Japan went for UHC 50years ago because of resource constraints. How can UHC2030 facilitate a learning process from Japan for political decision makers in LMICs?
69	Human resource crisis cannot be addressed in the world's poorest countries without massive expansion in global (not only country-level) investments.
70	How do we make sure that the role of women in the design and delivery of UHC, and their role in the health workforce (delivering UHC), is being addressed?
71	Do we really need more evidence in places with no health workers, no drugs ? The evidence is that medical care works! We just need to provide care.
72	What is being done to ensure that the role of gender as a determinant it health is being addressed in UHC?
73	What UHC strategy will bridge the constant struggle between health equity and economies of scale for health budgets in LMIC?
74	Human rights to health: how the need for community health system is recognized along with public health system, to allow all population to access health, incl. criminalised, stigmatised populations?
75	Lots of questions here about sexual & reproductive health. Will this include the SRH needs of older women?
76	How we will address the criminalization of HIV, which currently is are major barriers to HIV testing, treatment and care; even wherein services are available and affordable?



77	As an on ground Dr in Uganda, Tanzania, DRC, and Peru I found technology vital. Any roles for UHC to create portals for Data Entry, Geofencing data sharing, Bulk Medication access ? #HEALTHFORALL
78	Older people face prohibitive costs for healthcare services. What will governments do to close the gaps in health insurance coverage to ensure access & affordability of services for older people.
79	How are older people being included in efforts to achieve UHC, both in terms of financing and quality service provision?
80	How do we build local policy and systems capacity to influence regional and national governments to act according to the uhc2030 recommendations and action agenda?
81	How can we ensure that Heads of State and Heads of Government attend the HLM? The purpose of an HLM is to get the highest level of political buy in.
82	Is patriarchy the biggest obstacle to UHC? Even among health professionals, more men are doctors and more women as nurses or paramedics. How can you change this reality?
83	The achievement of health for all requires the establishment of a global pooled funding mechanism. Why are we not talking about the responsibilities of global duty bearers in closing the funding gap?
84	If UHC is truly about "leaving no one behind," how will we as the privileged participants in this room hold ourselves accountable to ensuring that UHC reforms address the needs of marginalized groups?
85	As we are talking about leave no one behind, gender equality, and marginalized community, no single speakers from Transgender community is present.
86	Accountability for UHC dictates that both consumers and suppliers play a key role towards each other. Where is the consumer voice in accountability in the current UHC discussions?
87	How do we ensure that voices of women at the community level and their asks for UHC reach the decision making tables?
88	As a physician my burning question how can the health care providers be protected from violence when trying to do their work ? we just lost a colleague who was brutally murdered when working !
89	What steps are being taken to mobilize communities and civil society at the country level to shape the agenda for UHC?
90	One panelist discussed using an implementation-research approach to develop sustainable UHC systems. How do we develop such collaborations to formulate this approach to the challenge of achieving UHC?
91	Providing oral health in UHC will yield benefits2 gen health - 2-way pathways compromise healthy pregnancy, good outcomes in CHD, Diabetes, Alzheimers etc. Can we put the mouth back in the body?
92	How do we encourage and support crossdisciplinary work between researchers, policy makers, parliamentarians, healthcare workers, and academic institutions when siloed approaches have been the norm?
93	With less than 10 African countries having universal health care, what can we do to keep Africa on its toes and not left behind? Understanding the disease burden like diabetes in the continent is high
94	UHC issues can't only be resolved with the political commitment at the country level. Fulfilment of basic rights is needed (sanitation, adequate housing, and food security).
95	Oral health must be included in primary care in order to control costs in Secondary and tertiary care. Tooth decay and periodontal disease can be controlled by primary care measures
96	There is broad agreement that there is need to transition towards increased domestic funding of UHC. How should the international development community support this transition process?
97	Conditional foreign aid to developing countries by developed countries affects health sector funding prioritization. The Geo political



	power dynamics need to be adressed for UHC to be sustainable
98	UHC should move beyond the binaries of men and women and include the health of all people in all their diversity n include transgender n LGBTQI
99	Where are the young people? Meaningful youth engagement as a means to achieving UHC means the UN needs to include youth voices on every panel.
100	How do we balance the need for government support (political and financial) for UHC, and the possibility that that same government may have policies that are antithetical to achieving UHC for all?
101	How do you control the comercialization of health , and over prescription by some medical professionals when health Care is a primary responsibility of governments?
102	How do we ensure that people in the informal sector are covered under the UHC?
103	UHC should promote equity participation , gender equality accountability, human rights accommodate the needs n voices of excluded groups like Queer n transgender
104	How do we address the corruption in the health sector? People living in extreme poverty cannot access health services provided by the government specially due to corruption . Cynthia Mathew
105	Investments in new health technologies will be vital to achieving UHC. How do we ensure greater resource mobilization for R&D?
106	AGYW are at accelerated risk for unplanned pregnancy, HIV, STI's. However, there's an absence of Comprehensive Sexuality Education, youth inclusive services and access to quality SRHR. What do we do?
107	How can we work together to encourage donors collaborate to ensure shared clear transition plans, tools and approaches which result in sustainable transitions?
108	Leaving no one behind should not leave behind sex worker,MSM ,Drud users and transgender community who are criminalised in Africa.
109	What efforts are being made to ensure the inclusion of those with end-of-life and palliative care needs within UHC packages and financing models?
110	How best to address the 12 trillion USD loss in LMIC economic growth, caused by lack of access to surgery impacts on the health status of current and future workforce? Eg a child w cleft palate...
111	In the drive towards universal health coverage how do we ensure that focus is also given to count & prevent injuries, such as drowning, alongside efforts to address NCDs and promote healthy lives?
112	With regard to UHC Ask 3, "Regulate and Legislate," how do we ensure that profits are not prioritized over patients? Profiteering around drug prices is a huge problem in the US.
113	Establishing a comprehensive UHC system is a complex process. How is the IPU assisting countries in doing so? Is it providing technical global health legislative assistance?
114	When we talk about health as a human right, are we talking about an obligation to respect, protect, or fulfill? There are different needs in different countries, so different approaches are needed.
115	How can the adequate resources available worldwide be invested for social responsible UHC that specifically avoids profit for the special interest groups?
116	The private sector is key in health service delivery in many countries as they try to bridge health gaps. How do we plan to extend the UHC vision to this sector and enforce UHC policies forthwith.
117	Given that we know that Primary Health Care is the backbone of UHC, how can we strengthen community health systems at the national and subnational levels?



118	PHC is not new. What have we learned about what works and what does not work to take us go well beyond another global campaign or movement to knots and bolts of sustainable services in each household?
119	Young people make up one quarter of the global population. How can we ensure inclusive, active, and meaningful engagement of young people in the UHC process?
120	How do we ensure that even as we champion for UHC, quality of health care is not compromised!?
121	To what extent are UHC models taking into account the complex and long-term health and care needs of older people?
122	What is the panel's view on capacity to sort out the need for surgical care as a fundamental part of primary care and UHC? For example headache or abdominal pain? Both may or may not need surgery.
123	How to bring about actionable commitment from member states during the HLM and ensure its implementation.
124	A few of the introductory remarks highlighted the importance of person-centred UHC. What steps are being taken to ensure that models of UHC being developed and promoted are holistic & person-centred?
125	How can faith-based organizations best contribute to achieving UHC?
126	Lots has been said today about leaving no-one behind & ensuring equity. I have heard lots about youth, women etc. yet nothing has been said about older people. How can we ensure they are included?
127	How can we ensure that the Member State delegations to the HLM are gender balanced and women have an equal say in decision making on UHC from community to global?
128	How do we address corruption at the health care provided by the government and how do we make the government accountable to tackle it
129	Citizens don't know they have a right to health , so let's ensure that governments institutionalize accountability in Sept!
130	As a trained physician my question is why isn't CAM ie complementary and alternative medicine being included in UHC discussion, this is necessary isn't it?
131	For Ms. Benilda Batzin, can she elaborate on the issue of obstetric violence in health facilities? ¿Puede hablarnos más del problema de la violencia obstétrica en los establecimientos de salud?
132	From trauma to Cesarean delivery to dental services, primary health is healthy only when surgery is available and affordable as WHA resolution 68.15 states- surgery & anaesthesia are integral to UHC.
133	How will UHC address the gendered effects of structural violence on Women's health ?
134	Political will is contingent on knowledge about the issues. most of our politicians are...well uneducated. how can we make them understand the complexity of these issues and get them agree and commit?
135	How can we ensure that UHC reaches the most vulnerable and also fosters social cohesion in conflict settings?
136	The people that know how to achieve UHC is still missing in important parts of the huge implementation chain (from making policy to delivery and viceversa). How ca we change that?
137	Increasing population affects UHC coverage and cost yet sexual and reproductive health ajd rights remains largely ignored in UHC narrative. Panelists what are your thoughts on this?
138	CAN WE TALK ABOUT HOW UHC CAN BE ATTAINED BY PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES? CHECKING UNHEALTHY FOODS, DANGEROUS MEDICINES, CONNECTING TO NATURE, CUTTING OF PREVENTABLE CAUSES OF DISEASES? CAN WE?
139	Like the fight to end poverty,UHC wont be sustainable if focus isnt put on prevention: Sanitation,nutrition,sanitation and CSE are a must! Also..end wars and conflicts. Thoughts of the panel?
140	WHO called the elimination and control of neglected tropical disease a 'litmus test if universal health coverage': how can we overcome



	bottlenecks in reaching high numbers of vulnerable people?
141	Can we entrust Ministers of Health to deliver UHC? They can build hospitals, but can't keep the healthy healthy. Should ministers of education, commerce, technology take the leadership roles?
142	We have 31 orgs that have signed guiding principles, in case anyone speaking wants to reference the Alliance for Gender Equality and UHC and its members
143	Developing countries are losing health professionals to rich countries when their own citizens are in critical need of it, how can the governments stop this and give better pay?
144	The panel comment that tertiary care should be prioritized over PHC is shocking. How can we ensure prioritized PHC financial allocation in Sept?
145	The current Health Insurance in Nigeria does not take into account the needs of service recipients as it has been determined by the employer and fail to cover specific SRHR needs. What can be done?
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147	According to Lancet analysis only 1.6% of development health financing is allocated to adolescents. This group is essential to achieving the SDGs but is being left behind. How can this be justified?
148	What can be done locally, regionally, and nationally to empower all health care professionals and workers with the knowledge and tools to move from theory to action focused on achieving UHC for all?
149	In some countries rolling out UHC has led to having to get specific ID Numbers, How do you deal with the issue of undocumented immigrants and minorities that don't have access to documentation?
150	How do you work with community health workers to encourage people to seek prevention, care and support services without delay. can we recognize their work as major players in UHC?
151	The challenge of involving private sector is that most governments in low and middle income countries have limited capacities to regulate private sector to ensure quality and safety.
152	Can we build finance and access mechanisms that allow teenagers to autonomously access sexual & reproductive health without parental interference or age barriers?
153	Why did it take decades to take Universal Health Care as a priority issue?
154	Good governance and accountability are critical steps for UHC. what do you think?
155	We must ensure and resource meaningful involvement of civil society and community in UHC governance at all levels - what are the opportunities to be seized to achieve this?
156	How can we address the high costs of insurance premiums which go up every year and the increasing deductibles which deter people from seeking health care in countries such as the US?
157	How do we have a complete health coverage and not only financing models that only cover a minimum package of health interventions since these generate an out-of-pocket expense to people?
158	How can we drive system-wide change to the whole R&D process and expand delinked R&D efforts for new medicines, vaccines and diagnostics - which will be vital for achieving UHC?
159	How can we ensure effective financing mechanisms to allow efficient procurement or reimbursement systems which incorporate direct public health funding instead of insurance based systems?
160	How can we prevent politicization of health care?



161	What is the role of prevention in reaching health for all & what can and should be done for investment in evidence-based prevention to make up a more significant share of overall healthcare spending?
162	Agree with Mrs. Glassman and Dr. Reddy, Awareness in How to translate Outcomes Research in Policy decision should be a commitment by all involved in UHC
163	How this global parliamentary committee is linked with Parliamentary platform for TB?
164	UHC might present danger of exclusions of civil society in the decision-making process. How can we ensure civil society engagement in this process?
165	Cómo organizan los estados sus prioridades en salud.?, cómo debe ser el crecimiento y dirección de las acciones a seguir para mejorar la salud y organizar el presupuesto de salud?
166	Is privatization of public health services a solution for achieving UHC? How can we make our political leaders accountable to invest more in public health care services
167	How we can ensure improve access to controlled substances, pain medicine for adults and children who are suffering from life-limiting illnesses? increase access to palliative care services?
168	How can implementation of goals of UHC with coverage for all, ever be accomplished without addressing the need for lower cost of drugs globally?
169	How can academic institutions actively contribute to UHC, become more community-engaged and socially accountable?
170	Como podemos ayudar nuestras comunidades a hacer mas conciencia sobre el papel de la alimentacion en la salud?
171	How can we ensure quality of services and medicine, while accelerating scaling up of UHC?
172	Let's not forget multi morbidity
173	The big question looms: How do we finance UHC especially to convince those countries frightened about adopting UHC because of the money issue. One country's government fell because of this!
174	What must we do to meaningfully empower communities as advocates for policies that promote and protect health and well-being and to play their full role as co-developers of health?
175	Health is your right, how can you ensure people's rights in avoiding unnecessary investigations and over prescription by unethical and greedy health professionals?
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