

Key Asks from the UHC Movement for the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC in 2019

Background Note: multi-stakeholder consultations

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United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) agreed to hold the UN High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) on 23 September 2019 during the UNGA high-level week (A/RES/72/139). The theme of the UN HLM will be “Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World.” The President of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA) will organise an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing at the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations on 29 April 2019, to allow non-state actors to formally contribute to the UN HLM process.

Before 2023 – the mid-point of the SDGs – UN HLM is a major opportunity to mobilise the highest political support for UHC as the cornerstone to achieving SDG3 and uniting other health agendas under a common theme. To deliver impact at the UN HLM, it is critical to identify how the political declaration on UHC can create an agenda and set milestones for achieving UHC by 2030.

UHC2030 is a movement to accelerate progress toward UHC by providing a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes collaboration on health systems strengthening at the global and country levels. We advocate for increased political commitment, facilitate accountability and promote knowledge sharing to develop strong, sustainable and equitable health systems. UHC2030 has been tasked to support the UN HLM with a focus on “sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned” (A/RES/73/131).

Multi-stakeholder consultations: process

To develop a set of Key Asks for the UN HLM, UHC2030 conducted three-month multi-stakeholder consultations with all actors of the UHC movement (The UHC Key Asks) – parliamentarians, civil society, the private sector, agencies, networks and academia (see table 1). The UHC Key Asks are expected to feed into the zero-draft of the political declaration on UHC and are the foundation for coordinated advocacy efforts that all partners can promote together throughout the preparation of the UN HLM, the Financing for Development Forum and the SDG Summit as well as other regional or economic fora in 2019 (see table 2).

Table 1: List of multi-stakeholder consultations

Focus Group	Opportunity	Date & Time	Place
All	Online Survey	January-March	UHC2030 web page
Private Sector	World Economic Forum Meeting	23 January	Davos, Switzerland
	Africa Health Agenda Int’ Conference	5 March	Kigali, Rwanda
Academia & Practitioners	Prince Mahidol Awards Conference	30 January	Bangkok, Thailand
Health System Networks	UHC2030 Related Initiatives	11 February	Video Conference
Parliamentarians	IPU Annual Parliamentary Hearing	22 February	New York, USA
Youth	AHAIC, Youth Conference	3-4 March	Kigali, Rwanda
	IFMSA General Assembly	1-7 March	Portoroz, Slovenia
Civil Societies & Communities	Africa Health Agenda Int’ Conference	6 March	Kigali, Rwanda
All	UHC2030 Steering Committee	28 March	Video Conference



Table 2: UN HLM Key Milestones



Informal Roundtable: expert review on the summary of multistakeholder consultations

After closing the online survey on 10 March, UHC2030 held a one-day informal round table at the Graduate Institute Geneva on 14 March 2019. The purpose of the roundtable was to reflect collectively how we consolidate inputs into a set of asks that resonate with heads of states and a non-health audience. UHC2030 contracted the Global Health Centre, the Graduate Institute Geneva to conduct quantitative and qualitative analysis of the online survey, including consolidated written inputs from various constituencies through face-to-face consultation meetings.

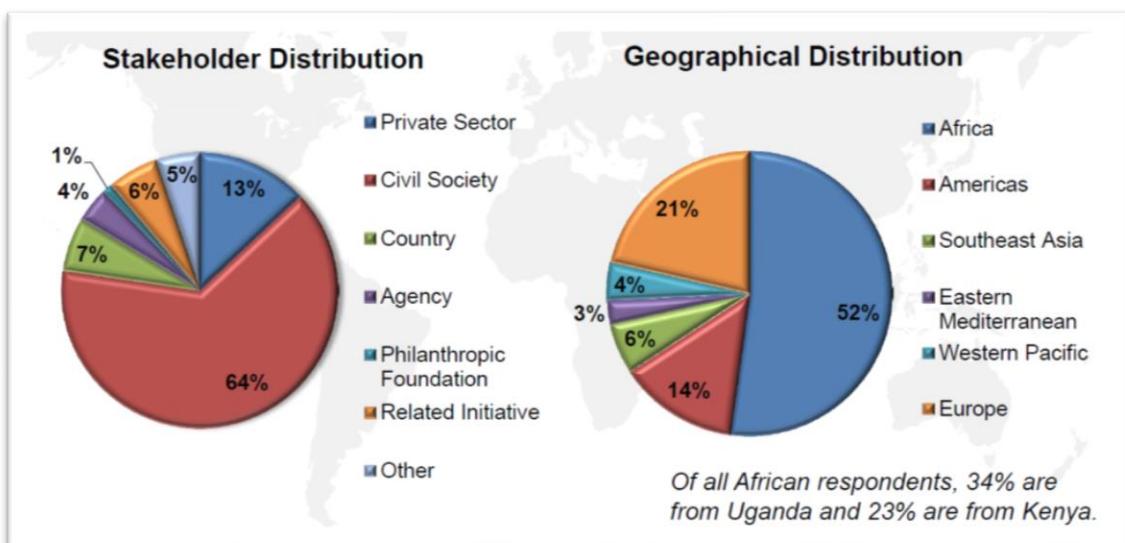
The experts invited to the roundtable (see list below) reviewed the key findings on the basis of the analysis of the feedback from the multistakeholder consultations (see figure 1-3 below) and provided recommendations to revise the key asks. All experts attended the informal roundtable in their individual capacity, instead of representing organisational or constituency's view. They also completed and signed a Declaration of Interests and disclosed any circumstances that may give rise to a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest in relation to their participation in the round table discussion.

List of round table participants:

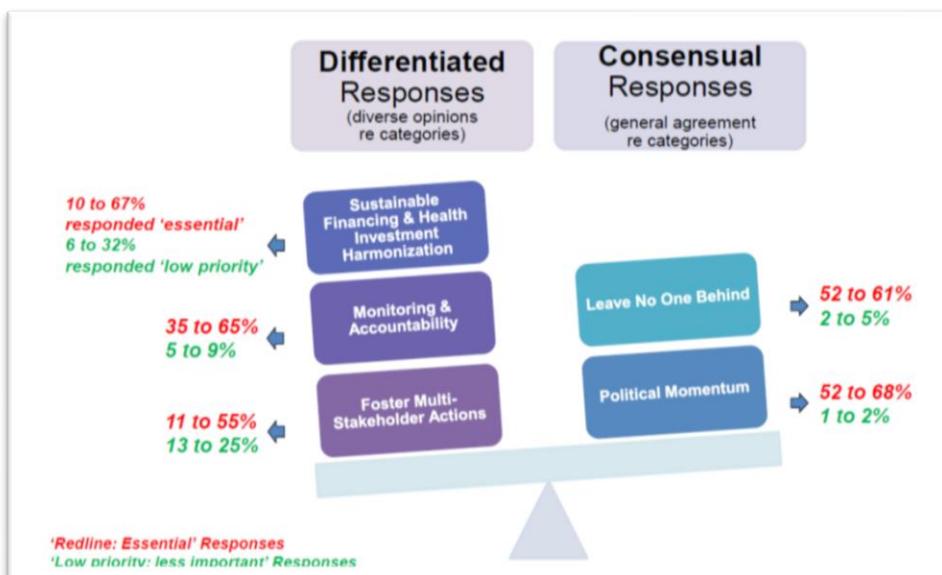
- UN HLM NCD: Ms. Katie Dain, NCD Alliance
- UN HLM TB: Stop TB Partnership: Dr. Suvanand Sahu
- UN HLM AIDS: Ms Laetitia Bosio, UNAIDS
- UN HLMs Member States Process: Dr. Naoki Akahane, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Quality: Prof. Margaret Kruk, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Financing: Mr. Simon Wright, Save the Children UK
- Leave No one Behind: Ms Rosemary Mburu, WACI Health, Kenya
- Innovation: Prof. Srinath Reddy Kolli, Public Health Foundation of India
- Youth: Dr. Marian Sedlak, IFMSA
- Gender: Ms. Ann Keeling, Women in Global Health
- Multi-stakeholder Engagement: Dr Vanessa Candeias, World Economic Forum



Finding 1: Online survey sample (N=269)



Finding 2: Agreement to the categories mentioned (quantitative analysis: N=269)



Finding 3: Written submissions (quantitative analysis: N=65)

