

International Conference on Universal Health Coverage in the New Development Era: Toward Building Resilient and Sustainable Health Systems

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On September 25, the 193-member United Nations General Assembly formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This new development agenda reflects the evolution that has taken place in the international development field since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2000, and it acknowledges the necessity for further efforts to address inequalities within and among countries in progress toward eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through enhanced global partnership. The global balance of power has also shifted since 2000, as new economies have emerged, and resources, actors, and methodologies have become more diverse.

In the health field, the international community has committed to ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all at all ages through the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC). UHC aims to ensure that all people have access to necessary health services without the threat of financial devastation, which is essential for sustainable development and for the growth of societies that are equitable, inclusive, and resilient to sudden health crises. Achieving UHC requires that each country commit to improving health over the long term and define priorities for dealing with health-related challenges while giving due consideration to emerging epidemics and to the economic and demographic changes taking place in various political and social settings.

In addition, as experience with the recent Ebola crisis shows, even in health systems with limited capacities, the International Health Regulations (IHR) need to be implemented and effective short-term responses to health crises need to be quickly put in place. Addressing acute and chronic health challenges—new and old—more effectively requires a seamless global approach that simultaneously addresses immediate threats to health security and enhances the resilience of health systems and communities through a long-term commitment to UHC.

In 2016, Japan will host the G7 Summit in Ise-Shima and the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), the sixth of its kind, will take place in Africa for the first time. Japan has been promoting UHC domestically and globally as a concrete tool for promoting human security, one of the pillars of its foreign policy. Given its own experience achieving and sustaining UHC in a changing demographic and economic environment and with an evolving disease burden, Japan can provide both positive and negative lessons in implementing and sustaining UHC in the new development agenda, and in enhancing the resilience of health systems and communities around the world. A Global Health Working

Group, established by the Japan Center for International Exchange and the University of Tokyo, has been tasked with translating those lessons into recommendations for the G7 Summit agenda, and the working group will present its preliminary findings at this conference.

This conference will explore the role of UHC in the transition from the MDGs to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in enhancing preparedness and responses to health crises based on lessons learned from the recent Ebola crisis.

As one of the first major conferences on global health to be held after the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, the conference aims to achieve the following goals:

- Identify opportunities and challenges in the changing epidemiological and demographic landscape and the evolving development context, and define the role of UHC in exploring avenues for addressing health disparities and other emerging health challenges, including health crises, without abandoning the gains and momentum that have been achieved through the MDGs [Session 1]
- Examine national institutional arrangements that reduce disparities within and among countries and enhance preparedness for health crises while moving toward a sustainable system of UHC [Session 2]
- Share positive case studies of innovations in discovery, development, and delivery in the health field and explore how to improve access in developing countries [Lunch Session]
- Propose changes in global institutions and governance structures to support national governments in promoting sustainable and equitable UHC, preparing for the next health crisis, and achieving optimal health outcomes in the evolving global health and development context [Session 3]
- Define the role of the G7 in promoting equity in health and enhancing preparedness for health crises; and discuss expectations for the 2016 G7 Summit and ministerial meetings; and explore how to strengthen the collaboration between the G7 and regional and global institutions, emerging countries, and non-state actors on global health issues [Session 4]

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Preliminary Agenda

** to be confirmed*

9:00–9:45

Opening Session

OPENING REMARKS:

Government of Japan*

OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

Keizo Takemi, Member, House of Councillors, Japan; Senior Fellow,
JCIE; Chair, Global Health Working Group for the 2016 G7 Summit

SPECIAL REMARKS:

Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)

SPECIAL REMARKS:

Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank Group

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, U.S.A.

CO-MODERATORS:

Shinichi Kitaoka, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency
(JICA)

Akio Okawara, President and CEO, Japan Center for International
Exchange (JCIE)

9:45–10:00 *Break*

10:00–11:00 **Session 1: Defining Opportunities and Health Challenges in the Changing
Development Landscape** (panel discussion)

MODERATOR:

Peter Piot, Director and Professor of Global Health, London School of
Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, U.K.

PANEL:

Christopher J. L. Murray, Professor of Global Health and Director of the
Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), University of
Washington, U.S.A.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia*

K. Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India; Member,
Commission on Global Health 2035

Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population
Fund (UNFPA)*

Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership
David L. Heymann, Head and Senior Fellow, Royal Institute of
International Affairs (Chatham House); Chairman, Public Health
England, U.K.

11:00-12:30 Session 2: National Strategies to Achieve Resilient and Equitable UHC

MODERATOR:

Anne Mills, Deputy Director and Provost and Professor of Health
Economics and Policy, London School of Hygiene & Tropical
Medicine, U.K.

PANEL:

James Wainaina Macharia, Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Health,
Kenya

Nguyen Thi Kim Tien, Minister of Health, Viet Nam*

Hideki Hashimoto, Deputy Director, Global Health Working Group for the
2016 G7 Summit; Professor, Department of Health and Social
Behavior, School of Public Health, University of Tokyo, Japan

Mushtaque Chowdhury, Vice-Chairperson, BRAC, Bangladesh

Mark Dybul, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS,
Tuberculosis and Malaria

Seth Berkley, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Kae Yanagisawa, Vice President, JICA

DISCUSSION

12:45–14:00 Lunch Session: Innovations as Catalysts for Better Access to Health
(sponsored by GHIT)

OPENING REMARKS:

BT Slingsby, Executive Director and CEO, Global Health Innovative
Technology Fund (GHIT)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Government of Japan*

PANEL:

Tachi Yamada, Venture Partner, Frazier Healthcare Partners, U.S.A.
CEO, Japanese pharmaceutical company

Peter Piot, Director of the School and Professor of Global Health, London
School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine* (moderator)

CLOSING REMARKS:

Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Adjunct Professor, National Graduate Institute for
Policy Studies; Chairman, Health and Global Policy Institute, Japan

**14:15–16:00 Session 3: Whither Governance for Global Health—Ensuring a Seamless
Approach to Health Security and Resilient Health Systems**

MODERATOR:

Michael Reich, Taro Takemi Professor of International Health Policy,
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, U.S.A.

PANEL:

Joy Phumaphi, Member, UN Secretary General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises; Executive Secretary, African Leaders Malaria Alliance

Victor Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine, U.S.A.

Ilona Kickbusch, Director, Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

Representative of WHO*

Timothy G. Evans, Senior Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank Group

Joanna Liu, International President, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)*

DISCUSSION

16:00–16:15 *Break*

16:15–17:15 **Session 4: Role of G7 in Promoting Effective and Innovative Responses to Global Health Challenges**

MODERATOR:

Lincoln Chen, President, China Medical Board, U.S.A.

PANEL:

Kenji Shibuya, Director, Global Health Working Group for the 2016 G7 Summit; Professor and Chair, Department of Global Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Japan
(*Presentation of the draft proposals to the 2016 G7 Summit*)

Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs
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Friedrich Kitschelt, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany*

Mark Pearson, Deputy Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The Rockefeller Foundation, U.S.A.*

17:15–17:30 **Closing Session**

Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief, Lancet, U.K. (wrap-up)

Atsuyuki Oike, Director General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

17:45–19:00 **Joint Reception** for the Conference on Universal Health Coverage in the New Development Era and the Global Fund Fifth Replenishment Preparatory Meeting