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Maximizing Universal Coverage:
Interventions to Ensure Universal Inclusion

BACKGROUND

UHC is a global health goal and an organizing principle for PMAC. UHC is founded on the conviction that all people deserve the best care that society can provide, irrespective of their capacity to pay and should not be denied of quality of care based on their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions or social origin, birth, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity. UHC is dedicated to the principle that no person should be denied care, or should fall into poverty, or be kept in poverty, as a result of catastrophic health care. UHC is about financial access and financial protection, geographic access to and quality of health care services as well as about addressing critical linkages between health, injustice, inequality and conflicting values. In the end we are talking about universally effective access and utilization of essential health services that has overcome all the above challenges.

While UHC is a powerful tool in the quest for social inclusion, even if it alone is not sufficient for social inclusion. To maximize its potential, UHC policies must be carefully designed, reviewed and reinforced to overcome the barriers for those who may have difficulty reaching the health system because of their identities, legal and social challenges. Ethnic minorities and castes may face challenges accessing services in remote communities. Some people, such as those who inject drugs or young people requiring sexual and reproductive health care, may be excluded from the UHC services they need. Others who engage in illegal or legal yet stigmatised behaviours or practices such as men-having-sex-with-men, transgender persons, sex workers or people who inject drugs, may also experience difficulty accessing the services they need. Still others face challenges accessing UHC because of social norms, such as women in conservative societies who do not have access to female doctors or nurses.

OBJECTIVES

This panel will examine how UHC interventions can be refined, sharpened and targeted to become an active tool to promote social inclusion. It will examine the barriers, opportunities and transformative potential of UHC as a tool to promote social inclusion – as the first mile not the last mile.



MODERATOR

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Somil Nagpal is a Senior Health Specialist at the World Bank, based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He joined this role after his previous assignment as Senior Health Specialist at the New Delhi office of the Bank, where he was posted since 2009. In his current role, he is cluster lead for the Bank's health sector programs in Cambodia and Lao, and also coordinating analytical work in Malaysia. Prior to joining the Bank over 7 years back, Somil set up and led the federal health insurance regulation unit at the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, India. He has served at the Indian ministries of Finance and Health, the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (NCMH) and the World Health Organization (WHO). His work program at the Bank has included several countries in South Asia, East Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa, and also global tasks such as UNICO and the Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage.

Somil is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India. He qualified as a medical doctor with dual Masters degrees- a Masters in hospital administration and an MBA in financial management. He has authored and co-authored several World Bank publications including 'Going Universal'- a recent analytical work based on UHC experiences from 24 countries around the world; 'Private Voluntary Health Insurance- Customer Protection and Prudential Regulation', 'Creating Evidence for Better Health Financing Decisions', and 'Government Sponsored Health Insurance in India- Are You Covered?.'



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Toomas Palu, MD, MPA, is the Global Practice Manager for Health, Nutrition and Population in the World Bank. He leads a team of thirty five health and development professionals in East Asia and Pacific Region with active health programs in more than 15 countries. In his prior engagements, he led World Bank health programs in several countries in Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Union, served as a Director in the Estonia Social Health Insurance Fund Management Board and as a Deputy Director of the Tallinn Emergency Care Hospital in Estonia. His key qualifications and experience include health policy and health sector reforms in middle-income transition economies and health systems strengthening in developing countries. Toomas has a Medical Doctor degree from the Tartu University in Estonia and a Master of Public Administration degree from the Harvard University in the US. He has also studied public policy and medical sociology in the Oxford University and health economics in the University of York in the UK.



PANELISTS

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Ms Sujatha Rao, is a former Union Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of india. Of her 36 years service as a civil servant, she spent 20 years in the health sector in different capacities at the state and federal levels.

Ms. Rao was chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) 2007-09; Member of the Global Advisory Panel of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Founding member of the Public Health Foundation of India; Member of the Advisory Board of the Ministerial Leadership Program of the Harvard School of Public Health and member of the High Level Panel on Global Risk Framework of the National Academy of Sciences, USA.

A MPA from Harvard University, USA 1991-92, she was a Takemi Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health 2001-2002 and Gro Harlem Brundtland Senior Leadership Fellow at HSPH in 2012.



PANELISTS

Sara BENNETT

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Sara Bennett PhD is Professor and Associate Director of the Health Systems Program at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA. Sara is broadly interested in health systems in low and middle income countries having studied issues in health financing, health markets, health worker motivation, and effects of development assistance on health systems. She is particularly interested in capacity development, health systems governance, and the use of evidence in policy and decision-making. She has played a significant role in the development of the field of Health Policy and Systems Research and is currently Chair of Health Systems Global and Chair of the Joint Wellcome Trust/MRC/DFID committee on health systems research. She was formerly an editor of Health Policy and Planning and Executive Director of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. Sara has been PI of multiple grants including, recently, a grant to evaluate the transition of Avahan, the India AIDS Initiative; a comparative study of health policy think tanks; and a policy analysis of integrated community case management. Sara is also CEO of the Future Health Systems consortium, through which she is working with teams in Bangladesh, China, India and Uganda to use research to support service delivery reforms. You can follow Sara on Twitter @saracbenett.



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Dr Barry Kistnasamy is a medical doctor with additional specialist training in public health and occupational health. He has 25 years experience in health policy and management in the public, non-governmental and private health sectors as well as the provision of occupational health, HIV/AIDS and TB interventions in South Africa. He has worked with the World Health Organisation, International Labour Organisation and the World Bank, served on many national and international boards, committees and commissions and was the former Dean of the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine in South Africa. He was the Executive Director of the National Institute for Occupational Health and the National Cancer Registry. He currently is the Head of Occupational Health and Compensation Commissioner for Occupational Diseases in the Department of Health of South Africa covering compensation for occupational diseases in the mining sector in South Africa.



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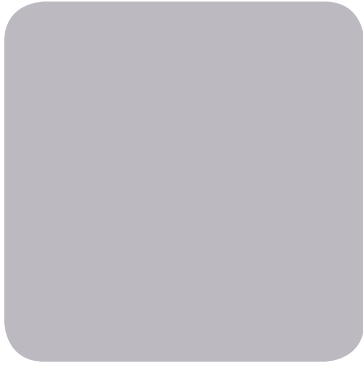
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Dr. Eiji Hinoshita is the Director of Global Health Policy Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA). Dr. Hinoshita received his medical doctorate from Kyushu University (1994), PhD from Kyushu University (Biochemistry) and master's degree from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Health Policy Planning and Financing). He worked at Departments of Surgery of Kyushu University Hospital, Nakabaru Hospital in Fukuoka Prefecture and Matsuyama Red Cross Hospital in Ehime Prefecture.

In 2006 he joined in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) as Deputy Director of Office of Organ Transplantation in Specific Disease Control Division. He also worked at Japan Defense Agency (Health and Medical Division) and Niigata Prefectural Government (Department of Health and Welfare), where he had leadership positions on a variety of fields. From 2011 to 2014 he served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and he did extensive work on management at the United Nations such as the Executive Boards of WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UNICEF.

In 2015 he was appointed as the Director of Office of International Cooperation in Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) and now he serve as the Director of Global Health Policy Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

His education and work for many years has been deeply involved in the areas of health policy making including financing. Dr. Hinoshita has participated in a number of international forums and meetings such as G7, G20, the United Nations, WHO and he is a board member of some international health organizations.



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