



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

# ***HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024 (UNGA79) AND SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE***

*Securing the health of every woman, child, and adolescent: Political leadership to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals*

*Hosted by His Excellency President of the Republic of South Africa,  
Chair of the Global Leaders Network on Women's, Children's and  
Adolescents' Health*

**Tuesday 24 September 2024, 15:30 – 16:30 EDT  
Ford Foundation, New York City**

Based on current trends, most countries will fail to reach 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets for improving women's, children's and adolescents' health. Alarming, 46 countries are off-track in meeting the SDG target for maternal mortality, and 59 countries are off-track in meeting the under-5 child mortality SDG target. To galvanize progress, political leadership at the highest level is required urgently for investment, partnerships and policies to deliver quality and affordable primary care for all.

As Heads of State and Government gather during the 79th United Nations General Assembly at the Summit for the Future, this event led by HE President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa will take stock of key challenges and financing opportunities based on latest investment case evidence, to accelerate action in the final five years to the 2030 goals. As chair of the Global Leaders Network for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, President Ramaphosa will gather an esteemed panel of leaders to address how political leadership, investment and partnership can together drive rapid improvements in gender equality, health and well-being, stimulating broad-based social and economic progress guided by the 2030 goals.



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# Programme (60 min)

## Moderated by:

*Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Board Chair of PMNCH*

### Interventions

Opening/scene - setting video

**Rt. Hon. Helen Clark**, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Board Chair of PMNCH, Welcome to the event

**H.E. Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa**, President of the Republic of South Africa  
Vision for the GLN – why political leadership, investment and partnership matters

**H.E. Dr William Samoei Ruto**, President of the Republic of Kenya  
Accelerating action to end preventable maternal, newborn and child mortality

**H.E. Mr Joseph Nyuma Boakai**, Sr, President of the Republic of Liberia  
Ensuring urgency for women's, children's and adolescents' health and wellbeing as a top priority on the global political agenda

**H.E. Mr Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa**, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania  
National development through the improved health and well-being of women, children and adolescents

**Hon Dr. Ibrahima Sy**, Minister of Health and Social Action on behalf of **H.E. Mr Bassirou Diomaye Faye**, President of the Republic of Senegal  
Advancing women's, children's and adolescents' health

**Hon Dr. Austin Demby**, Minister of Health on behalf of **H.E. Mr Julius Maada Bio**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone  
Maternal, newborn and child health, an emergency of shared global concern

**Prof. Senait Fisseha**, Vice President, Global Programs, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation  
Donor and foundations' role in supporting national plans for maternal, newborn, child health and sexual reproductive health and rights

**Prof. Mosa Moshabela**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Cape Town  
Investing in women, children and adolescent health – what is the cost of inaction, the return on investment and the financing needed to accelerate progress.

**Bertha Chulu**, Healthy Learners, Advocacy and Engagement Coordinator, Zambia  
Dear world leaders, this is the world we want!

**Maria Antonieta Alcalde Castro**, Civil Society Organizations Constituency Chair, PMNCH - A legacy to turn the tide for women, children and adolescents, Civil society organization call to action

**Natalia Kanem**, Executive Director, UNFPA  
**Catherine Russell**, Executive Director, UNICEF  
**Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization  
On the role UN is committed to play to deliver on the promise for women, children and adolescents