



UHC2030 Summit of the Future Toolkit

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The Summit of the Future will bring together world leaders to forge international consensus on how we deliver a better present and safeguard the future. It presents a decisive opportunity to build a future that will ensure all people can live healthy, peaceful, prosperous and fulfilling lives in a sustainable world. The primary outcome document will be the Pact for the Future, annexed to which will be a Declaration on Future Generations and a Global Digital Compact.

Stakeholders can submit written inputs to the zero draft for the Pact for the Future by 12 February and participate in consultations on 21 February.

As Member States work to negotiate the outcome documents, universal health coverage (UHC) and health must be prioritized and placed at the forefront of collective actions. This toolkit supports stakeholders with UHC2030's key messaging and proposed language for engaging with Member States and preparations for the Summit of the Future.

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UHC2030's key messages

- Universal health coverage (UHC) must be at the front and centre of the Summit of the Future's agenda.
 - In adopting the 2023 Political Declaration at the UN High-level Meeting on UHC, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate progress towards achieving Health for All.
 - The Summit of the Future should highlight UHC commitments and ensure UHC is at the forefront of collective global actions.
- UHC means that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.
- UHC is central to achieving health for all, health equity, well-being, and the 2030 Agenda.
 - It is essential for gender equality, societal inclusion, ending poverty, improving education, economic growth and development, and contributing to stable and peaceful societies worldwide.
- By prioritizing the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and well-being for all, and accelerating actions towards the achievement of UHC, Member States will move progress towards the 2030 Agenda as a whole and lay the foundation for fairer and safer world.
- Accelerating actions towards achieving UHC is critical for our collective response to global threats - including climate change, conflicts, humanitarian crises, health emergencies and pandemics.
 - We must build equitable and resilient health systems to equip future generations to respond to these emergencies.
- Acting on commitments for UHC means strengthening coverage of health services and financial protection, while addressing other barriers that hinder vulnerable and marginalised populations from accessing the full range of quality health services they need.
- We must prioritize UHC based on primary health care, which can deliver 90% of essential UHC interventions; build gender-responsive health systems; and leverage new opportunities in digital health to include everyone, everywhere - especially the most vulnerable and marginalised.
- The international community must act together with unity, international solidarity, cooperation and renewed multilateralism to create an enabling environment for UHC at all levels.
- In a world where 4.5 billion people - over half of the world's population - lack access to essential health services, and 2 billion people face financial hardship in accessing such services, we cannot account for the interests of future generations without prioritizing the right to health.

Inputs by UHC2030 on zero draft of the Pact for the Future

Overview of Inputs

Chapeau

- Call on the Declaration to recognize health, including disease outbreaks, pandemics, and health emergencies, as having critical impacts for the international system and future generations. [para 4]
- Retain references to the need for strong multilateral systems built on the principles of trust, equity, solidarity, and universality. [para 5]
- Highlight that global emergencies need multilateral solutions, and our international system must be ready to address emerging and new global health challenges. [para 6]
- Acknowledge the impact of health and UHC on every aspect of people's lives, including impacts for gender equality, societal inclusion, ending poverty, improving education, economic growth and development, and contributing to stable and peaceful societies.
- Reflect the interlinked nature of the SDGs and the critical role of UHC, not only to achieving health and well-being targets, but meeting SDG agenda as a whole, including eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty. [para 7]
- Retain references to Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined therein. Include specific mentions of the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. [para 8]
- Recognize that health is a precondition for and an outcome and indicator of all three dimensions of sustainable development. [para 8]
- Ground the declaration in the principles of equity, non-discrimination, social justice, and human rights, aligning with the 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind, the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and well-being for all, and member state commitments on UHC by:
 - Retaining references to gender equality and include language that reflects gender responsive health systems and empowerment of women and girls through-out text
 - Retaining references to vulnerable populations through-out text
 - Retaining references to eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls through-out text
- Acknowledge environmental crises impact health and well-being of populations, health systems, and access to health care services- increasing risks of health emergencies. [para 12]
- Acknowledge the role digital technologies can play in addressing equality and equity gaps, including for UHC and digital health. [para 14]

Chapter 1: Sustainable development and financing for development

- Highlight universal health coverage as a pillar to achieving the SDGs as a whole and connection of universal health coverage to poverty eradication, climate, peace and security agenda.
- Elevate universal health coverage as a core pillar of SDG goal and its need to be at the front and centre of the multilateral agenda.

- Retain references to the high-level meeting on universal health coverage and health related texts, key to ensuring the declaration reaffirms critical priorities of strengthening health systems through primary health care as well as UHC and health security as two intertwined goals.
- Acknowledge the adverse impacts of climate change on health and the need to strengthen adaptation of the health sector by building climate-resilient health systems.

Chapter 2: International Peace and Security

- Recognize the detrimental impacts of armed conflicts on the health and well-being of populations and sustainable health systems. Recognize that conflicts and humanitarian crises pose existential risks to UHC.

Chapter 3: Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

- Recognize the potential of technology and innovation to improve women's and girls' health and wellbeing.
- Elevate digital health opportunities in ensuring access to quality health services for underserved communities, including those living in rural and remote areas.

Table of specific textual inputs

Para	Paragraph with Proposed Edits	Comments and Reasoning
4	We recognize that challenges such as these can only be addressed through strong and sustained international cooperation. To enhance our cooperation, we need a multilateral system that is fit for the future, ready to address the political, economic, <u>health</u> , environmental and technological changes in the world, and with the agility to adapt to an uncertain future. We know that multilateral institutions – especially the Security Council and the international financial architecture – have struggled to address the scale of the challenges they face and live up to the world’s expectations of them. Too often, international commitments that are made, remain unfulfilled.	<p>Add reference to health.</p> <p>Reasoning: Inclusion acknowledges health, including disease outbreaks, pandemics and health emergencies, as having a critical impact on the international system. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that the multilateral system must be ready to address emerging and new global health challenges. The pandemic has halted, or reversed, years, or even decades of development progress. The zero draft does not reflect this impact, only referencing the pandemic in one place at p137. In order to learn the lessons from Covid-19 we must elevate health to the front and center of the global political agenda if we wish to build back better and achieve SDG targets.</p>
5	We believe there is a path to a better future for all of humanity. We are committed to meaningful changes to global governance to address new and emerging challenges. We commit to ensure the whole world – especially the most vulnerable – are ready for the vastly more complex challenges to come. We also commit to deliver on our existing commitments. We will re-earn the trust of our people and each other, which is the vital precondition for effective international cooperation.	<p>Ensure references to vulnerable populations are retained throughout the text.</p> <p>Also in para: 106</p> <p>Reasoning: Grounds the declaration in the principles of equity, non-discrimination, social justice, and human rights. Aligns with the 2030 Agenda pledge to leave no one behind. Aligns with the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and well-being for all, without discrimination. Aligns with MS commitments on UHC, ensuring all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.</p>
6	Today, we pledge a new beginning in international cooperation with a new approach. We will cooperate to manage risks and harness opportunities for the benefit of all, guided by the principles of trust,	<p>Add reference to “Healthier”.</p> <p>Retain references to international cooperation and multilateralism based on the principles of trust, equity, solidarity, and universality. We will</p>

	<p>equity, solidarity, and universality. We will collectively strive for a world that is healthier, safer, more peaceful, more just, more equal, more inclusive, more sustainable, and more prosperous.</p>	<p>Reasoning: As demonstrated by COVID-19 pandemic, health impacts can significantly shape our world and international cooperation on health is critical to securing peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous societies and regions.</p>
7	<p>To achieve this, we reaffirm our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and international law. We also reaffirm that the three pillars of the United Nations – development, peace and security, and human rights – are interlinked and mutually reinforcing. We further reaffirm that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. <u>We recognize that universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related not only to health and well-being, but also to eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty.</u></p>	<p>Include text on “We recognize that universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related not only to health and well-being, but also to eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty.”</p> <p>Reasoning: Language should reflect the interlinked nature of the SDGs and the critical role of UHC, not only to achieving health and well-being targets, but meeting SDG agenda as a whole.</p> <p>UHC fundamentally address poverty eradication by ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities, achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all, reducing inequalities within and among countries, ensuring just, peaceful and inclusive societies and to building and fostering partnerships, while reaching the goals and targets included throughout the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is critical for the attainment of healthy lives and well-being for all, with a focus on health outcomes throughout the life course;</p> <p>UHC with health systems anchored in primary health care also provides the basis</p>

		<p>for effective prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to pandemics and other health emergencies, including those arising from climate change.</p> <p>Source: A/RES/78/4</p>
8	<p>Every commitment in this Pact is guided by principles of human rights and gender equality and will contribute to their fulfilment. On the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary, we reaffirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined therein. This anniversary offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the full realization of all human rights for all. We recognize the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring all human rights, including the right to development <u>and the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and recognize that health is a precondition for and an outcome and indicator of all three dimensions of sustainable development,</u> and fundamental freedoms of everyone. We recognize that human rights are at the heart of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies and need to be promoted and protected for the sake of current and future generations. We commit to stepping up our efforts to fight against racism, all forms of discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</p>	<p>Retain references in Chapeau 8, to the Universal Declaration on human rights. Retain references “efforts to fight all forms of discrimination.”</p> <p>Request the Chapeau specifically includes the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the role of health as a precondition for, and an outcome and indicator of, all dimensions of sustainable development.</p> <p>Reasoning: Reflects commitments under International Human Rights Law on the Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, without discrimination. Highlights link between the right to health and the SDG agenda as a whole. Reaffirms equality is at the heart of human rights, the right to health and by proxy, UHC.</p> <p>Source: Verbatim preamble, A/RES/73/2</p>
9	<p>Human rights can never be fully upheld unless they are also enjoyed by all women and girls, and conflicts will not be resolved, and sustainable development will not be attained,</p>	<p>Retain para 9 as drafted.</p> <p>Safeguard all references to gender equality, equal and meaningful participation of women at all levels, and</p>

	<p>without the full, equal and meaningful participation of women at all levels. We reaffirm our commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and accelerating action to achieve gender equality, women's participation and the empowerment of women and girls in all domains and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.</p>	<p>eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls.</p> <p>Also paras: 8, 24, 58, 59, 95, 103, 105, 113, 123,</p> <p>Reasoning: Aligns with the right to health, gender equality and UHC principles of equality, health equity, and access to health for all. Women's meaningful participation is a critical component to addressing health equity gaps based on gender divide and promoting gender responsive health-systems</p> <p>UHC and efforts to address violence against women are mutually reinforcing. UHC promotes health, well-being, and equality for all individuals. By integrating strategies to address violence against women into universal health coverage systems, policymakers work towards achieving more inclusive, equitable, and effective healthcare systems.</p>
12	<p>Environmental crises pose the most pressing and serious threats to the sustainability of our planet and the health and well-being of its present and future inhabitants and have disproportionate effects on developing countries and we will redouble efforts to implement our commitments in United Nations intergovernmental agreements.</p>	<p>Add reference to health</p> <p>Reasoning: Environmental crises impact health and well-being of populations, health systems, and access to health care services-increasing risks of health emergencies. Language reflects the impact of climate on health.</p>
14	<p>We commit to strengthening digital cooperation and harnessing the potential of science, technology and innovation for the benefit of all humanity. We will accelerate the use of science and digital technologies to help us to realize the 2030 Agenda <u>and promote equitable, affordable and universal access to health for all, including the special needs of groups that are vulnerable in the context of digital health,</u> including through the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms to help close</p>	<p>Include language on digital technologies helping to "bridge accessibility gaps" and the role of digital technologies "promoting equitable, affordable and universal access to health for all, including the special needs of groups that are vulnerable in the context of digital health".</p> <p>Reasoning Highlights the role digital technologies can play in addressing equality and equity gaps, including for UHC and digital health. Digital technologies provide opportunities to accelerate actions towards UHC and the</p>

	the digital and innovation divide, and <u>bridge accessibility gaps</u> . We resolve to implement our shared commitments for an open, free, secure, inclusive and human-centred digital future. We commit to ensuring that new technologies are shaped in ways that are human-centred, reflect universal human values and protect the planet, including through the Global Digital Compact annexed to this Pact.	SDGs by bridging accessibility gaps to include everyone, everywhere - especially the most vulnerable and marginalized. Sources: WHA71.7 A/RES/78/1, para 38e
21	We further reaffirm the centrality of ensuring the full implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, <u>which reaffirmed strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity, and</u> which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, and recommit to providing the means of implementation to support developing countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.	Add reference to political commitment to addressing financing challenges around the 2030 Agenda and to the spirit of the partnership and solidarity. Reasoning: Strong political commitment, a spirit of global partnership and solidarity are needed to ensure sufficient financing for the 2030 Agenda. Source: Verbatim A/RES/78/4
22	We acknowledge that the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development correspond overwhelmingly to existing human rights commitments, including the right to development. We affirm that Human rights principles must continue to inform the implementation of the Agenda.	Retain references as drafted and strongly support language which highlights links between SDGs commitments, and human rights commitments including the right to health, and by proxy UHC. Reasoning: Reaffirms linkages between human rights and the SDGs - principles which underpin UHC agenda. Reaffirms the enduring connection between the right to health for all, the SDG agenda, and UHC as a vehicle for achieving commitments.
24	We reaffirm our commitment to leave no one behind in pursuit of the 2030 Agenda; to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights without discrimination; to achieve universal and quality education, <u>universal health coverage and access to quality health services for all,</u> and to take targeted and accelerated action to eliminate all	Add reference to “universal health coverage and access to quality health services for all” Protect references to elimination of all forms of violence against women Protect references to gender equality

	forms of violence against women and girls and remove all legal, social and economic barriers to achieve gender equality. We reaffirm that achieving gender equality, empowering all women and girls, and the full realization of their human rights are essential to achieving sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and sustainable development.	<p>Reasoning: Achieving universal education (SDG 4) and universal health coverage (SDG 3) are interconnected goals that contribute to improving the overall quality of life and well-being of individuals and communities, and the empowerment of women and girls (SDG 5).</p> <p>Health and wellbeing is critical to the rights of women and girls. Education is a key determinant of health outcomes. When women and girls are educated, they are more likely to make informed health-related decisions for themselves and their families. Access to education increases women and girls awareness of their sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in turn increasing access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning.</p> <p>Source: A/RES/70/1, A/RES/78/4</p>
26	We commit to following up on recent high-level meetings of the United Nations related to sustainable development and financing for development, including the United Nations Food Systems Summit (2021), the Transforming Education Summit (2022), the United Nations Water Conference (2023), the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (2023), the high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (2023), the high-level meeting on universal health coverage (2023), and the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis (2023).	<p>Retain references to UN HLM on UHC and health related texts.</p> <p>Reasoning: Grounds the declaration in UHC commitments</p>
26 bis	<u>Recall the unprecedented effects of pandemics, including the severe disruption to societies and economies, as well as to global travel and commerce, and the devastating impact on the livelihood of people. Recognize the fundamental role of equitable, people-centered and community-based primary health care in</u>	<p>Add reference to the impact of pandemics on all populations and highlight that accelerating actions towards achieving UHC is critical for our collective response to managing global threats.</p> <p>Reasoning: The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that the multilateral system must be ready to address emerging and new global</p>

	<p><u>preventing, preparing for, and responding to pandemics, with the goal of achieving universal health coverage and other Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Recognizing that investments in preparedness further social and economic benefits and advance shared goals, such as strengthening health systems in order to achieve universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals;</u></p>	<p>health challenges. The pandemic has halted, or reversed, years, or even decades of development progress. The zero draft does not reflect this impact, only referencing the pandemic in one place at p137. In order to learn the lessons from Covid-19 we must elevate health to the front and center of the global political agenda if we wish to build back better and achieve SDG targets</p> <p>Accelerating actions towards achieving UHC is critical for our collective response to global threats - including climate change, conflicts, humanitarian crises, health emergencies and pandemics. We must build equitable and resilient health systems to equip future generations to respond to these emergencies</p> <p>UHC with health systems anchored in primary health care also provides the basis for effective prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to pandemics and other health emergencies, including those arising from climate change.</p> <p>Sources: A/RES/74/270 A/RES/78/3, para 27 EB146.R10</p>
29	<p>We commit to accelerating ongoing efforts related to the environment and to effectively addressing the adverse impacts of climate change, <u>including health impacts of climate change</u>, biodiversity loss, pollution and desertification through the implementation of intergovernmentally agreed commitments, including those made in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.</p>	<p>Add references to impacts of climate change on health</p> <p>Reasoning: Climate change is the biggest health threat of our time. Therefore, its impacts on health should be mentioned here. To prepare for the future, we need intergovernmentally agreed commitments on this issue.</p> <p>Source: COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health</p>
[NEW – as part of 1.4 Accelerating ongoing	<p><u>We emphasize the need for greatest possible adaptation and mitigation efforts in order to minimize the adverse impact of climate change</u></p>	<p>Add para on climate change adaptation in the health sector.</p>

efforts related to the environment]	<u>on present and future generations and commit to improving the ability of health systems to anticipate, and implement adaption interventions against, climate-sensitive disease and health risks, including by bolstering climate-health information services, surveillance, early warning and response systems and a climate-ready health workforce.</u>	<p>Reasoning: Climate change poses significant health risks. Adaptation in the health sector, including improving the adaptation abilities of health systems are crucial to address climate change.</p> <p>Sources: A/HRC/RES/47/24 and COP28 Climate and Health Declaration</p>
54	<p>We recognize the devastating impact of armed conflict on civilians and civilian infrastructure, <u>including sustainable health systems, and</u> we reaffirm our commitment to the full respect of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and to granting humanitarian access, in line with resolution 46/182 and humanitarian principles.</p>	<p>Include language which highlights the impact of conflicts on sustainable health systems.</p> <p>Reasoning: Currently 4.5 billion people are not fully covered by health services and 2 billion are facing impoverishing out-of-pocket health spending. The fallout of conflicts and complex emergencies exacerbates these critical existing inequalities. Conflicts and humanitarian crises pose existential risks to UHC. They cause disruption of health systems and primary health care services, collapse of essential medical supply chains, erosion of capacities for health security preparedness, and breakdowns of social and economic systems which cause an exodus of health care workers and upsurges in both epidemics and starvation. Around 80% of WHO's humanitarian caseload, as well as 70% of disease outbreaks, take place in conflict-affected settings.</p> <p>Sources: A/RES/69/1</p>
69	<u>Deploring acts of violence or threats of violence against medical and health personnel worldwide in armed conflict and emergency situations, and stressing that such acts are detrimental to the development of sustainable health systems and the integrity of the professional codes of ethics of medical and health personnel.</u>	<p>Include language which highlights the impact of conflicts on sustainable health systems and flow on effects for populations.</p> <p>Reasoning: Conflicts and humanitarian crises pose existential risks to UHC. They cause disruption of health systems and primary health care services, collapse of essential medical supply chains, erosion of</p>

		<p>capacities for health security preparedness, and breakdowns of social and economic systems which cause an exodus of health care workers and upsurges in both epidemics and starvation.</p> <p>Sources: A/RES/69/132</p>
95	<p>We reaffirm the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, in which it is recognized that it is essential that all women not only benefit from technology, but also participate in the process from the design to the application, monitoring and evaluation stages. We pledge to harness the potential of technology and innovation to improve women's and girls' lives, <u>including health and wellbeing</u>, and to close the development divide and the digital divide, including the gender digital divide, as well as address the risks and challenges emerging from the use of technologies. We commit to addressing persistent barriers to equal access for women and girls to science, technology and innovation.</p>	<p>Add reference to the potential of digital technologies to improve women's and girl's "health and wellbeing."</p> <p>Reasoning: New technology and innovation can bridge access barriers, helping address health needs of women and girls.</p>
96	<p>We recognize the need to mobilize and scale up the means of implementation, including financing, for science, technology and innovation, especially in developing countries, in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. <u>We commit to investing in and increasing access and availability to digital health technologies, information, and innovations to ensure quality healthcare and treatment services, including to those living in underserved, rural and remote areas, or in areas difficult to access by applying an equity lens to reach the furthest behind first and accelerate progress towards health and well-being for all.</u></p>	<p>Add references to investments and improved access to digital health technologies, especially for people in underserved areas.</p> <p>Reasoning: Digital health technologies offer significant opportunities in serving the health needs of people in rural and remote areas, therefore access to these tools as well as investment must be increased.</p> <p>Source: A/RES/78/4, paras 79 - 80</p>
99	<p>We support calls for <u>the</u> sharing <u>of</u> technologies and skills, <u>and</u></p>	<p>Add reference to "health and wellbeing" and co-operation to achieve accelerated</p>

	<p><u>encourage research and innovation to achieve health and well-being for all and</u> solve the basic health issues of water, sanitation and food security.</p>	<p>actions towards UHC, including encourage knowledge sharing and the strengthening of local and regional capacities.</p> <p>Reasoning: Language should reflect the interlinked nature of the SDGs and the critical role of UHC, not only to achieving health and well-being targets, but meeting SDG agenda as a whole.</p> <p>Source: A/RES/78/4 para 74</p>
105	<p>We underline the importance of establishing in the national context robust social security systems as well as social protection floors that respond to the needs and rights of young persons and children, including all girls and young women. We also recognize that the well-being of young people is closely intertwined with the enjoyment of their right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including sexual and reproductive health.</p>	<p>Protect paragraph references</p> <p>Reasoning: Sexual and reproductive health is a fundamental human right. UHC aims to provide access to essential healthcare services without financial hardship, and SRH services, including family planning, maternal health, and prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), are integral components of this right.</p>

UHC2030 statement on the Declaration on Future Generations

- Thank you to the co-facilitators for convening these consultations.
- In a world where 4.5 billion people - over half of the world's population - lack access to essential health services, and 2 billion people face financial hardship in accessing such services, we cannot account for the interests of future generations without prioritizing the right to health.
- Universal health coverage (UHC) is central to achieving health for all, health equity, well-being, and the 2030 Agenda as a whole.
- Acting on commitments for UHC accelerates progress towards gender equality and advancing women's and girls' rights.
- UHC means that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.
- It is an umbrella for all health issues across all populations in all countries - essential for gender equality, societal inclusion, ending poverty, improving education, economic growth and development, and contributing to stable and peaceful societies worldwide.
- Global threats facing our world - including climate change, conflicts, humanitarian crises, pandemics and health emergencies - will shape the lives of our future generations.
- The responsibility lies with us today - to build equitable and resilient health systems that address everyday health needs of ALL individuals and are equipped to respond to emergencies – so we can safeguard the health and well-being of future generations tomorrow.
- We must prioritise UHC, based on a primary health care approach; build gender-responsive health systems; leverage new opportunities in digital health; and find ways to include everyone, everywhere - especially the most vulnerable and marginalised.
- In adopting the 2023 Political Declaration at the UN High-level Meeting on UHC, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate progress towards achieving Health for All.
- It is critical that these commitments are now translated into initiatives which place health at the forefront of global development, political agendas, and collective actions.
- We call on Member States and all stakeholders to place health and UHC front and center to the Declaration on Future Generations and the agenda for the Summit of the Future
- If we fail to prioritise UHC, we will perpetuate a world of deeply entrenched inequalities and discrimination – in which future generations cannot live the healthy lives they deserve.
- Thank you.

Background on the Summit of the Future

The **Summit of the Future** will take place on 22 – 23 September 2024. It aims to forge a new international consensus on how to deliver a better present and safeguard the future by accelerating efforts to meet existing international commitments and taking concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. The Summit of the Future is co-facilitated by Germany and Namibia.

Its outcome document, the **Pact for the Future**, will be negotiated throughout the next months. It will consist of a chapeau and five chapters on (i) sustainable development and financing for development, (ii) international peace and security, (iii) science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation, (iv) youth and future generations, and (v) transforming global governance. The [zero draft](#) was published on January 26, 2024.

An initial stakeholder consultation on the Pact for the Future took place in December 2023. The stakeholder consultation on the zero draft will take place on [February 21](#), written inputs can be submitted by [February 12](#). Further engagement opportunities include the UN Civil Society Conference (9 – 11 May).

The **Declaration on Future Generations** will consider specific steps to account for the interests of future generations in national and global decision-making. It will be annexed to the Pact for the Future. Stakeholder consultations took place in January. You can find the timeline for the negotiation [here](#).

The **Global Digital Compact** is expected to outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all and will be annexed to the Pact for the Future. Online consultations took place in 2022 and 2023, additional informal consultations are planned for February. You can find the timeline for the negotiation [here](#).