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# From political will to law: Advancing universal health coverage in Africa and Asia-Pacific

Virtual workshop

2 March 2021, 9:00-10:30 CET (Geneva)

## Programme

### Introduction

- 9:00 – 9:02 CET Moderator: Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Programme Manager for International Development, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- 9:02 – 9:07 **Presentation of the report “Parliamentary action on universal health coverage in times of COVID-19”:**  
Ms. Given Katuta, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health, Member of Parliament of Zambia

### Session 1: Understanding UHC law

- 9:07 – 9:20 **In conversation with a UHC law expert:**  
Mr. David Clarke, Team Leader, UHC and Health Systems Law, World Health Organization
- 9:20 – 9:40 **Q&A session**

### Session 2: Good practices in legislating for UHC

- 9:40 – 9:48 **Country presentation:**  
Mr. Natondé Ake, President of the Committee on Education, Culture, Employment and Social Affairs, National Assembly of Benin
- 9:48 – 10:20 **Interactive discussion with all participants:**
- Has your parliament recently adopted or is currently debating legislation related to universal health coverage? What lessons learnt or best practices would you like to share with other parliaments?
  - What are the main challenges to creating a comprehensive legislative framework for universal health coverage in your country?
  - How does parliament monitor the implementation of existing laws in the area of universal health coverage?

### Closing

- 10:20 – 10:28 **Final remarks by speakers**
- 10:28 – 10:30 **Closing by moderator**