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Universal health coverage and equity: Always hand in hand?

Virtual workshop

26 October 2021, 14:00-15:30 CEST (Geneva)

Programme

Opening

Moderator: Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Programme Manager for International Development, Inter-Parliamentary Union

14:00 – 14:05 CEST

Welcome:

Mr. José Ignacio Echániz, Vice-Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health, Member of Parliament of Spain

14:06 – 14:09

Presentation of the IPU brief: “A Winnable Battle: Parliamentarians and universal health coverage”:

Ms. Aleksandra Blagojevic, Programme Manager for International Development, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Session 1: Equity considerations in advancing UHC

14:10 – 14:24

In conversation with experts:

- Mr. David Clarke, Team Leader, UHC and Health Systems Law, World Health Organization
- Ms. Ranjana Kumar, Head, Health Systems Planning, Management and Performance, Country Programmes, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance

14:25 – 14:45

Q&A session

Session 2: What strategies are countries implementing to improve health equity through UHC?

14:46 – 14:55

Country presentation:

Ms. Sarai Nuñez, Member of Parliament of Mexico, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on Health

14:56 – 15:25

Interactive discussion with all participants:

- Has your parliament implemented any steps to monitor and analyse inequalities in the context of UHC strategies and policies?
- What legislative or budgetary measures has your parliament taken to target vulnerable and marginalized groups as part of efforts to achieve UHC?
- How is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting health equity in your countries? Has your parliament taken any remedial action?

Closing

15:26 – 15:30

Closing by moderator