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Universal health coverage in times of COVID-19 – Parliamentary best practices and challenges

Webinar

17 November 2020, 1:30-3:00 p.m. CET

Programme

Introduction

- 1:30 – 1:32 p.m. Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Permanent Observer and Head of the New York Office, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- 1:32 – 1:35 p.m. **Weclome remarks:**
Ms. Given Katuta, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health, Member of Parliament of Zambia

Presentations

- 1:35 – 1:43 p.m. **Expert presentation:**
Mr. David Clarke, Team Leader, UHC And Health Systems Law, World Health Organization
- 1:43 – 1:51 p.m. **Country presentation – Thailand:**
Ms. Pechdau Tohmeena, Member of Parliament of Thailand, member of the IPU Advisory Group on Health
- 1:51 – 1:59 p.m. **Country presentation – Canada:**
Ms. Rachel Blaney, Member of Parliament of Canada
Mr. Sven Spengemann, Member of Parliament of Canada

Interactive discussion

- 1:59 – 2:45 p.m. **Interactive discussion with all participants:**
- Since the adoption of the IPU resolution *Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health*, what specific actions has the parliament taken to implement it?
 - How has COVID-19 impacted the progress towards UHC implementation? How has the pandemic affected access to health for vulnerable and marginalized populations, such as women and children?
 - How can UHC support the COVID-19 response and recovery? What examples can you share from the work of your parliament?

Closing

- 2:45 – 2:55 p.m. **Final remarks by speakers**
- 2:55 – 3:00 p.m. **Closing by moderator**