

WHA Lunch-time Parliamentary Seminar on Universal Health Coverage

24 May 2019, 12:30-14:30

Salle Concordia 1, Palais des Nations

Within the context of the development of an IPU resolution on UHC, the purpose of this Lunch-time seminar is to provide Parliamentarians attending the World Health Assembly with a platform to discuss how parliaments can mobilize on UHC. Parliamentarians will have the opportunity to interact with the IPU resolution co-rapporteurs and WHO technical experts to have an overview on Universal Health Coverage including a focus on the link with Global Health Security and the need pay particular attention to vulnerable groups.

Introductory remarks 10 minutes		
12.30-12.40 10 minutes	Hon. Prof. Habibe Millat, Member of Parliament of Bangladesh, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health	The role of Parliaments and IPU in moving the UHC agenda forward
Introduction by the moderator 5 minutes		
12.40-12.45 5 minutes	Moderator: Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt, Director Health and Multilateral Partnerships, WHO	Overview on the WHO-IPU collaboration The IPU resolution on UHC and the link with the 3 WHO-IPU priorities Introduction on the objective and program of the seminar
IPU resolution and parliamentary actions on UHC and the right to health 15 minutes		
12.45-13.00 15 minutes	Hon. Prof. Habibe Millat, Member of Parliament of Bangladesh, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health Hon. Mariana Carvalho, Member of Parliament of Brazil, co-rapporteur of the IPU resolution on UHC	Introduction on recommended parliamentary actions for the IPU resolution
Technical presentations and introductory pitches 30 minutes		
13.00-13.10 14 minutes	Dr Peter Salama, Executive Director, Universal Health Coverage / Life Course	Overarching presentation on UHC
13.10-13.20 8 minutes	Dr Ian Askew, Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research	Technical presentation on the centrality of vulnerable groups within UHC
13.20-13.30 8 minutes	Dr Sylvie Briand, Director of the Infectious Hazard Management Department (IHM), WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE)	Technical presentation on GHS/UHC as two sides of the same coin
Open discussion with speakers and co-rapporteurs 55 minutes		
13.30-14.25 55 minutes	Q&A with the speakers and the co-rapporteurs and open discussion moderated by Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt, Director Health and Multilateral Partnerships, WHO	Moderated discussion on key aspects of UHC, concrete actions to mobilize parliaments at the national and regional level, and challenges and needs of parliaments in view of the implementation of the IPU resolution on UHC.
Conclusions 5 minutes		
14.25-14.30 5 minutes	Wrap-up and way forward	

Refreshment will be served