



**PARALLEL SESSION 1.1**  
**REVITALIZING PHC - ASTANA AND BEYOND**

## | BACKGROUND

In weaving together multisectoral policy and action, empowered people and communities, and primary care services at both the population and individual levels, the PHC envisioned for the 21st century should ensure healthy lives and well-being for all, at all ages, which is to say, the achievement of SDG3. Collectively, these three components comprise PHC, which the Member States of the World Health Organization agreed to prioritize and reinvigorate as appropriate for the 21st century in Astana, Kazakhstan at the Global Conference on PHC in October 2018.

At the heart of this vision is the people-centered delivery of comprehensive, accessible, affordable and integrated health services, appropriate to local context and including prevention, promotion, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation for all individuals of all ages, regardless of race, gender, religion, language, sexual orientation, disability or other defining characteristic, across the life-course.

## | OBJECTIVES

- To describe and discuss progress toward PHC over the past decade and ongoing challenges.
- To discuss the relationship between PHC and UHC
- To describe actions toward PHC transformation under way in 4 countries, and how these contribute to achieving UHC and the SDGs.



## Panelist

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### Short Bio of Rajeev Sadanandan

Rajeev Sadanandan is the ICMR Chair for Health Systems Research in India. He is also the CEO of the Health System Transformation Platform, a not for profit company that works in implementation research in health systems. He belonged to the Indian Administrative Service who specialises in health systems and health financing. During his three tenures as health secretary of Kerala he initiated transformation of health systems with a focus on primary care, designing and executing disease prevention and health promotion programmes, integrating social and epidemiological determinants to health care and applying technology to improve healthcare delivery. He was the CEO of RSBY, the India's national social health programme. Rajeev had been involved in developing and managing the TB control programme, HIV/AIDS programme at the national and state level. He worked for a brief stint in UNAIDS and has been a member of technical committees set up by UNAIDS and WHO and is currently one of the editors of WHO's Global Report on Cancer.