



PLENARY SESSION 4

FROM POLITICAL DECLARATION TO REAL ACTIONS

| BACKGROUND

Universal health Coverage (UHC) lies at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Actions by multi sectors are essential to achieve this goal while the functioning primary healthcare at frontline, access to medicines and essential medical products and adequate health workforce are also pre-requisites.

By Sep 2019, UNGA resolution shall have endorsed the UN High Level Meeting Political Declaration on UHC. The last Plenary Session of the PMAC2020 is an opportune time to address “How to translate these political commitments into real actions towards progressive realization of UHC”. The session will crystalize all discussions at PMAC2020 and discuss practicality of translating the political inspirations into real actions. The panelists would also share their views on real actions required to achieve UHC. The take-away from this session is for everyone to act.

| OBJECTIVES

Translating political inspiration enshrined in the UNGA Political Declaration on UHC in 2019 into real actions from the perspective of different actors.



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