

Time to say goodbye?

Too much of the clear and strong public health content and language of UHC2030 Key Asks for the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage has not made it into the Zero Draft Political Declaration. Here some examples:



Ensure Political Leadership Beyond Health

“Strengthen national policy and institutional coherence between trade and intellectual property for the right to health. This requires establishing inter-ministerial bodies to coordinate laws, policies and practices that impact health technology innovation and access.”

...no mention in Zero Draft of Political Declaration

“Universal health coverage (UHC) is primarily the responsibility of governments, which ensure people’s health as a social contract.”

...drowned in multistakeholder partnership narrative

“Support international and national regulation and fight tax evasion and corruption through cooperation with finance ministries, national treasuries and national anti-corruption agencies to ensure more powerful people and entities pay their fair share.”

...no mention in Zero Draft of Political Declaration

Leave No One Behind

“Establish inclusive social accountability mechanisms for all parts of the health system so that everyone is responsible for progress toward UHC.”

...drowned in multistakeholder partnership narrative

“Evaluate the impact of policies and programmes regularly and document who is left behind to promote inclusive access and utilisation of health services.”

...no mention in Zero Draft of Political Declaration

Regulate and Legislate

“UHC requires a sound legal and regulatory framework and institutional capacity to ensure the rights of people and meet their needs. Governments are the primary duty bearer under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, even in cases when they rely on private providers.”

...drowned in multistakeholder partnership narrative

“Take steps to ensure coherence with national and international legislations on population health, such as tobacco legislation, including the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), labour laws, emergency response and implementation of IHR, international humanitarian principles and international human rights laws.”

...becomes incredibly vague in Zero Draft

“Invest in health regulatory agencies (food & drug; tobacco& alcohol; medicines & technologies; medical & nursing training) and the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, the FCTC and other existing laws.”

...no mention in Zero Draft of Political Declaration

Invest More, Invest Better

“Prioritise debt restructuring to address the debt sustainability challenges faced by many countries and decrease competition in the fiscal space between debt servicing and health spending.”

...no mention in Zero Draft

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When to insist, if not now?**