About half of the world's population lacks access to basic health services, and each year almost 100 million people are pushed into extreme poverty by out-of-pocket expenses.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is based on the principle that all individuals and communities should have equitable access to quality essential health services without suffering financial hardship. The UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency, hosted by the World Economic Forum, convenes private sector actors and fosters dialogue and collaboration across the private sector and with other UHC2030 partners, constituencies and networks.

2019 in 5 Milestones

Growing membership: The UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency was launched in December 2018 with 13 members. Today, the membership is at 33 with 20 new private sector entities joining in 2019.

Contribution to the UHC political declaration: The UN High-Level Meeting on UHC was a major opportunity to mobilise the highest political support for UHC as the cornerstone to achieving SDG3 and the sustainable development agenda. UHC2030, the global movement to accelerate progress towards UHC, conducted a three-month consultation with all actors of UHC movement including the private sector for the set of political ‘Key Asks’.

The UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency provided input by organizing two consultations: (i) consultation with private sector at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2019 and (ii) co-hosted a consultation with other stakeholders at Africa Health Agenda Conference in Kigali.

Launch of UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency Statement. Ahead of the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC, the UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency launched a statement to complement the political declaration on UHC. The launch of the Private Sector Constituency Statement is the first time the private sector has collectively recognized the significant role it can play in achieving UHC. The statement provides a basis for further dialogue with all UHC stakeholders on shared vision and collaborative action to maximize private sector contributions to UHC.
towards UHC, through building and expanding equitable, sustainable health systems, and effective development cooperation. We acknowledge that building a movement for whom UHC will be of most benefit, and on equity, non-discrimination and a commitment to UHC, equitable, resilient and join UHC2030 as an indication of our collective development partners. As part of this movement, we invite and encourage all promoting UHC to academia, media, the private sector and partners including, but not limited to, political engagement in health system strengthening. To submit membership must be for-profit private entities that are directly working on health system strengthening. To submit an application visit: https://www.uhc2030.org/what-we-do/private-sector-engagement/

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Content generation and dissemination. Members of UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency championed knowledge exchange on UHC and private sector contributions towards universal health coverage. Ten Blogs were published by the Constituency members in 2019.

What's in store for 2020?
UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency will work on “actioning” the statement and will involve other stakeholders to collaborate on UHC. The Constituency will focus on the following to promote private sector contributions towards UHC:

1. Knowledge sharing: Capturing good practices of member contributions and gaps identification to map out opportunities for collaboration
2. Convening opportunities: Foster multistakeholder dialogue and drive shared action towards achieving UHC
3. Collaboration: Onboard lighthouse initiatives to advance private sector contributions to UHC

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Interested in joining the UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency?
The UHC2030 will accept new members of the Private-Sector Constituency every three months. Applicants for membership must be for-profit private entities that are directly working on health system strengthening. To submit an application visit: https://www.uhc2030.org/what-we-do/private-sector-engagement/

In our efforts to strengthen health systems and achieve UHC, we collectively subscribe to the following key principles to guide our action:

- Leaving no one behind: a commitment to equity, non-discrimination and a rights-based approach
- Transparency and accountability for results
- Evidence-based national health strategies and leadership, with government stewardship to ensure availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of service delivery
- Making health systems everybody’s business – with engagement of citizens, communities, civil society and private sector
- International cooperation based on mutual learning across countries regardless of development status and progress in achieving and sustaining UHC, and development effectiveness principles.

Signing of UHC2030 Global Compact. On September 26, 2019 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, the UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency signed the UHC2030 Global Compact for progress towards UHC.

All signatories including UHC2030 PSC commit to work together with renewed urgency to accelerate progress towards UHC, through building and expanding equitable, resilient and sustainable health systems.