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'Essential Services, Budgets and More'

*A Regional Advocacy Collaborative to advance PHC for UHC to achieve the health SDGs in Africa.
Statement Presented at the Multi-stakeholder Hearing on the UN High Level Meeting on
Universal Health Coverage*

Allow me to thank the UN Secretary General, HE António Guterres, co-facilitators of the UN HLM on UHC HE Katalin Bogyay, the Permanent Representative of Hungary and HE Vitavas Srivihok, the Permanent Representative of Thailand, Dr. *Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus*, Director General of WHO, members of the UHC2030 Steering Committee and stakeholders in the global movement to achieve for UHC for the opportunity to participate in, and present our statement to this most important multi-stakeholder hearing in preparation for the UN High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage.

We recognise efforts to ensure that the global processes to achieve the health SDGs and its target on UHC leave no one behind, and that consultations integrate the voices of non-state actors at community, country and regional levels.

'The focus on PHC as foundation for UHC movement is pivotal. We note 'Asks' of the CSEM UHC2030 among others. We consider these well positioned to achieve our shared aspirations.

We call attention of the Secretary General and the co-facilitators to complementary 'Asks' from country advocates for **'articulation of guidelines towards domestic resource mobilization to deliver rights based, country determined essential services and systems interventions to improve health and well-being for everyone, led by public financing, and robustly supported by aligned resources from all sources (Private Sector, Philanthropy, Social Impact Investments and Traditional Official Development Assistance)'**.

We identify that globally driven financing targets based on percentage of budget allocation, per capita expenditure or per capita of GDP have serially failed Africa, across all sectors. Rethinking this globally determined percentage driven approach is an imperative for equitable and sustainable financing to achieve the health goals and UHC.

We further note that good governance in health includes voices of communities, who must be at the center of our actions. Therefore we call on the UHC movement to deepen the global solidarity to leave no one behind and harness the strength in our diverse context, burdens and the response capacities of our economies'

We express our profound appreciation to UN Secretary General, co-facilitators of the UN High Level Meeting on UHC, members of the Steering Committee of UHC2030 movement, civil society including community based organizations, other non-state actors and the broad community of stakeholders on the bold movement to achieve health for all nations the visible commitment to harness our diversity for the benefit of all.

We thank you

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