



National Conference on Universal Health Coverage



The Public Health Foundation of India and the Health Economics Association of India (HEAI) will co-host a two day conference on **Universal Health Coverage** (UHC, 11-12th April, 2012) followed by a one day **Post-Conference symposium** (13th April, 2012) involving several technical sessions on health economics.

As you may be aware, the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) has been functioning as Secretariat to the High-Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) appointed by the Government of India in October 2010. The expert group was provided with the mandate of developing a framework for providing easily accessible and affordable health care to all Indians. The HLEG officially submitted its report to the Planning Commission of India in November, 2011. There is a clearly articulated governmental intent to increase the public financing of health to 2.5% of India's GDP, during the course of the 12th Plan, with the Prime Minister officially requesting the Ministry of Health to work with the Planning Commission in implementing UHC for India during this period.

As crucial a next step in advancing the agenda of UHC in India and as part of a larger dissemination strategy in advocating the recommendations of the report, the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the Health Economics Association of India (HEAI) are jointly organizing a two-day National Conference on ***Universal Health Coverage: Advancing the Agenda and Addressing the Challenges during 11-12th April, 2012.*** The conference would discuss and deliberate the key recommendations of the HLEG report along with identifying specific concerns and addressing implementation issues that could be a challenge when UHC is rolled out in the country. The report is under consideration at the highest level of the government and therefore critical areas of implementation challenges need to be identified and addressed.

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**NATIONAL CONFERENCE on
Universal Health Coverage in India:
Advancing the Agenda and Addressing the Challenges
April 11-12th, 2012
PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi**

AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 11th April, 2012

Registration: 07:30 – 8:40				Outside Auditorium
Inaugural	09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Address	K. Srinath Reddy, President , Public Health Foundation of India	Laxmipat Singhanian Auditorium
	09:10 – 09:20	Introductory Address	Gita Sen, Center for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore	
	09:20 – 09:40	Opening Remarks	Poonam Khetrpal Singh, Deputy Regional Director, SEARO, WHO	
	09:40 – 10:00	Inaugural Address	Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Gol	
India's UHC: Vision and Roadmap				
Opening Plenary Session	10:00 – 11:45	Moderator	Gita Sen, Center for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore	Laxmipat Singhanian Auditorium
		Speaker	K. Srinath Reddy, Public Health Foundation of India	
		Discussant	Keshav Desiraju, MoHFW, Gol	
		Discussant	Abhay Shukla, SATHI-CEHAT	
		Discussant	Nata Menabde, WHO Representative, India	
		Discussant	Harpal Singh, Emeritus Fortis Health care	
		Discussant	Devi Shetty , Narayana Hrudayalaya	
Tea Break – 11:45 – 12:15				
UHC: Global Directions				
Plenary Session 2	12:15 – 13:15	Moderator & Speaker	Robert Hecht, Results for Development Institute, USA	Laxmipat Singhanian Auditorium
		Speaker	Nata Menabde, WHO Representative, India	
		Speaker	Bong Min-Yang, Center for Economic Evaluation, Institute for Health & Environment, Seoul National University, South Korea	
Lunch - 1315 - 1415				
Financing India's UHC				
Panel Discussion 1	14:15 – 15:45	Moderator	A. K. Shiva Kumar, UNICEF & National Advisory Council (NAC)	Laxmipat Singhanian Auditorium
		Speaker	Nachiket Mor, Sughavazhvu Health care	
		Panellist	Ravi Duggal, International Budget Partnership	
		Panellist	Gautam Chakraborty, PFI	

Media Engagement: Covering Public Health-Building a Transformative Agenda

Panel Discussion 2	14:15 – 15:45	Moderator	Subhadra Menon Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	Shri Ram Hall
		Panellist	K Srinath Reddy, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
		Panellist	K. Sachidananda Murthy The Week and Malayalam Manorama	
		Panellist	Usha Bhasin, Doordarshan	
		Panellist	T K Rajalakshmi, Frontline	

Tea Break – 15:45 – 16:00

Service Provision: The Role of Public, The Private Sector, Non-governmental sector

Panel Discussion 3	16:00 – 17:30	Moderator	Nachiket Mor, Sughavazhvu Health care	Shri Ram Hall
		Speaker	Padmanabh Reddy, Nice Foundation,	
		Panellist	Arvind Lal, Dr. Lal Pathlabs	
		Panellist	V. Renganathan, Vaatsalya Healthcare Solutions	
		Panellist	Anant Kumar, LifeSpring Hospital	
		Panellist	Anant Phadke, Medico Friends Circle	

Health Workforce

Panel Discussion 4	16:00 – 17:30	Moderator	N. K. Sethi, NIHFV	Laxmipat Singhania Auditorium
		Speaker	Vinod Paul, Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS	
		Speaker	Leila Caleb Varkey, Public Health Researcher	
		Panellist	Shiv Kumar, Swasti, Health Resource Centre	
		Panellist	Meenakshi Gautham IDEAS-LSHTM	

Day 2: Thursday 12th April, 2012

Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Devices

Plenary Session 3	09:30 – 11:00	Moderator	L C Goyal,CGHS	Laxmipat Singhania Auditorium
		Speaker	Samit Sharma,RMSC	
		Speaker	Raja Shekhar Vundru Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	
		Speaker	D. G Shah, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance	
		Speaker	Kathleen Holloway, WHO SEARO	
		Discussant	S Srinivasan, All India Drug Action Network	
		Discussant	Jagdeep Singh, Small and Medium Pharmaceuticals Industries Confederation	
		Discussant	Arvind Lal, Dr. Lal Pathlabs	

Tea Break – 11:00 – 11:30

Trade and Public Health				
Panel Discussion 5	11:30 –13:00	Moderator	Biswajit Dhar, RIS	Modi Hall
		Panellist	Leena Menghaney , MSF	
		Panellist	Kajal Bhardwaj, Independent Lawyer	
		Panellist	Anand Grover, Lawyers Collective	
		Panellist	Gopakumar, Third World Network	
		Panellist	Mira Shiva, All India Drug Action Network, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan	
Governance and Institutional Capacities				
Panel Discussion 6	11:30 –13:00	Moderator	Ravi Duggal, International Budget Partnership	Raunak Hall
		Speaker	Gita Sen, Center for public policy, IIM Bangalore	
		Speaker	Kabir Sheikh, Public Health Foundation of India	
		Panellist	Billy Stewart, DFID India	
		Panellist	Sunil Nandraj, Independent Consultant	
Advocacy for UHC - Global and National Perspectives				
Panel Discussion 7	11:30 –13:00	Moderator	Priya Balasubramaniam, Public Health Foundation of India	Shri Ram Hall
		Speaker	Abhay Shukla, SATHI-CEHAT, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan	
		Speaker	Amit Sengupta, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan	
		Speaker	Robert Yates, DFID	
		Panellist	Rajiv Tandon, Save The Children	
		Panellist	Anant Phadke, SATHI-CEHAT	
		Panellist	Raj Mohan Singh, CARE India	
Lunch – 13:00 – 14:00				
Community Participation & UHC				
Panel Discussion 8	14:00 – 15:30	Moderator	Raman VR, Public Health Foundation of India	Shri Ram Hall
		Speaker	Rakhil Gaitonde, Medico Friends Circle	
		Panellist	Prasanta Tripathy, Ekjut	
		Panellist	Thelma Narayan, Center for Public Health & Equity	
		Panellist	Anil Bordia, Doosra Dashak Project	
Integrating Gender and Young People’s Needs and Rights into UHC				
Panel Discussion 9	14:00 – 15:30	Moderator	Aditi Iyer, IIM Bangalore	Raunak Hall
		Speaker	Renu Khanna, SAHAJ	
		Speaker	Ishita Chaudhry, The Youth Parliament	
		Panellist	S. Ramanathan, TRIOS Development Support Ltd	
		Panellist	Monika Arora, Public Health Foundation of India	
		Panellist	Mohan Rao, JNU	

Social Determinants & UHC				
Panel Discussion 10	14:00 – 15:30	Moderator	Abhijit Das, Centre for Health and Social Justice	Modi Hall
		Speaker	Subhash Hira , IIPH Bhubaneswar	
		Speaker	K S Jacob, CMC Vellore	
		Panellist	Anant Phadke, SATHI-CEHAT	
		Panellist	Jessica Seddon, Indian Institute of Human Settlements	
Tea Break – 15:30 – 16:00				
Way Forward and Implementation Challenges				
Concluding Plenary	16:00 – 17:00	Moderator	K. Srinath Reddy, Public Health Foundation of India	Laxmipat Singhanian Auditorium
		Speaker	E V Ramana Reddy, Secretary Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Karnataka	
		Speaker	Ansu Prakash, Principle Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Delhi	
		Speaker	Ajay Singh, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Chhattisgarh	
Vote of Thanks 17:00 – 17:10				