

Background

- Japan has consistently emphasized that universal health coverage (UHC)(*1) is a cornerstone for human capital development and sustainable growth, and supported efforts toward achieving UHC in developing countries.
- In line with this commitment, Japan, together with the World Bank and World Health Organization (WHO), is working on the initiative of “UHC Knowledge Hub.” (*2)

*1 Universal health coverage (UHC): A status all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.

*2 Activity areas of UHC Knowledge Hub: 1) Training and capacity building for senior officials in low and lower middle-income countries, 2) and advocacy and convening including hosting high-level forum toward achieving UHC.

Objectives

Global health leaders from countries and international organizations involved in advancing UHC will be convened to foster further momentum toward achieving UHC, through discussions on the following topics:

- 1) **Reviewing progress , identifying key challenges, and accelerating policy actions toward UHC**
- 2) **Strengthening partnerships and alignment among key actors, and sustaining and fostering further momentum for achieving UHC**

Event Overview

- **Date:** Saturday, 6 December 2025
- **Location:** Tokyo, Japan (TBC)
- **Co-hosts:** Government of Japan, World Bank, WHO
- **Tentative Program:**
 - ◆ High-Level Discussion
 - ◆ UHC Knowledge Hub Launch Ceremony
 - ◆ High-Level Forum

Main Participants

Planned High-Level Participants (TBC):

- Representatives of international organizations
- Representatives of public-private partnerships
- Ministers of Finance and Health of low- and middle-income countries
- Representatives of philanthropic organizations, civil societies and private sectors