

UHC High-Level Forum 2025



Event Overview

Objectives: Foster further momentum toward achieving UHC by bringing together global health leaders from countries and international organizations involved in advancing UHC.

Date/Location: Saturday, 6 December 2025 at Akasaka Intercity Conference Center (Tokyo)

Main Participants: Mr. Ajay Banga (President of the World Bank Group), Dr. Tedros Adhanom (Director-General of the WHO), finance and health ministers from countries participating in the UHC Knowledge Hub capacity building programme and those actively working toward achieving UHC (from 24 countries), heads of relevant organizations, and others (approximately 200 participants).

Main Participants from Japan: Ms. TAKAICHI, the Prime Minister (video message); Mr. INOUE, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister; Ms. KATAYAMA, Minister of Finance; Mr. UENO, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare; Mr. NIKI, State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare; Mr. MITAZONO, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Finance; Prof. TAKEMI, former Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare

Outcomes

Joint declaration by the Co-hosts (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, World Bank Group, and WHO)

Launch of the UHC Knowledge Hub: document commemorate the launch of the Hub signed by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, President of the World Bank, and DG of WHO

Global Monitoring Report (GMR): issuance of the report tracking UHC was announced by the World Bank Group and WHO

National Health Compacts: country-led initiatives toward achieving UHC were announced

Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister : By the President of the World Bank Group and the DG of WHO



Meeting Agenda

[Opening Ceremony] Following the opening remarks by Prime Minister TAKAICHI (via video message), the signing of the UHC Knowledge Hub establishment document, greetings from co-hosts, the GMR announcement, and the sharing of National Health Compacts by ministers from participating countries took place.

[Session 1: Partners Unite!] Commitments toward achieving UHC were announced by developing countries and supporting organizations.

[Session 2: UHC Knowledge Hub] Perspectives on the activities of the UHC Knowledge Hub and the first-year capacity building programme were shared from the finance and health authorities of the first cohort countries of the Hub.

[Session 3: The Road to 2030 and Beyond] Discussions were held on sustainable health financing and restructuring of the global health architecture toward achieving the SDGs by 2030 and addressing the post-SDGs era.



Way Forward

The Forum will be held regularly in Tokyo to sustain momentum toward achieving UHC, by reviewing progress on the Hub, providing guidance and support of the implementation of the country-led initiatives, and fostering collaboration across diverse stakeholders.