



Towards the Right to Health: Possibilities of a Framework Convention on Global Health and Harmonized Civil Society Platforms for Universal Health Coverage

Wednesday, May 25

18:00–19:30

Palais des Nations: Room IX

This side event will introduce participants to two strategies towards health equity. First is the Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH), a proposed global treaty based on human rights and aimed at achieving and enshrining the concept of health equity to institutionalize the right to health throughout national and global governance. And second, civil society platforms can enable countries to better implement universal health coverage (UHC) as a key approach to the right to health. We will present analysis and experiences that speak to these concepts at both a national level – including case studies – and at the individual level, highlighting the health inequities that the FCGH and UHC-related civil society platforms will help overcome, as well as the synergies between the two. We will share how in each of people's different realities, more effective UHC advocacy and the FCGH could be transformative.

A substantial portion of the session will be set aside for feedback and discussion. We hope that this event is part of an extended dialogue towards advancing the right to health, on ensuring empowered civil society platforms for UHC, and on generating support for and understanding of – and beginning a formal process towards – the FCGH.

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