

## *Call for nomination for members of the CSEM (civil society engagement mechanism) Advisory group in UHC2030*

The Civil Society Engagement Mechanisms (CSEM) for UHC2030 is looking for volunteers to become members of the Advisory group to provide technical support to CSO representatives in the UHC2030 steering committee; to guide strategies and work plans for the CSEM through the secretariat; and to help strengthen CSO platforms and/or focal point strategies in countries doing advocacy and accountability work on UHC and HSS at national and global levels.

### **UHC 2030: Building a Partnership for Health Systems Strengthening**

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### **Civil Society Engagement Mechanism:**

The Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) aims to be the civil society arm of the UHC movement and a critical contributor to UHC2030, with systematic attention to the needs of the most marginalised and vulnerable populations so that no one is left behind. The CSEM seeks to strengthen an inclusive and broad movement on UHC, influence policy design and implementation, strengthen citizen-led and social accountability mechanisms, and promote coordination and harmonisation between CSO platforms and networks working on health-related issues.

The CSEM will deliver on these objectives through the following structures:

- 3 CSO representatives to the UHC2030 Steering Committee
- A Global CSO advisory group, linking global and local inputs and providing technical guidance

- A Secretariat, hosted by a CSO implementing the workplan, ensuring coordination and communication across the structures, and reporting to the UHC2030 Core Team
- National groups, with focal points from existing CSO health platforms
- Regional focal points, to support national groups and promote exchange across countries

### Building the CSO constituency during the interim period

To build this movement, a group of CSOs with an interim secretariat was set up in December 2016 in Geneva following the result of an online consultation done in three languages (French, Spanish, and English) to shape the basis of the CSEM role, mandate and representation. This interim CSO group will develop the foundational documents and approaches of the UHC 2030 CSO Constituency, which will be reviewed by the first Advisory Group when set up and fully operationalised. The first three CSO representatives and their Alternates were nominated in June 2017 by an interim group. The interim group will now select the first Advisory group (Sept 2017).

*See Additional information on the CSEM focus, governance and ways of working in the “UHC2030 and CSEM presentation paper” and more information on the consultation and the December meeting can be found here: [UHC2030 - CSEM](#)*

### The Advisory group:

#### Role and responsibilities of the Advisory group

The Advisory Group is considered a key element of CSO representation in UHC2030 because it should be in the ideal position to link the global and national levels, ensure representativeness of CSO diversity, set constituency priorities based on national inputs, and act as a technical hub. The advisory group will be composed of 18 members including the three CSO representatives and their alternates and will be responsible for:

- consulting with the national CSO group representatives and the wider constituency on a regular basis
- commenting and providing feedback on UHC2030 policies and guidelines
- contributing to UHC2030 working groups to raise CSO voices
- strengthening the capacity of national-level CSOs to better engage in national health policy processes
- consulting, proposing, and developing a mechanism for better coordination with other global health initiatives
- supporting CSO representatives in promoting CSO constituency views and positions in the UHC 2030 Steering Committee
- developing tools (guidelines or ToRs) for each level of CSO involvement in UHC2030
- growing and nurturing the CSO constituency membership
- representing the UHC2030 CSO constituency when requested

#### Working methods:

The Advisory Group will:

- ✓ For UHC2030 steering committee meeting and working groups:

- Read all relevant documents prior to a steering committee to ensure effective input into the decision-making process;
- Maintain a focus on issues of interest and importance to the community and NGO movements;
- Seek input from the constituency on issues being considered by the steering committee prior to its meeting;
- Meet face-to-face with CSO prior to UHC 2030 Steering Committee meetings;
- Collect and share country-level information with UHC2030 members when appropriate;
- Identify which UHC2030 working groups are relevant for CSOs and ensure members of the Advisory group or CSO reps are contributing;
- Share output of the working groups with CSEM constituency;
- Develop strategic alliances on behalf of the CSO Constituency with partners at the Steering Committee level

✓ For the CSEM constituency:

- Review and adopt CSEM Charter and operational guidelines
- Propose strategies, working plans and budgets for the CSEM
- Follow up monitoring and evaluation of UHC and HSS policies and contribute to the setting up of social accountability tools to be made available to CSOs
- Participate in teleconferences or any other means of communications set up by the CSEM secretariat
- Be available to contribute to discussions and debates among CSOs, CBOs, and other groups related to HSS and/or UHC issues when requested;
- Participate in coordination meetings with other CSO rep in Global Health Initiative to update information on Health and health related issues and propose, when appropriate, to do common activities.

✓ For relationship with other stakeholders:

- Represent the interests of UHC2030 as necessary, both within the constituency and to external stakeholders;
- Share UHC2030 and CSEM principles, function and area of work with Government, Global Health Initiatives, others to increase UHC2030 and CSEM profile towards all type of health actors;
- Share with CSEM constituency (according to the level of interest: advisory group, secretariat, others ) relevant information emerging from meetings with Governments, GHI, others;
- If appropriate, meet and share information with WHO and UNICEF representatives in country, as well as with other key actors in HSS/UHC area.

## CALL FOR MEMBERS

The CSEM Pre-advisory groups currently inviting nominations for membership from individuals representing and working with NGO's on global health issues and above, to support the work of the CSEM at the steering committee level but as well at national and regional level.

Candidates should have one or more of the following areas of expertise:

- Health of key populations (Women and children, youth and adolescents, elderly, patients, vulnerable and marginalized groups etc...)
- Health system strengthening, UHC policies, sustainability and transition issues
- Health financing and budget tracking
- Strategic planning, media and communication
- Social accountability and advocacy
- Gender, human rights issues
- Health and the environment

### Criteria's for selection

Among the members we will need a good mix of the above area of expertise with a regional and gender diversity

- Demonstrated expertise in at least two of the above subject areas plus an understanding of advocacy methods around strengthening health systems and supporting Universal Health Coverage
- Capacity to communicate and network effectively and broadly
- Commitment to spend a minimum of 3 days per month supporting HSS and UHC activities, knowing that around steering committee period, the commitment will be higher
- Institutional support from an employer or affiliated organisation
- Regular access to internet, email and phone
- Ability to work well in written and spoken English (additional languages are valued)

### Length of the nomination

Because this is the first UHC 2030 CSEM, the term for the 12 new members is for one year, renewable for a second year.

### Application process

Nominations should be in English, in a single word document, and should include the following information:

- Name, contact information, age, organizational affiliation
- Short Curriculum Vitae (CV) outlining experience in health system strengthening and UHC with at least two areas of expertise detailed above (maximum 2 pages);
- Letter outlining your understanding of UHC2030 and the CSEM role as well as what would you bring to the CSEM as a member of the Advisory group
- A letter of recommendation from the organisation giving its full support (in terms of workload and timing requested by the position) to the applicant
- A letter of support from a coordination secretariat of a CSO platform or network to confirm your involvement in a wider CSO movement

- Piece of written work including blog / articles etc... (published or unpublished)
- Other evidence of work (print or online publication, photographs, videos or other media, etc. (Optional))

#### Selection process

- The Review Committee will be composed of six members. It will review the nominations with the support of the interim secretariat based on a matrix of criteria mentioned above. They will ensure a regional and gender balance among the 12 new members
- A final decision will be made by September 15

**Please send your application to: [ajeantet@ghadvocates.org](mailto:ajeantet@ghadvocates.org) by 1st September, 2017**

## **Annexe One: UHC2030 presentation**

### *UHC 2030: Building a Partnership for Health Systems Strengthening*

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### *UHC2030 Governance structure*

As the global platform for health systems coordination UHC2030 will operate at the strategic, operational and secretariat levels

At the strategic level UHC 2030 will be guided by UHC2030 Steering Committee - the supreme decision making body, that is responsible for setting overall strategic directions and oversight of the Partnership on behalf of all UHC2030 signatories, whom the Committee represents

The Committee will consist of a maximum of 20 members who represent the different constituencies in the Partnership (countries, multilateral organisation, philanthropic, private sector etc) among which 3 seats are dedicated for Civil Society representatives including one for Global South countries CSOs, one for Global North countries and one for Community Based Organisations (CBOs).

Additionally, the work of UHC2030 will be driven at the operational level by working groups that are multi-stakeholder and activity oriented group composed of technical experts brought together to collectively deliver on a priority area of work as identified in the UHC2030 workplan.

UHC2030 Steering Committee and working groups are supported by a Core Team that functions as a secretariat and is responsible for facilitating the work of UHC2030

Lastly, a reference group open to senior technical representatives of UHC2030 signatories will act as a forum for information exchange, discussion of progress and identifying potential priority issues for further collaboration

Additional information the UHC2030 partnerships can be found here: [UHC2030](#)