



INVITATION

Wednesday, June 11, 2014
8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230, New York
[Refreshments will be served.](#)

Following the event on April 14, 2014, The Permanent Missions of France, Japan and Thailand to the United Nations in collaboration with WHO and World Bank Group are honored to invite you to attend the following event on:

Good Health at an Affordable Cost Can All Governments afford Universal Health Coverage?

This event will focus on the adequacy and affordability of universal health coverage (UHC) as a key driver to ensure healthy lives for all people of all ages. Three main aspects will be highlighted:

1. Update the global discussion on how UHC can be measured to ensure universal access to good-quality essential health services **including financial risk protection**, so that people stay healthy and no one is pushed into poverty or kept in poverty due to catastrophic health expenditure.
2. Demonstrate ongoing health financing reform, which supports the argument that **UHC is affordable even in low-/middle-income countries**, while strong political will is crucial to drive the reform.
3. Discuss the concept of an **essential package of promotive, preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health services**, which can address nationally set health priorities based on domestic disease burdens, such as maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and non-communicable diseases



Program:

Moderator: *Mr. Michael Myers, Managing Director, The Rockefeller Foundation*

Opening remarks by *Mr. Katsuhiko Takahashi, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN*

Opening remarks by *Ms. Fabienne Bartoli, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of France to the UN*

Presentation by *Dr. David Evans, Director of Health Systems Governance & Financing, WHO: UHC monitoring framework / global core indicators*

Presentation by *Dr. Frank Nyonator, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of Health And Allied Sciences, Ghana: health financing reform in lower middle income country*

Presentation by *Dr. Christoph Kurowski, Lead Health Specialist, WBG: the WBG's analysis of Mexico's road to finance UHC*

Q&A session

RSVP before June 10th: Mr. Robert Hewitt <robert.hewitt@dn.mofa.go.jp>