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THIRD-ANNUAL GLOBAL FORUM EXAMINES HOW TAIWAN'S SUCCESS WITH UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE CAN HELP REACH W.H.O. GOALS FOR BROADER ACCESS

Taipei / Geneva, 28, April 2025 — With funding for global health initiatives in jeopardy, how can organizations work together to improve healthcare access for all? International experts from Taiwan, the United States, Europe, and more will share their perspectives on this vital question at an upcoming global forum parallel to this year's 78th-annual World Health Assembly in Geneva.

STUF United Fund, Inc. will host the 2025 STUF United Fund WHA Global Forum – “Reshaping Universal Health Coverage” on 20 May 2025 (14:00-16:30 CEST) at Hotel President Wilson, Geneva. Co-organized with the Global Health Council (GHC), the forum is in active dialogue with UHC2030 to enable Taiwanese organizations to join its multi-stakeholder partnership and contribute Taiwan's experience to the global drive for Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

UHC2030 (formerly the International Health Partnership, IHP+) is an initiative of the World Health Organization, World Bank, and OECD to mobilize political commitment, strengthen accountability, and foster collective action toward achieving the World Health Organization's strategic development goal 3.8 — “health services for all without financial hardship” by 2030.

With the United States formally notifying the UN of its intent to withdraw from WHO in 2026, and suspending assessed contributions, WHO faces an estimated US \$2.5 billion funding gap and an emergency re-organization that would cut program divisions from ten to five and reduce headquarters directors from nearly 80 to about 30. The funding crisis demands insight from international experts with knowledge and experience on how to rally stakeholders to keep universal health coverage a viable goal.

“At this turning-point in global health financing, Taiwan's National Health Insurance offers partners a proven pathway toward UHC,” said Dr. Kuan-Yu Chiang, Associate Director of Global Health Diplomacy for STUF United Fund. “Our goal is to support countries on that journey while bringing fresh Asian civil-society perspectives and innovation to UHC2030.”

Panelists for this upcoming forum include Hon. Chen Chien-jen, Former Vice President of Taiwan, reflecting on three decades of Taiwan's National Health Insurance and its future challenges. Professor Vincent Rollet, Associate Professor, Graduate Institute of European Studies at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages will explore the diverse roles played by regional organizations-particularly the European Union(EU)- in supporting the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), both within Europe and globally. Dr. Harjyot Khosa, Regional External Relations Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation's (IPPF) South Asia Office, will discuss the role of gender, human health rights, and South-Asian multi-partner models for advancing UHC. Yaye Sophiétou Diop, Director of Partnerships & Development at Speak Up Africa, shares insight on how communication tools can change behaviors that improve public health.

The forum will be moderated by Eliana Monteforte, Director of International Advocacy and Engagement at the Global Health Council.

This is the third-annual global forum hosted by STUF United Fund. Media are cordially invited to attend this speaker series and discussion. Please email info@stuf.ngo to R.S.V.P.

For registration, please find a link at <https://stuf.ngo/2025-wha-reshaping-uhc/>.

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