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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

The Path Ahead:

*Strengthening Universal Health Coverage
in a Transforming World*



Date & Time: May 20th, 2025 14:00 to 16:30
Location: Hotel President Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland

RESHAPING UHC

2025 STUF WHA GLOBAL FORUM

The Path Ahead: Strengthening Universal Health Coverage in a Transforming World

Global leaders and civil society aim to tackle health priorities and declining multilateral support to sustain and transform universal health coverage through strategic actions and a unified call to action.

• SPEAKERS



TAIWAN

Chen Chien-Jen

epidemiologist and academician



AFRICA

Yaye Sphiétou Diop

Director of Partnership and
Development, Speak Up Africa



SOUTH ASIA, INDIA

Harjyot Khosa

Regional External Relations
Director, International Planned
Parenthood Federation, South
Asia Regional Office



EUROPE

Vincent Rollet

Professor, Graduate Institute of
European Studies, Wenzao
Ursuline University



• MODERATOR

Eliana Monteforte

Director of International
Advocacy and Engagement,
Global Health Council

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FORUM AGENDA

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
14:00 – 14:10	Opening Remarks MC Danny Chen, ESQ (Director & Deputy CEO, STUF United Fund)
14:10 – 14:15	Group Photo
Speakers	
14:15 – 14:40	Prof. Vincent Rollet – Regional organizations' contribution to advancing UHC : the European Union (EU) as a case study
14:40 – 15:05	Ms. Yaye Sphiétou Diop – Regional UHC advocacy across Africa with a Kenya case study
15:05 – 15:30	Dr. Chen Chien-jen – Taiwan's national pathway to resilient UHC & pandemic preparedness
15:30 – 15:50	Dr. Harjot Khosa – Community-level engagement for SRHR & UHC in India
15:50 – 16:30	Open Discussion & Q&A

MODERATOR

Eliana Monteforte

Eliana Monteforte is the Director for International Advocacy and Engagement at Global Health Council (GHC) where she leads efforts to improve the meaningful engagement of community and civil society in global health policy development and implementation. Over the past 15 years, Eliana has worked with civil society organizations (CSOs) around the world to build strong health programs, products and services that are responsive to populations' needs, particularly those most vulnerable and marginalized.

Currently, Eliana is an Advisory Group Member of the Civil Society Engagement



Mechanism (CSEM) focused on raising civil society voices and ensuring no one is left behind in achieving universal health coverage (UHC). Additionally, she is the Global North Steering Committee Representative for UHC2030 where she ensures UHC2030 strategies, partnerships and advocacy are inclusive of civil society and reflective of their needs. Eliana is also a Steering Committee Member of the inaugural WHO Civil Society Commission focused on advising the World Health Organization (WHO) on how to improve meaningful civil society engagement at the national, regional and global levels.

At GHC, Eliana also leads three Working Groups on Maternal Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH), Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Health Equity. In these working groups, Eliana collaborates with GHC members and outside partners to analyse global health data and develop advocacy plans to impact US Global Health policy as well as Global Health Programs, Action Plans, Resolutions, Declarations etc.

As noted by her work, Eliana truly believes that communities and civil society are the key to making a positive health impact in the world.



SPEAKERS

Prof. Vincent Rollet

Vincent Rollet (羅文笙) holds a Ph.D. in Political Science (specialization in International Relations) from Sciences Po Paris (France) and is Professor at the Graduate Institute of European Studies (GIES), Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages (Kaohsiung, Taiwan) as well as research associate at the French Study Centre on Contemporary China, Taipei (CEFC). He was also the academic coordinator of an EU-funded Jean Monnet Module entitled “Europe and Environmental Health: Policy, Achievements and Main Challenges” (2019–2022).



His research focuses on Europe-Asia relations, regional integration (EU, ASEAN, African Union) and interregionalism, as well as EU's foreign policy, (para)diplomacies in Europe and Asia, and the democratisation of foreign policy, with a specific focus on international development and public health.

He has cooperated with several key international institutions including the United Nations University (UNU), the Asia–Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA) as well as with several universities in Europe, on various academic projects.

His research findings – generally resulting from projects funded by Taiwan's National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) – have been published in several major international academic journals, including *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* (SSCI), *Global Public Health* (SSCI), *Asia-Europe Journal* (SSCI), *Regions & Cohesion* (Scopus), *Contemporary Politics* (SSCI), *Global Social Policy* (Scopus), *European Foreign Affairs Review* (Scopus), and *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* (Scopus).

After having published two academic books on European and Asian development aid (2015), as well as on Taiwan's health diplomacy (2016), he has published, in August 2024, a new book entitled *The European Parliament and Global Health. Polymorphic Actorness and Multiple Roles* (Routledge: London).

Ms. Yaye Sophiétou Diop

Sophie brings a master's in strategic communication, advocacy and extensive experience in behavioral change communication. Joining in 2016, she now leads partnership initiatives and development strategies. Sophie's expertise in program planning, formative research, and advocacy drives innovative collaborations across health, equity, gender, and sanitation sectors. Her strategic vision is crucial in expanding Speak Up Africa's network, enhancing sustainability, and amplifying its impact across Africa.



Dr. Chen Chien-jen

Dr. Chen Chien-jen is an epidemiologist and public-health leader who served as Taiwan's Vice-President (2016-2020) and Premier (2023-2024). Trained at Johns Hopkins (ScD, Epidemiology), he previously headed Taiwan's Department of Health, the National Science Council, and Academia Sinica. Over four decades he has advanced infectious-disease control, national health-insurance reforms, and science diplomacy.



Key Government & Leadership Roles

Years	Position	Notable Contributions (Reference)
2023 – 2024	Premier of Taiwan	Directed post-COVID recovery plan; strengthened health-system resilience
2016 – 2020	Vice-President of Taiwan	Advocated UHC and WHA participation
2011 – 2015	Vice-President, Academia Sinica	Led biomedical big-data projects (https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en)
2006 – 2008	Minister, National Science Council	Launched Taiwan Clinical Trial Consortium
2003 – 2005	Minister of Health	Managed SARS response; early NHI payment reforms

Selected International Engagement

Led Taiwan delegation to APEC Health Working Group – highlighted NHI as UHC model (2003-05, 2017).

Reference:

https://mddb.apec.org/Documents/2004/SOM/SOM3/04_som3_030.pdf

Keynote speaker – Hoover Institution/Stanford event “Taiwan and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons for the World”

(2020). Reference: <https://www.hoover.org/events/taiwan-and-covid-19-pandemic-lessons-world>

Regular contributor to Johns Hopkins global-health forums on health-system efficiency.

Academic & Professional Distinctions

Academician, Academia Sinica (1998) – profile: <https://www.sinica.edu.tw/en>

National Chair Professor, Ministry of Education (1999 – 2002)

Knight of the Holy Sepulchre & Knight of St Gregory (humanitarian service)

Profiled by TIME for advocating Taiwan’s WHA participation

Expertise Relevant to UHC

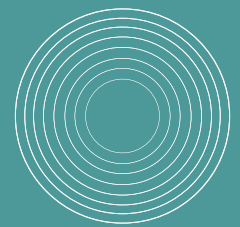
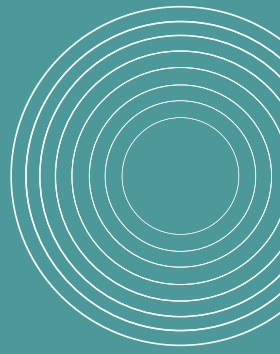
Domain	Experience
Health-system metrics & quality	Author of 250+ studies on epidemiology and NHI
UHC financing & equity	Promoted risk-adjusted premium models during Vice-Presidency
Science & health diplomacy	Negotiated international disease-data sharing; promoted WHA participation

Dr. Hariyot Khosa

Hariyot is a feminist, who has long been working on health and human rights of communities. She is actively involved in the civil society and community rights movement, across south Asia. Her areas of interest and work include gender, sexual reproductive health rights, mental health, HIV-TB etc. She served as one of the CSO/ communities representatives on the The Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, which is a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments,



and vaccines. She is currently serving as an advisory group member on Civil Society Alliance for Human Rights in the Pandemic Treaty (CSA) and CSEM for UHC 2030; CSO representative on the Scientific Working Group for the Global Pandemic Preparedness and Response Scheme (I-DAIR); Co-Chair, Global Advocacy & Communications Working Group, Self-Care Trailblazer Group (SCTG).



ABOUT EVENT ORGANIZER AND PARTICIPATING PARTNER

EVENT ORGANIZER

STUF United Fund



Established in 2009, STUF United Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered in the U.S. that supports international charity work. With the core values of STUF (Share, Trust, Unity, and Family), the organization focuses on the areas of Humanitarian Aid, Disaster Relief, Culture and Education, Public Health, and Environmental Protection.

STUF aims to create sustainable changes through connecting and working with NGO/NPO (non-government organization, nonprofit organization), government departments, UN agencies, and the corporate sector. STUF's charity work has been in 5 continents, 34 countries.

In terms of COVID-19 relief, in 2020 STUF donated close to 70,000 masks to hospitals, government units, and the general public in 22 cities in the U.S. In addition, STUF provided emergency food support to families in rural areas in Peru. In 2021, STUF donated 71 oxygen concentrators to India and Indonesia as well as provided isolation testing booths and protection equipment to medical staff in Taiwan.



PARTICIPATING PARTNER

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Mission

To use the power of the collective voice to improve global health and wellbeing through informed investments and policies

Vision

A world where health and wellbeing for all is ensured through equitable, inclusive, and sustainable investments, policies and services

Values

Equity: We commit to incorporating racial, ethnic and gender equity into our advocacy initiatives, programs and internal structures and processes.

Inclusion: We strive to create a collaborative environment where all people, regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation, are included, valued and respected.

Trust: We pledge to build trust and transparency among our members, partners, and staff by basing our work in evidence and data.

Accountability: We hold our members, partners and ourselves mutually accountable for ensuring we deliver accessible, high quality and impactful work.

