

Concept note

Round table

Universal Health Coverage: the road to equity

Date: Friday 10th of May

Time: 11:30 to 13:00

Duration: 90 minutes

Modality of the session: Round table

Place: Ministry of Health of Spain. Paseo del Prado, 18, 28014, Madrid. Salón Ernest Lluch.

Speakers:

- Soledad Cabezón - Asociación por el Acceso Justo al Medicamento (AAJM)
- Vanessa López - Director of Salud por Derecho
- Charlotte Marchandise - Executive Director of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

Moderator:

- Antonio Pujol de Castro. Coordinator of the Spanish Association of Medical Residents in Public Health (ARES MPSP).

Approach:

This round table will focus on the barriers to Universal Health Coverage, which ones are them, why do they exist, what impact do they have on public health, what possibilities and policies are expected that will represent a change (hopefully for the better), and what are the risks for the future, as well as experiences, successes and challenges that the speakers have gone through while trying to advocate for the Universal Health Coverage.

Methodology:

- Introduction by moderator: Antonio will introduce himself and then briefly introduce the speakers. (5 minutes)
- Each speaker will have 15 to 20 minutes to do their presentation. We suggest that presentations have a visual format that can be projected, such as PowerPoint. However, we let the speakers decide what format is best. (15-20 minutes each, 45-60 minutes in total)
- Moderators will then start with questions that should allow each one of the other speakers to answer for aprox. 5 minutes.

- Questions:
 - 1. Amongst other civil organizations such as Citizen Platform Civio and the Users and Consumers Organization (OCU), Salud Por Derecho has consistently requested transparency in the relationship between the pharmaceutical companies and the Spanish Ministry of Health, specially when fixing the price of innovative drugs. The Ministry of Health has systematically rejected your requests. Therefore you have taken legal action, that at some points has been ruled in your favor for transparency. The Ministry of Health and the pharmaceutical lobby have appealed against those sentences. It is obvious the interest that the pharmaceutical lobby has in order to keep the negotiations under the table, but why do you think that a public organism such as the Ministry of Health, the representation of the Government and therefore of the population is so keen on keeping those negotiations out of public knowledge? *(for Vanessa)*
 - 2. What is the role of Europe and European Institutions addressing UHC across the globe (Global Health)? *(for Soledad and Charlotte)*
 - 3. What are your thoughts on the Pandemic Agreement? *(for all)*
 - 4. What do you think is missing in the international community to move this issue forward? *(for all)*
 - 5. What are some hard lessons you have learned during your years of experience? *(for all)*
 - 6. What are some advice for young public health professionals interested in working towards the wellbeing of migrants? How can they start advocating or getting involved in this personally or professionally? *(for all)*
- If there is time open the floor for questions from the audience *(max. 15 minutes before closing time)*
- If there are no questions from the audience, speakers will have the opportunity to make short closing remarks.