

#Health and #ClimateChange will be two of the biggest topics at this year's United Nations General Assembly, more familiarly known as [UNGA](#)



Moving together to build a healthier world

On Tuesday 23 September the [High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage](#) will take place on the theme of [Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World](#). The purpose of the meeting is to foster political and financial commitments to sustained health development. The world has agreed to seek [good health and well-being](#) for all by 2030 as part of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). However, the 2019 [UHC Monitoring Report](#), which will be launched on Sunday 22 September, is expected to show that many countries are not on track to meet the goal of #UHC and #healthforall.

As @DrTedros has repeatedly said, "There is no UHC without PHC". The role of #PHC in making UHC possible will be highlighted in an official side event being hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan on how *Primary Health Care is a Cornerstone for Universal Health Coverage and Health-Related Sustainable Development Goals*, also on Tuesday 23 September.

The high-level meeting will be followed by an evening event hosted by the

Both the high-level meeting and the official side event hosted by Kazakhstan are open to registered delegates only. Other events on UHC which are open to the public can be found [here](#)

Also taking place on Tuesday 23 September will be the [2019 Climate Action Summit](#), which will seek to generate political momentum around a number of climate change issues, including #health. To illustrate the linkage between #AirPollution and health, WHO will be hosting the "[pollution pods](#)" on Sunday, 22 September. To learn more about the linkages between #ClimateChange and PHC, read what WHO's own @DrMariaNeira had to say in [the PHC webinar on PHC & Climate Change](#)

To reinforce the theme of "Health for All the first-ever #WalkTheTalk New York event will take place on Sunday, 22 September in Central Park [Register here](#)



A gathering of diplomats in New York City may seem far removed from the day-to-day concerns of #FamilyDoctors and other #PrimaryHealthCare professionals. But it is important to remember that decisions made during the United Nations General Assembly will impact every government's decisions and policy-making, ultimately reaching every level of the health system. If we are to have a say in how the world reaches UHC, it is important to make your voice heard.

How can you participate? Here are a number of ways to get involved in UNGA:

If you are in New York City:

- Join us for Walk the Talk New York
- Visit Times Square and post photos of the Health for All messages on the billboards on your social media feed
- Visit the pollution pods at the green concourse of the UN Building
- Participate in UHC events [open to the public](#)

From anywhere:

Be heard! Add your voice to the call for #HealthForAll [here](#)

Follow on Twitter: #UNGA74 #UHC #PHC #PrimaryHealthCare and @WHO @DrTedros

The two-week UN General Assembly, which takes place in New York City every year, will open on 17 September. This annual event brings together the 193 Member States of the UN to debate and make policy on a wide range of international issues. The first week of UNGA is dedicated to high-level sessions on a variety of global topics, followed by the general debates, which this year begin on Tuesday, 24 September.