Exploring the effective use of law to achieve Universal Health Coverage

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Session overview

• Introduction to the role of law in Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
• Experiences from Panellists
• Audience questions
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Law intersects with cancer and NCD prevention and control at every stage—we work to ensure it is effective and equitable for all people.
How do we engage with law?

Law comes in many different forms

- National Constitutions
- Legislation
- Regulations
- Decrees
- Ordinances
- By-laws
- Litigation/Decisions of courts and tribunals
- Enforcement practices
- International Treaties
- Other International Agreements/Frameworks
Development of cancer control and UHC

Timeline of international frameworks

- 1945: UN Charter
- 1946: WHO Constitution
- 1948: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1966: International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- 1978: Declaration of Alma-Ata
- 1994: International Conference on Population and Development
- 2003: WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- 2000: General Comment 14
- 2011: UN Political Declaration on the Prevention of NCDs
- 2012: UN Resolution on Global Health and Foreign Policy urging progress on UHC
- 2015: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 2017: UN Political Declaration on the Prevention of NCDs
- 2018: Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care
- 2018: UN Political Declaration on the Prevention of NCDs
- 2019: First UN High Level Meeting on UHC & Political Declaration on UHC
- 2020: Second UN High Level Meeting on UHC
Reaffirm the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health [1]

Recognize the vital importance of strengthening legislative and regulatory frameworks and institutions for the achievement of universal health coverage [21]

Further strengthen efforts to address non-communicable diseases, including cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, as part of universal health coverage [33]

Promote and implement policy, legislative and regulatory measures, including fiscal measures as appropriate, aiming at minimizing the impact of the main risk factors, and promote healthy diets and lifestyles…[41]
Panel Discussion: The role of law in implementing UHC

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Law – it’s not just for lawyers

Examples of actors impacting UHC

There are many more…
Thank you

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