

# COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM

Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance  
input to the 2018 Commonwealth People's Forum

## Universal health coverage: holding countries to account

Wednesday 18 April 2018  
10:45 – 13:30

Rutherford Room (4th Floor)  
Queen Elizabeth II  
Conference Centre  
Broad Sanctuary  
Westminster  
London SW1P 3EE



Everyone agrees universal health coverage is a good thing. But it cannot be achieved without appropriate financing and an adequate health workforce. And if every citizen does not have equitable access, health coverage is not universal. Three eminent speakers examine universal health coverage from the perspectives of financing, health workforce, and access, and ask how civil society can hold countries to account on universal health coverage.

### INVITED SPEAKERS



**FINANCING**  
Dr Ravindra Rannan-Eliya,  
Director, Health Policy  
Institute, Sri Lanka



**HEALTH WORKFORCE**  
Professor James Buchan,  
Queen Margaret University  
School of Health Sciences,  
Edinburgh Scotland



**ACCESS**  
Ms Rosemary Mburu,  
Executive Director,  
WACI Health



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Time	Activity	Designated to
10:45 – 11:00	Welcome remarks	Dr Solaiman Juman, Immediate Past President, Commonwealth Medical Association; Chair, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
11:00 – 11:15	UHC and sustainable financing	Dr Ravindra Rannan-Eliya, Director, Health Policy Institute Sri Lanka
11:15 – 11:20	Case study: Hong Kong's UHC – good outcomes @ low cost	Professor Tony Nelson, Department of Paediatrics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Secretary, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
11:20 – 11:25	Case study: The challenge of UHC in an era of transition	Mr Mike Podmore, Director STOPAIDS
11:25 – 11:30	Questions and answers	
11:30 – 11:45	UHC and a sufficient health workforce	Professor James Buchan, Queen Margaret University Edinburgh Scotland
11:45 – 11:50	Case study: The pharmacy workforce	Ms Victoria Rutter, Executive Director, Commonwealth Pharmacists Association
11:50 – 11:55	Case study: The mental health workforce	Ms Jill Iliffe, Executive Secretary, Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation; Treasurer, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
11:55 – 12:00	Questions and answers	
12:00 – 12:15	Refreshment Break	

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12:15 – 12:30	UHC and equitable access	Ms Rosemary Mburu, Director WACI Health
12:30 – 12:35	Case study: HIV, TB and Malaria	Mr Anton Oldfield Kerr, Director, Equal International, Deputy Chair, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
12:35 – 12:40	Case study: Polio eradication	Ms Judith Diment, Chair, Rotary International Polio Eradication Advocacy Taskforce
12:40 – 12:45	Questions and answers	
12:45 – 12:50	Presentation of key recommendations	Ms Jill Iliffe, Executive Secretary, Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation; Treasurer, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
12:50 – 13:25	Plenary and panel discussion	Professor Tony Nelson, Department of Paediatrics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Secretary, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
13:25 – 13:30	Closing remarks	Dr Solaiman Juman, Immediate Past President, Commonwealth Medical Association; Chair, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance
13:30	Lunch	

## Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA)

The CHPA is an alliance of Commonwealth health professional associations. Members of the CHPA consider that by working together they can more efficiently and effectively represent and support health professionals in Commonwealth countries and promote high standards of care and equity in access to care for Commonwealth peoples.

### MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Commonwealth Association for Health and Disability

Commonwealth Association for Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Commonwealth Dental Association

Commonwealth HIV and AIDS Action Group

Commonwealth Medical Association

Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation

Commonwealth Pharmacists Association



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## Invited Speakers

### **CHAIR: DR SOLAIMAN JUMAN**

Dr Solaiman Juman is a Lecturer in Otolaryngology at the Trinidad Campus of the University of the West Indies. He is the Immediate Past President of the Commonwealth Medical Association and is the Chair of the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA).

### **PROFESSOR JAMES BUCHAN**

Professor James Buchan (MA (hons), PhD, DPM) has specialized in health workforce policy and analysis throughout his career. His background includes periods as a senior Human Resources for Health (HRH) manager in the National Health Service in Scotland; senior policy analyst at the Royal College of Nursing, (RCN), UK; and as a specialist adviser to Health Workforce Australia, a federal government agency. Most recently he has completed a contract as Senior Adviser - Human Resources for Health, WHO European Region. He has worked extensively as a policy researcher and consultant on HRH issues in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. He is Editor in Chief of Human Resources for Health, a peer review journal. He was also a Harkness Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

### **DR RAVINDRA RANNAN-ELIYA**

Dr Ravindra Rannan-Eliya is Executive Director of the Institute for Health Policy in Sri Lanka. He is a physician, public health expert and economist, with degrees from Cambridge and Harvard Universities. His research work focuses on issues of health systems financing and equity, ageing, non-communicable disease and child under-nutrition. He has undertaken research and consulted in several countries in all regions, working with governments and international agencies such as World Bank, ADB and WHO. In Asia, he leads a regional research network that looks at health systems equity – Equitap, and he is co-director of the Global Network for Health Equity (GNHE).

### **MS ROSEMARY MBURU**

Ms Rosemary Mburu is a global health advocate and civil society leader working to create political will for improved health outcomes in Africa. Her areas of expertise include policy analysis, budget advocacy, influencing decision-making processes, mobilizing civil society and community voices for action. Ms Mburu is the southern civil society representative on UHC2030 Steering Committee. As a civil society leader, her work includes facilitating civil society organizing and overseeing various platforms including Civil Society Platform on Health in Africa (CiSPHA); the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN)- Africa hub; and the Africa free of New HIV Infections (AfNHi) Network. Ms Mburu holds a Master's in Public Health (MPH), Ohio University and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Frostburg State University. She is the Executive Director of WACI Health, formerly known as World AIDS Campaign International.