

**R E S O L U T I O N****REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC****COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL**WPR/RC66.R2
14 October 2015**UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE
MOVING TOWARDS BETTER HEALTH**

The Regional Committee,

Recalling regional strategies to improve: access to essential medicines (WPR/RC55.R4); human resources for health (WPR/RC57.R7); health financing (WPR/RC60.R3); health laboratory services (WPR/RC60.R6); health systems based on the values of primary health care (WPR/RC61.R2); and traditional medicine (WPR/RC62.R4);

Noting Member States' desire for a comprehensive, whole-of-system approach based on the review of the six regional health system strategies (WPR/RC64.9), and the need for country-specific road maps, as outlined in the progress report (WPR/RC65.10) on universal health coverage (UHC);

Recognizing that UHC is an important foundation to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and critical for realizing good health outcomes for everyone;

Concerned with the growing challenges for health systems across the Region to produce equitable and sustainable health outcomes;

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Acknowledging that Member States at all levels of development are making efforts to achieve the five health system attributes for UHC: quality, efficiency, equity, accountability, and sustainability and resilience;

Recognizing the desire of Member States to strengthen actions to accelerate progress towards UHC;

Noting the diversity across health systems, shaped by history and contexts, in the Western Pacific Region and the need to develop country-specific pathways towards UHC,

1. ENDORSES the Western Pacific regional action framework on *Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to use the action framework to develop country-specific road maps as part of the national policy and planning process tailored to their contexts;
 - (2) to exercise government leadership in multisectoral approaches and commit sufficient funding to implement national policies and plans to advance UHC;
 - (3) to establish mechanisms to monitor the progress of UHC and evaluate the impact of policies to advance UHC;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to provide technical support to Member States to develop and implement country-specific UHC road maps and monitor progress;

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- (2) to facilitate high-level multisectoral policy dialogues to move the UHC policy agenda forward;
- (3) to provide a regional platform for sharing experiences, joint learning and reviewing progress towards UHC;
- (4) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on the progress of UHC.

Fourth meeting, 14 October 2015