

Health system *readiness* for Universal Health Coverage: What does it take?

Wednesday, May 2nd

12:30-2:00pm

Johns Hopkins School for Advanced
International Studies

BOB Building, Room 500
1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW

**** Lunch provided beginning at 12:00****



Join a lunchtime panel presentation focusing on the implementation realities that can undermine greater investment into universal health coverage (UHC).

Speakers

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Much of the analysis and discussions about UHC have focused on conceptualization of financing and service delivery frameworks for resource-poor health systems; few, however, focus on program implementation and practical approaches.

While a country's path towards providing affordable health care for all is context dependent, experience shows that synergistic policies and programs must be designed and implemented to strengthen country's capacity in financial management, information systems, regulatory and policy reforms, governance, and human resources. Prior to embarking on a trajectory toward UHC, the extent of health system "***readiness***" and the possibilities for ***unintended negative impacts*** within the system should be considered.

Presentations will examine UHC implementation in Rwanda, Thailand, China, and India and highlight important considerations in ensuring the "readiness" of country systems for UHC.

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