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The Time is Now: Unlocking Ambition for Comprehensive Solutions for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

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Welcome Remarks

- Kate Dodson, Vice President for Global Health Strategy, UN Foundation

Opening Remarks

- H.E. Mr. Arnaldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Republic of Costa Rica
- H.E. Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Republic of South Africa
- H.E. Ms. Jenny Ohlsson, Vice Minister for Development Cooperation, Kingdom of Sweden
- Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa
- Mr. Marco Lambertini, Director General at World Wildlife Federation International

Panel Discussions

Panel 1: Strengthening the International Architecture for Health Emergencies

The United Nations plays a singular role in delivering large-scale, coordinated and comprehensive responses to health emergencies. Building on lessons learned from the West Africa Ebola outbreak and Zika, the UN mobilized to respond to the complex scientific, socioeconomic, humanitarian and human rights aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In recovery, the UN can and must continue to learn and apply new lessons to reduce countries' vulnerability to future health emergencies, including those fueled by the climate crisis and conflict. New approaches to integrative crisis response are already being conceived, including through proposals in the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda (OCA) Report. Importantly, the OCA proposals - including those related to health emergency preparedness - have highlighted that UN's work can only be sustainable if it is premised on principles of inclusivity, equity, and community ownership. This panel discussion will explore opportunities for inter-agency coordination,

enhanced UN support to national governments, and sustainable, people-centered solutions for health emergencies.

Panelists

- Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia, Co-Chair of the High-Level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Effective Multilateralism, Former Co-Chair of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Mr. Ted Chaiban, Global Lead Coordinator for COVID Vaccine Country Readiness and Delivery
- Ms. Joy Phumaphi, Co-Chair of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board

Moderator

- Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scouts Movement

Panel 2: Investing in Preparedness

Experts agree that another health emergency of equal or greater magnitude than COVID-19 pandemic is inevitable and time is running out to make a down payment on a healthier, more secure future for all. Various high-level COVID-19 review panels have noted that all countries must invest more in their own preparedness for health emergencies. At the same time, major global donors must also allocate additional funding to pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response outside of regular Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitments. Political leaders at the highest level should choose PPPR investments today to allow communities and countries to build resilient health systems capable of sustaining primary health services, responding to a range of health emergencies, and protecting progress on the SDGs. Efforts should ensure that communities most impacted by pandemics drive decisions on funding strategies, structure, and scope. This panel discussion will assess the financing landscape for PPPR and consider new and reimagined approaches to PPPR financing, including through the Financial Intermediary Fund at the World Bank.

Panelists

- Dr. Magda Robalo, Managing Global Director, Women in Global Health
- Mr. Stanley Bergman, Chairman and CEO of Henry Schein
- Ms. Priya Basu, Head of Secretariat for the Financial Intermediary Fund on PPPR, World Bank

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Closing Reflections

- H.E. Ambassador Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations in New York