

## **IAPO Intervention**

### **Agenda Item 8.1 Annual report on monitoring progress on UHC and the health-related SDGs**

#### **WHO 72nd South East Asia Regional Committee Session**

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Thank you Chair, Regional Director General, Member States, non-State actors and observers.

The International Alliance of patients Organizations (IAPO) is a non-State actor in official relationship with the WHO and an international alliance with over 260 patients' organisation members in over 70 countries.

We congratulate WHO SEAR Member States for the progress made so far towards achieving UHC in the Region, with essential health services now covering more of the population in the Region in 2019 when compared with 2010.

However, we note with concern the predictions made on the essential service coverage projections to 2030, based on these rates of progress since 2010. These suggest that only five Member States are likely to reach more than 80% coverage by 2030 unless there is significant acceleration. IAPO urges Member States to accelerate progress towards 100% coverage of a safe, quality and accessible UHC 2030, and we call upon Member States to:

- To take note of this annual report ahead of the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage that will take place on 23 September 2019 and ensure that WHO SER is moving together to build a healthier World and Member States and their Heads of State endorse the political declaration on universal health coverage.
- Ensure patient safety is central to the UHC delivery and take note of the DG's Report A72/26 Patient safety Global action on patient safety and to implement the Resolution Seventy-Second World Health Assembly 72.6 under Agenda Item 12.5 28 May 2019.
- Join us Patients on 17 September 2019 to mark the World's first patient safety day.

Thank you for your attention.