



Amref - SPARC UHC Course for Health Leaders and Managers

Preamble

Many countries in Africa are taking action to scale up their domestic investment in health to accelerate achievement of [Universal Health Coverage \(UHC\)](#). However, realization of UHC requires health stewards who have capacity to navigate the ecosystems' political, economic, and institutional challenges. In order to build this capacity, [Amref Health Africa](#) in partnership with [Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center \(SPARC\)](#) have developed a UHC course for Health Leaders and Managers.

This course provides a platform for recipients to reflect on what works and why it works and to share experiences for peer learning and identify their knowledge and skills gaps in UHC. The course presents an opportunity for experts to use [Joint Learning Network](#), [UHC 2030](#) and other local and global resources and adapt these to their country contexts. The course is designed for leaders in the public, private and civil society organizations in the health space, at national, and sub-national levels.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

1. Lead discussions on UHC principles including quality, equity and prompt access of health services by most deserving populations and communities.
2. Build capacity for strong leadership for effective coordination, influencing, advocacy and accountability for advancement of UHC.
3. Develop the capacity to support stakeholders to apply strategic health purchasing in their work to advance UHC.

Course Modules:

The modules on offer include:

Introduction to health systems; Introduction to UHC; the health services coverage; quality; financial protection; equity; social accountability; health advocacy for UHC; strategic purchasing for health; case studies in UHC from global, regional and country perspectives. These modules align with the core pillars of UHC.

Duration and Delivery Approach:

This is a **3-day course**, with design of action plans/projects to apply learning in learners' respective contexts. Where applicable, participants will be **mentored for effective outcomes**. The course will be **customized** to suit client needs, including operationalizing Strategic Health Purchasing at national/sub-national levels. A diverse combination of participatory learning approaches using 'learning by doing' in context-specific and general environments will be used. Learning tools such as case studies will be deployed. **Keynote Speakers** with deep understanding of UHC will provide insights and lead discussions on viable options to fast track realization of Universal Health Coverage.

Course Faculty:

The Course Faculty will be drawn from country and regional health financing and health systems strengthening experts including the **Community** (The *FORCE*) that **SPARC**, the USAID funded African Collaborative for Health Financing Solutions (ACS) and Health Systems Strengthening –*The Accelerator (HSSA)* Initiatives are helping build as a network of coaches, mentors and facilitators for key areas of UHC.

Envisaged Benefits:

The course aims to expose and empower health stewards with competences to facilitate increased health investments at national and sub national levels, galvanize support for local UHC commitments and increase access to quality health services. In the long term, it is expected that health expenditure within SSA countries will achieve/exceed 15% of their annual budgets thereby increasing coverage and financial protection for the most vulnerable populations.

Required Investment:

This course is offered at US\$ 980 per person exclusive of accommodation and travel. However we would be happy to negotiate a corporate package and customize the curriculum for optimal outcomes.

Venue: Lake Naivasha Resort

Date: April 22nd -24th, 2020

About Amref Health Africa:

[Amref Health Africa](#) is the continent's leading health development organisation, founded and headquartered in Kenya. With over six decades of experience in health systems strengthening and a vision of creating lasting health change for communities in Africa, Amref Health Africa catalyses progress towards UHC through solutions in [human resources for health](#), [innovative health service delivery](#), and [health financing](#). Across Africa, Amref reaches approximately 12 million direct beneficiaries each year with services and information. We focus on strengthening systems for primary health care as a cost effective approach to enable Africa progress towards UHC.

About Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Centre (SPARC):

[Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Centre \(SPARC\)](#) is a new initiative to strengthen strategic purchasing expertise in sub-Saharan Africa and move countries closer to Universal Health Coverage. SPARC was launched by Results for Development (R4D) in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Housed within Amref Health Africa, SPARC will match country demand with needed technical expertise by brokering tailored packages of strategic purchasing support.

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