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**HEALTH SECTOR SUMMIT**  
WORKING TOWARDS UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

BRIDGING GAPS.

COLLABORATING ACTIONS.

SUSTAINING THE GAINS.

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## EVENT PROGRAMME - DAY 1

### 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION		
8:00 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES  INVOCATION  NATIONAL ANTHEM	REV. FR. JEROME R. SECILLANO Executive Secretary, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines	
8:10 AM	WELCOME REMARKS	ATTY. DWIGHT M. RAMOS President, UST Alumni Association, Inc. (USTAAI)	
8:20 AM	OPENING ADDRESS	VERY REV. FR. RICHARD G. ANG, OP, PH.D. Rector Magnificus, University of Santo Tomas	
8:30 AM	CONTINUING AAIG JOURNEY & DIRECTION SETTING	DEAN HENRY S. TENEDERO Convener, AAIG Summit	
8:40 AM	"The Academe, Alumni, Industry and Government Working Towards Universal Health Care: Bridging Gaps. Collaborating Actions. Sustaining the Gains."	HON. SEC. TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD Secretary, Department of Health	<b>Objective:</b> Acquire a deeper & comprehensive understanding of the state of implementation of UHC in the country and the role of the academe, alumni, industry and the government in progressing toward positive universal healthcare outcomes. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Critically analyze the current state of UHC in the country and identify the specific role of the Academe, alumni, industry and the government in achieving positive healthcare outcomes.
9:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION I: "BRIDGING GAPS" <i>What are the gaps? Why are there gaps? Where are the Gaps?</i>	DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN Moderator	

9:10 AM	KEYNOTE TALK 1	<p><b>HON. FRANCISCO "ISKO" MORENO DOMAGOSO*</b> Mayor, City of Manila</p> <p>*Invited</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Be equipped with adequate knowledge regarding the current status and frameworks being implemented globally related to UHC, the gaps related to its implementation and their implications for the country.</p> <p><b>Learning Outcome:</b> Critically analyze the current status and frameworks of UHC being implemented globally and their implications for the country to identify gaps in its implementation and interventions to be done to bridge the gaps identified.</p>
9:50 AM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION 1:</b></p> <p><b>HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCE "SUPPLY and DEMAND"</b> The Data and Misalignment</p> <p><b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator</p>	<p><b>MS. JOHANNA S. BANZON, RN, MScIH, DTMPH</b> Director, Health Human Resource Development Bureau (HHRDB)</p> <p><b>HON. ATTY. ERWIN M. ENAD</b> Commissioner, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)</p> <p><b>DR. CARMENCITA D. PADILLA, MHPS</b> Professor Emeritus, College of Medicine, UP Manila</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Be equipped with a comprehensive understanding of the supply and demand issues related to health human resources (HHR) and the various challenges encountered in the implementation of UHC which are needed in formulating a workable plan for positive and sustainable outcomes.</p> <p><b>Learning outcome:</b> Formulate a workable plan for positive and sustainable outcomes based on the comprehensive and critical understanding of the supply and demand issues related to HHR and the challenges related to its implementation for UHC in the local context.</p>
10:55 AM	<b>INTERACTIVE / REFLECTIVE SESSION SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSION</b>		
11:10 AM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION 2:</b></p> <p><b>"SUPPLY CHAIN &amp; ACADEME"</b> Competencies for Health care  (Note: 15 mins per Speaker)</p> <p><b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator</p>	<p>(MEDICINE)</p> <p><b>DR. CHARLOTTE CHIONG</b> Dean, UP College of Medicine</p> <p>(NURSING)</p> <p><b>MS. PEARL GONZALES-PO</b> Consultant, Career Progression and Specialization Program-Credit Accumulation and Transfer System Program Management Committee (CPSP-CATS PMC)</p> <p>(ALLIED HEALTH)</p> <p><b>PROF. ALETH THERESE L. DACANAY, PHD</b> Dean, UST Faculty of Pharmacy</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss comprehensively the supply chain issues related to the academe, specifically in the field of medicine, nursing and the allied health areas, that focuses particularly on the competencies needed to address healthcare issues within the context of UHC. Identify the key points in the supply chain issue related to the academe .</p> <p><b>Learning outcome:</b> Formulate a comprehensive strategic plan plan to address the supply chain issue on the critical competencies needed to address healthcare issues within the context of UHC in one's particular field of health care practice.</p>

11:55 AM	<b>INTERACTIVE / REFLECTIVE SESSION SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSION</b>		
12:15 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
1:20 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2: “COLLABORATING ACTIONS”</b> <i>How do we collaborate? Who will collaborate? Why do we need to collaborate? When do we collaborate?</i>	<b>DR. RITZMOND F. LOA, RN</b> Moderator	
1:30 PM	<b>KEYNOTE TALK 2</b>	<b>SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS</b> Chairperson, Committee on Health, Senate of the Philippines  *Invited	<b>Objective:</b> Critically identify and analyze the need for collaboration and the ways or strategies for effective collaboration among stakeholders to accelerate UHC initiatives. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Foster interdisciplinary collaboration utilizing partnership models that have proven effective in addressing challenges in the implementation of UHC.
2:30 PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION 3: “CHAIN OF HEALTH”</b> (Note: 15 mins per Speaker)  <b>DR. RITZMOND F. LOA, RN</b> Moderator	<div> (ACADEME)  <b>PROF. CHERYL R. PERALTA, DrPH</b>  Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, University of Santo Tomas </div> <div> (GOVERNMENT - HOSPITAL)  <b>DR. GERARDO D. LEGASPI</b>  Director, Philippine General Hospital </div> <div> (PRIVATE - HOSPITAL)  <b>DR WENDY RODRIGUEZ ACEBEDO, RN, PHD</b>  Assistant Vice President, St. Luke’s Medical Center </div> <div> (INDUSTRY)  <b>DR. DIANA M. EDRALIN, DPCOM</b>  General Manager, Roche (Philippines) Inc. </div> <div> (ALUMNI)  <b>PROF. MARIA MINERVA P. CALIMAG, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D.</b>  President, UST Medical Alumni Association </div>	<b>Objective:</b> Investigate the unique roles and contributions of the academe, alumni, industry and government and the diverse expertise and resources each sector offers in progressing toward UHC. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Design frameworks for effective collaboration among stakeholders to pool resources and accelerate UHC initiatives. Create networking opportunities to promote ongoing collaboration and cross-sector communication for impactful outcomes. Values the role of collaboration and networking in sustaining the gains of UHC in the country and globally.
4:00 PM	<b>INTERACTIVE / REFLECTIVE SESSION SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSION</b>		
4:30 PM	<b>BUILDING BRIDGES SOCIALS</b>		

# EVENT PROGRAMME - DAY 2

**27 SEPTEMBER 2025**

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION		
8:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER	<b>ASSOC. PROF. EVANGELINE E. TIMBANG, Ph.D.</b> Assistant Dean, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management	
8:05 AM	RECAP OF DAY 1	<b>ASSOC. PROF. JOCELYN AGCAOILI, MHPed, MSPT</b> Over-all Coordinator, AAIG for the Health Sector	
8:15 AM	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3:</b> <b>"SUSTAINING THE GAINS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC)"</b> <i>How do we sustain the gains of UHC?</i>	<b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator	
8:25 AM	<b>KEYNOTE TALK 1</b> Evidence-based Medicine	<b>DR. ANTONIO MIGUEL L. DANS</b> Vice President, Health Equity and Research Foundation, St. Luke's Medical Center	<b>Objective:</b> Discuss and identify methodologies for the maintenance and enhancement of health care improvements and policies and initiatives implemented that have demonstrated sustainability in healthcare advancement with UHC. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Utilizing evidence-based methodologies, examine critically methodologies for the maintenance and enhancement of health care improvements and policies and initiatives implemented that have demonstrated sustainability in health care advancement with UHC. With a deeper understanding, recognizes the value of evidence-based medicine and the PhilHealth in UHC promotion and sustainability.
9:05 AM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION 1:</b> <b>"How are they sustaining the gains of UHC?"</b> (Note: 15 mins per Speaker) <b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator	<b>DR. JOSE RENE D. DE GRANO</b> President, Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PHAPI) <b>DR. LEAH PRIMITIVA G. SAMACO-PAQUIZ</b> Chairman, PRC Board of Nursing <b>DR. HECTOR M. SANTOS, JR.</b> President Philippine Medical Association (PMA)	<b>Objective:</b> Assess mechanisms how hospital associations and professional organizations have sustained the gains of UHC. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Develop doable and practical strategies how the gains of UHC can be sustained at the personal, organizational or institutional level.



9:50 AM	INTERACTIVE / REFLECTIVE SESSION SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSION		
10:30 AM	<b>"PANEL DISCUSSION 2:</b>  <i>How are they sustaining the gains of UHC in Public Health?"</i>  (Note: 15 mins per Speaker)  <b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator	<b>DR. SAM JOSEPH CIRILO</b> President, Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines (AMHOP)	<b>Objective:</b> Discuss the different approaches/strategies that has worked in the public health sector in sustaining the gains of UHC. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Formulate strategies that are doable and sustainable that can be utilized in the community in collaboration with the community health services or BHUs and other health care providers, to promote the attainment of positive outcomes of UHC.
		<b>DR. MANUEL M. DAYRIT</b> Chairman, Zuellig Family Foundation	
11:15 AM	INTERACTIVE / REFLECTIVE SESSION SYNTHESIS OF THE DISCUSSION		
11:30 AM	<b>BUILDING BRIDGES SESSION: SHARING PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH UHC</b>	<b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> Moderator	
12:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4:</b>  <b>LECTURES / WORKSHOP</b>  <b>ROADMAPPING</b>	<b>DR. CARL E. BALITA, RN</b> FACILITATOR	<b>Objective:</b> Value the work done, individually and as a group, as a productive outcome that motivates in promoting UHC for the country through policy recommendations and advocacies and other sustainable initiatives. <b>Learning Outcome:</b> Recognizes the value of one's and other's contribution/role and collaborative efforts in promoting the implementation of UHC and making it work for the country.
3:30 PM	<b>PRESENTATION OF WORKSHOP OUTPUTS</b>		
4:00 PM	<b>SUMMARY &amp; CLARION CALL</b>  <b>MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING</b>	<b>PROF. MARIA MINERVA P. CALIMAG, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D.</b> Scientific Committee Chair AAIG for Health Sector Summit	
4:30 PM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<b>INOCENCIA INOCENCIA IDA S. TIONKO, RN, MHPeD</b> Organizing Committee Chair, AAIG for Health Sector Summit	