

International Health Economics Conference 2023 “Update on Progress towards Universal Health Coverage”

July 25-26, 2023

Organized by: Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka

Call for Research Papers

In celebration of the 25th year of its establishment, the Institute of Health Economics (IHE), University of Dhaka, is organizing a thematic international conference on “**Update on Progress towards Universal Health Coverage.**”

Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030 is one of the global commitments the nations of the world set when they adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. The success of this achievement will establish a health system where all people who need health services (promotion, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation) may receive them without enduring financial hardship. In 2023, after the global pandemic, sharing different country experiences to harness the global momentum on progress towards achieving UHC by 2030 will be an excellent opportunity for all of us. We encourage research that captures the best practices and innovative strategies to attain UHC, the budgetary issues, knowledge and experience in addressing bottlenecks and root causes of stagnation that hamper successful UHC advancement.

Thematic Areas of Research

The objective of the conference is to disseminate research findings on the progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The scope of research should be focused on, though not restricted to, the following topics:

- ✓ **Health sector reforms in developing countries**
- ✓ **Innovations in Healthcare Financing**
- ✓ **Efficiency of resource use and the quality of care**
- ✓ **Community-based healthcare**
- ✓ **Inequity in healthcare**
- ✓ **Challenges of Emerging Diseases**
- ✓ **Digital Health Ecosystem**

- ✓ **Environmental Health**
- ✓ **Investing in the preparedness for facing future pandemics**

The organizing committee cordially invites prospective participants (academic researchers, policymakers, government officials, development practitioners, and post-graduate students working on health economics and related issues) to submit an extended abstract of the original paper.

Abstract submission format

The extended abstract should clearly outline the background and objective of the research, a brief description of the methodology, key findings, and conclusions. The abstract should be maximum of 1000 words, excluding the authors' details.

Selection Process

The submitted abstracts will be evaluated through peer review by independent reviewers.

Timeline

1. Abstract Submission deadline: ***May 30, 2023***
2. Notification of Selection Decision: ***June 15, 2023***
3. PowerPoint presentation submission deadline: ***July 10, 2023***
4. Registration Period: ***June 01 – July 15, 2023***
5. Conference dates: ***July 25-26, 2023***

Abstract Submission

Interested researchers are requested to submit their abstracts to iheconference@du.ac.bd by ***May 30, 2023***.

Conference Participation

The conference will be held in Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Those who are interested are encouraged to participate in the conference either in person or online. Registration is required for participation. Registration information will be posted on the IHE website (<https://du.ac.bd/body/IHE>) from ***June 1, 2023***.

Conference Convener:

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