



Engaging the UN System and Member States to Achieve
Universal Health Coverage for PLWRD:

A Blueprint for Leaving No One

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Formal Side-Event
 to the UN High-Level
 Meeting on Universal Health
 Coverage September 2023

Thursday

21 September 2023

13:15 – 14:30 EST

Hybrid

United Nations Headquarters
 405 E 45th St
 New York, NY 10017
 United States
 Conference Room 7



Topic	Speaker
Welcome Address	Durhane Wong-Rieger – Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) and Chair, RDI Council
Opening Statements Via Video	Her Majesty The Queen Letizia of Spain Her Majesty The Queen Silvia of Sweden
Keynote Addresses	His Excellency Dr José Manuel Miñones Conde – Minister of Health, Spain Her Excellency Mrs Acko Ankarberg Johansson - Minister for Health Care, Sweden Her Excellency Dr Hanan Mohammed Al-Kuwari - Minister of Public Health, State of Qatar Dr Jérôme Salomon - Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO
High-Level Statements	His Excellency Mr Aurélien Rousseau - Minister of Health and Prevention, France Her Excellency Dr Zaliha Mustafa - Minister of Health, Malaysia Her Excellency Dr Theresa Tam - Chief Public Health Officer, Canada Her Excellency Dr Maha Barakat - Assistant Minister for Medical Affairs and Life Sciences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates His Excellency Dr Carlos Augusto Grabois Gadelha - Secretary of Science, Technology, Innovation and Strategic Health Inputs, Ministry of Health, Brazil Her Excellency Ms Sandra Gallina -Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission Dr Sarah Alkenbrack - Senior Strategic Advisor, Health Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank Anders Olauson - Chairman, NGO Committee for Rare Diseases and Ågrenska Foundation Liberato C. Bautista – President, The Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) Todd Howland - Chief, Development and Economic and Social Rights Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Moderated by Mr Yann Le Cam CEO, EURORDIS RDI Founder, Treasurer, & Policy Committee Chair	
Opening Remark from a Rare Disease Community Representative	Juan Carrión – President, Federación Española de Enfermedades Raras (FEDER) and Alianza Iberoamericana de Enfermedades Raras (ALIBER)
Panel Discussion with Patient Advocates Q&A	Western Pacific: Nadiah Hanim Abdul Latif - President, Malaysian Rare Disorders Society and Rachel Yang - Head of International Affairs, China Alliance for Rare Disease Americas: Diego Fernando Gil Cardozo - Executive Director, Federación Colombiana de Enfermedades Raras Africa: Christine Mutena - Co-Founder, Rare Disorders Kenya Europe: Vlasta Zmazek - President, DEBRA Croatia
Moderated by Durhane Wong-Rieger	
Closing Statement	Alexandra Humber Perry - Chief Executive Officer, RDI