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Moderator

Thank you to the members of the panel for your very thought provoking presentations.

The adoption of the Political Declaration on UHC in 2019 and in 2023 underscored the importance of SRHR to health and inclusive development and affirmed SRHR as a key part of UHC.

Yet too often SRHR is not fully integrated within UHC systems – leading to poorer health outcomes, and additional costs for women and girls – the impact is often greater for those who face additional disadvantage including women and girls with disabilities, First Nations people and migrant and refugee communities.

In Australia we have recently established a National Women’s Health Advisory Council which is actively looking at instances of gender bias in Australia’s health system and how we can address this and ensure that our health services can be more effective.

Through our international development program we are providing support for SRHR to be a key part of partner countries’ UHC programs.

I am interested in the reflections of the panel on the extent to which SRHR services and commodities are effectively integrated within UHC systems in our region.

Thank you