The meeting took place amidst an emerging articulation of ‘new and bold’ visions on accelerating universal health coverage (UHC). People agree that quality service delivery, financial access and governance are key.

We conclude that a radical rethink is required of some of the governance and collaboration strategies to arrive at a new political economy of health which will address the real health bottlenecks in more inclusive ways.

We therefore submit our support to the following commitments in health systems governance and partnership:

1. To speak truth to power, also in health systems
2. To develop a much open debate about the political economy surrounding health and the incentives involved in ‘partnerships’
3. To nurture, support and protect bold voices in health at global, national and local levels
4. To find ways to work together to create spaces in which new relationships of trust can be built
5. To embark on partnerships in tough situations, be courageous and persevering, and promote engagement for the long term
6. To push back the distorted and polarising narratives about ‘the other’, the double standards in applying governance principles, and instead foster true mutual understanding
7. To cultivate the skills needed to be sensitive to local demands and diversity
8. To revisit our health institutions and their governance roles in society, to inject governance and partnering into all UHC discussions
9. To finally practice what we preach on governance and the need to leave no one behind
10. To deepen global networks of solidarity.