

On Tuesday, 20 September 2016, H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of France, and H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa, will present the report of the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at a side event during the UN General Assembly in New York.

The report will include recommendations for world leaders to ensure that all countries have a health workforce capable of meeting the health needs of the 21st-century, and to enable countries to maximise the economic benefits that health sector employment generates.

The Commission was established by Secretary-General Ban in March 2016, and is being chaired by Presidents Hollande and Zuma, and vice-chaired by the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. It aims to inspire action by drawing the attention of the international community to the social and economic benefits of investing in the health workforce, locally and globally.

In addition to statements by Presidents Hollande and Zuma, speakers will include:

Prof Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Dr Joanne Liu, International President, Médecins Sans Frontières

H.E. Mr Alassane Ouattara, President, Côte d'Ivoire

H.E. Ms Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Norway

Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization

Mr Angel Gurria, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organisation

...and a musical performance by Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Princess of Africa.