

SPEAKING NOTES
FOR MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY HONOURABLE MTHEMBU
DE-COMMODIFYING HEALTH: A HUMAN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH
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Dr Githinji Gitahi, Global CEO of AMREF Health Africa and Co-Chair UHC2030 and Member of
the Governing Board for the Africa CDC
Deputy Minister of Health in South Africa, Dr Joe Phaahla
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Afternoon

We bring to you warm greetings and best wishes from the people of South Africa and our leader, President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Government of South Africa is committed to

The government of South Africa is based, and guarantees every citizen rights to which we are entitled, simply by virtue of our humanity. Human rights exist independent of our culture, religion, race, nationality, or economic status. Only by the free exercise of those rights can we enjoy a life of dignity. The very frailty of our human lives demands that we protect this right as a public good. Universal health coverage is crucial to the ability of the most marginalised groups of any population to live with dignity. Without health we do not live, let alone live with dignity.