A group of researchers from Africa, Asia and the Americas met yesterday and these are the key issues we would like to raise.

- Equity is the central goal. Universal health coverage is a mean of achieving equity.
- We have a shared right and responsibility to move towards universal health coverage. Communities, health workers, researchers, policy makers, funders, and others - in a process where the national is responsive to the local and the global to the national.
• To operationalize universal health coverage, we need to be context specific, and should not create fragmentation when we look at the different elements.

• Let’s not de-value universal health coverage the way we de-valued comprehensive primary health care when we reduced it from an empowering, population-responsive approach to navigate the whole health system to a set of technical interventions.
• We recognise that building universal health coverage is a process.
• There has been an impressive range of concepts and methods raised during the symposium. We need a research environment that provides the time, space and resources to adequately exchange and debate so that we can build a shared and informed understanding that contributes to action.