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Dr. Naoko Yamamoto brings nearly 30 years of experience working on health-related issues. She served as Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health in Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MoHLW). In this capacity, she was heavily involved in Japan's global health leadership to highlight the importance of promoting UHC. Prior to this role, she served in numerous health-related positions within the government of Japan, including as Director General of the Hokkaido Regional Bureau of Health and Welfare, Director of the Diseases Control Division at MoHLW, Director of the Health and Medical Division at the Ministry of Defense, and Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. From 2017 to 2022, she served as the Assistant Director-General of Division of UHC/Health Systems (in 2017) and Division of UHC/Healthier Populations (2018-2022) in the World Health Organization (WHO). She was the Chair of UN Nutrition from Jan. 2021 to Nov. 2022.

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