

HiAP Governance & Politics

National Health Assembly - Thailand

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HiAP – A key approach in progressing the SDGs, Adelaide, South Australia

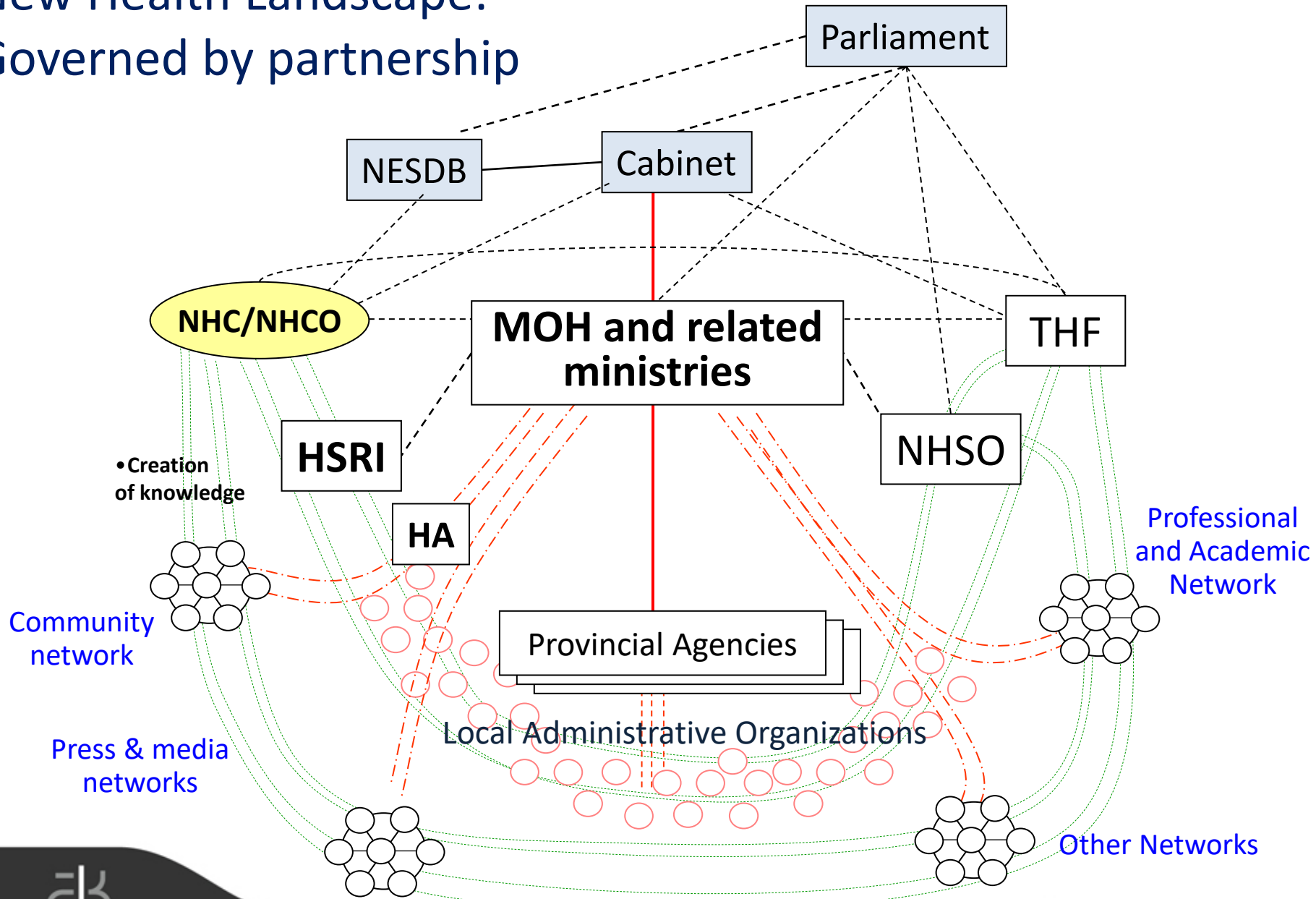


Health Systems Challenges

- Fragmented health systems
- Focusing on Treatment rather than Prevention
- Over-expenditure and inefficiency
- Unequal access to services
- Social determinants of health
- Pluralistic system (Governance by network)



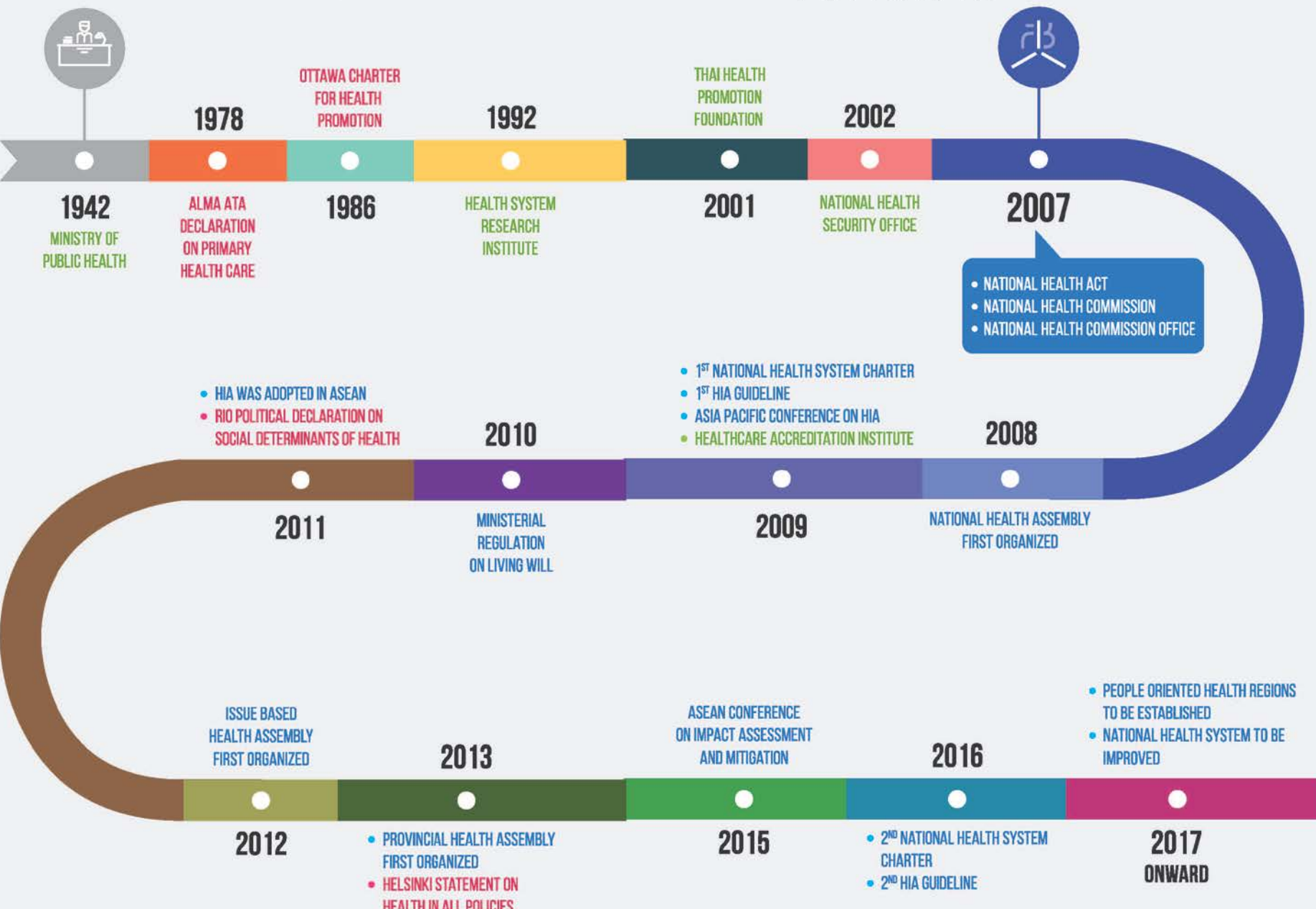
New Health Landscape: Governed by partnership



- Global Health Movement
- Thai Health Movement
- NHC O Movement



NHCO Timeline



National Health Act , 2007

Broader Definition of Health
covering 4 dimensions: physical,
mental, social and spiritual health

Health Impact Assessment
a tool to assess impact
of policies / projects
on health

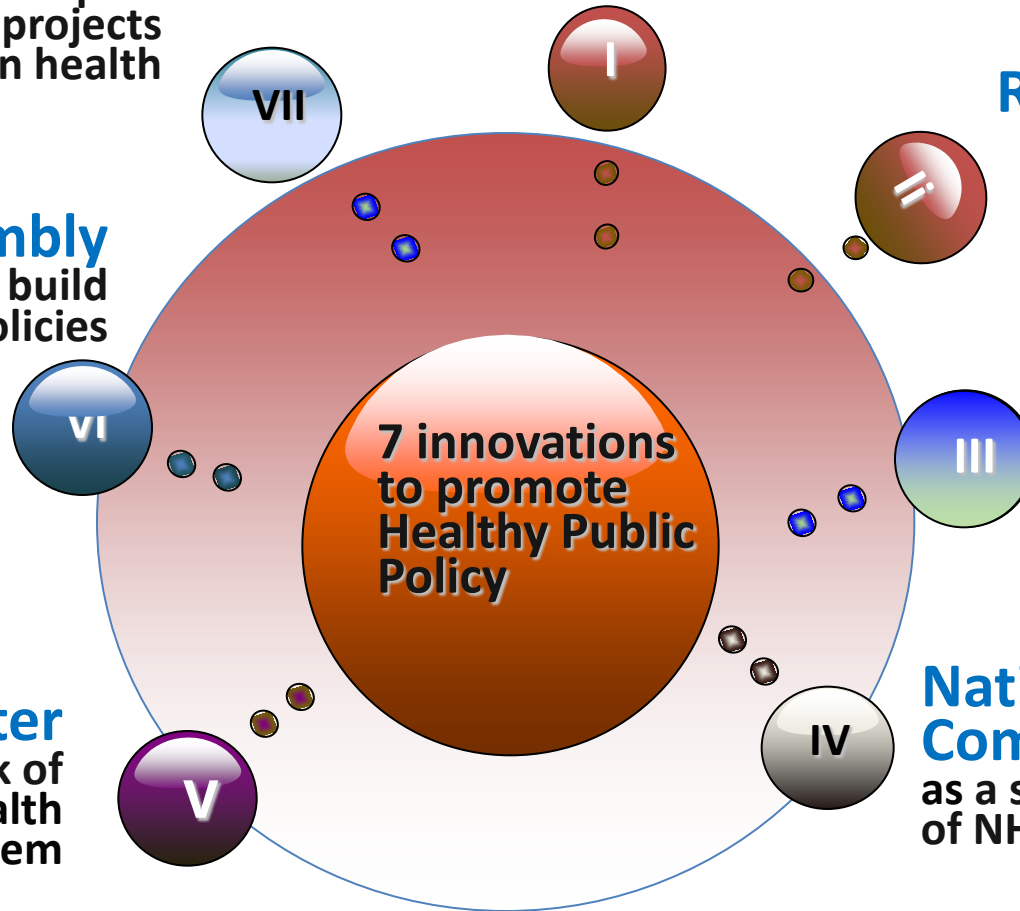
Rights to Health

Health assembly
as a process to build
Health in all policies

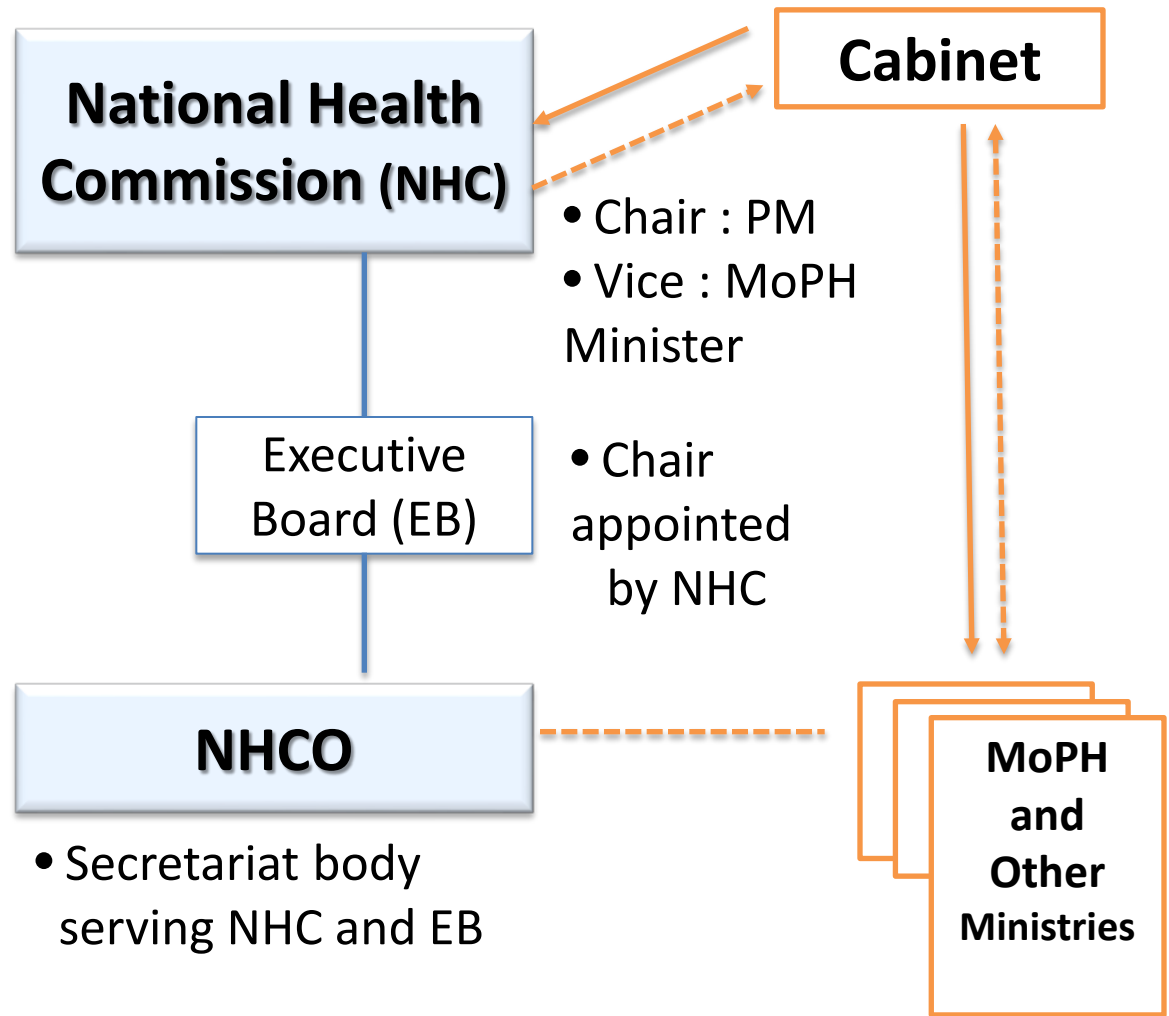
National Health Commission
new governance
body
on health chaired by
PM

Health Charter
a framework of
national health
system

National Health Commission Office
as a secretariat body
of NHC



National Health Commission (1)



National Health Commission (2)

- Give advices to the Cabinet on Policies and Strategies on Health
- Facilitate process of developing public policy with participatory manner

Government sector MoPH, MoSD, MoNRE, MoA, Mol, MoInd, Local gov. (4 ppl)

NHC

Comprised 3 sectors equally

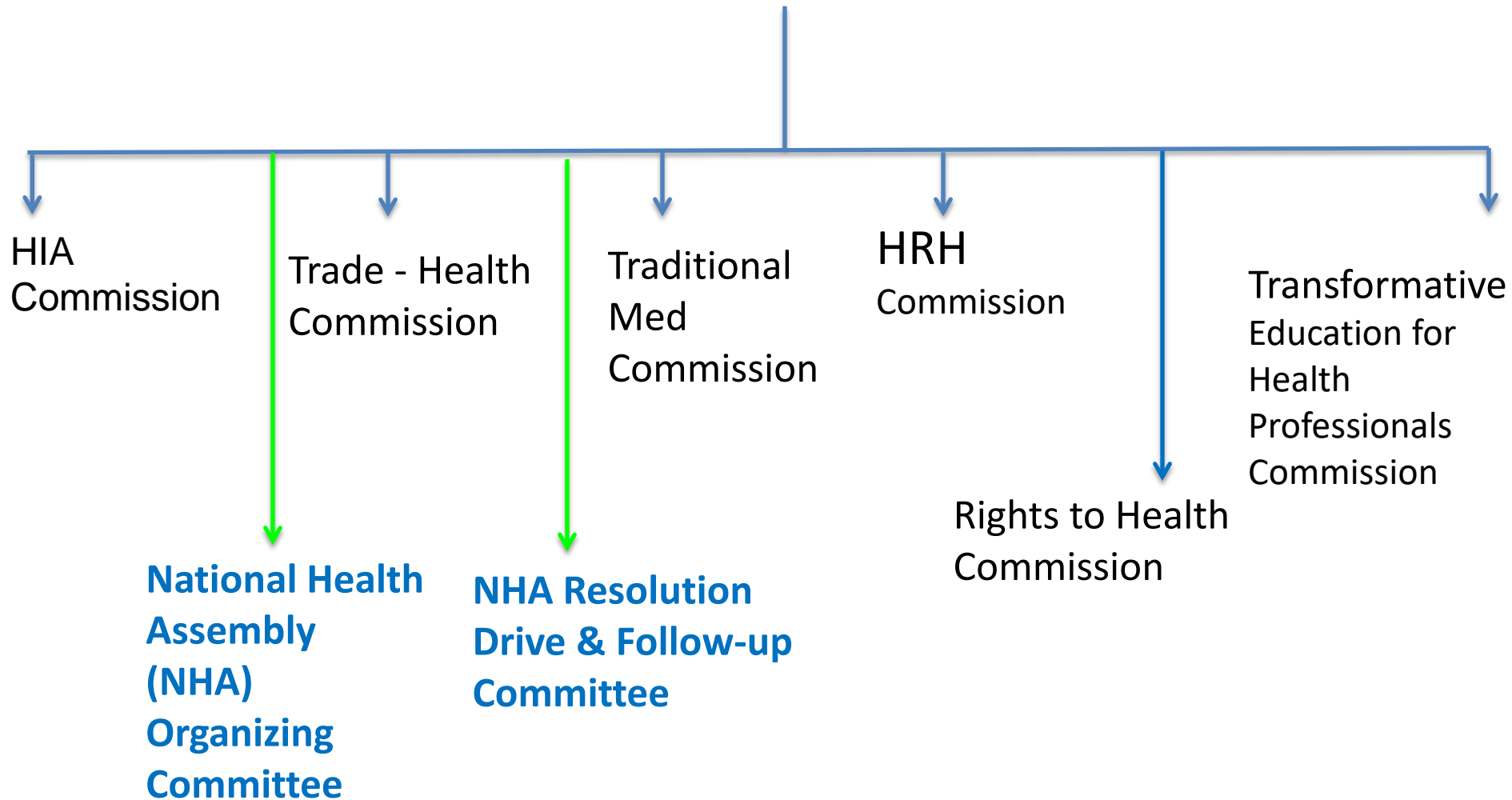
**Academic/
Professional Sector**

Professional Councils,
Academic from Non-Health sectors
public policy, economics ,business, media,
specific pop group, social development

Civil society
elected from 13
areas/zones



National Health Commission (3)



Health Assembly : Principles

Function

- A process and a platform to make policy recommendations for the country.

Delegate

- 280 constituencies
- Represent Government/Politician sector, academia/profession's sector and people sector

Process

- Agenda setting
- Draft technical report and resolution
- Consultation of the draft resolution
- Deliberation at the NHA



NHA Resolutions towards UHC and SDGs, some examples

Medical, Public Health Issues

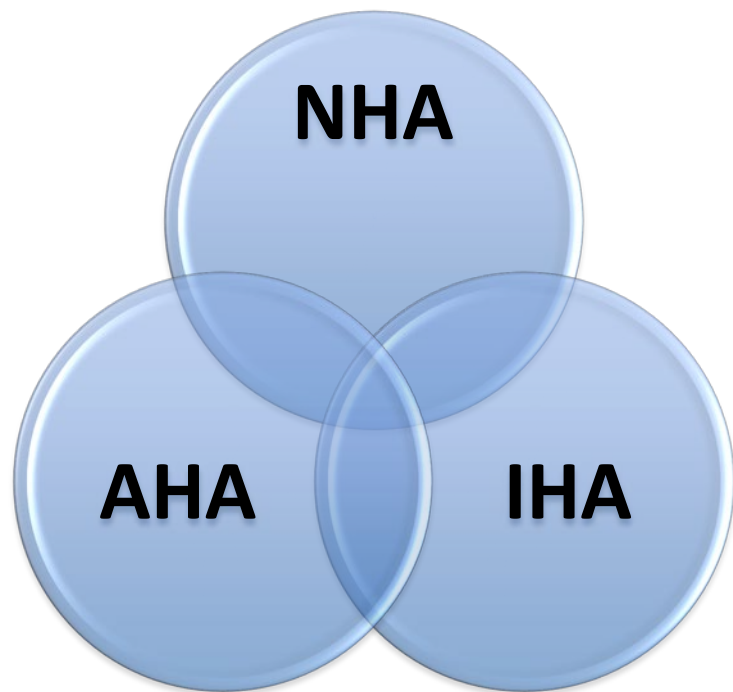
- Res 1.2 access to medicine
- Res 1.8 equal access to basic health services
- Res 2.1 long term care for dependent elderly people
- Res 3.2, 5.10 equal access to health services
- Res 6.2 preventing and controlling NCD
- Res 7.2 health technology assessment and its decision making

SDH Issues

- Res 1.9 impact of media to children and family
- Res 2.1 hazardous waste management
- Res 3.9 Impact Free Trade Agreement
- Res 5.2 impact biomass power plant
- Res 5.5 food safety: agriculture chemicals
- Res 6.4 illegal advertisements of drugs, food and health products



Health Assembly ... from National to Local



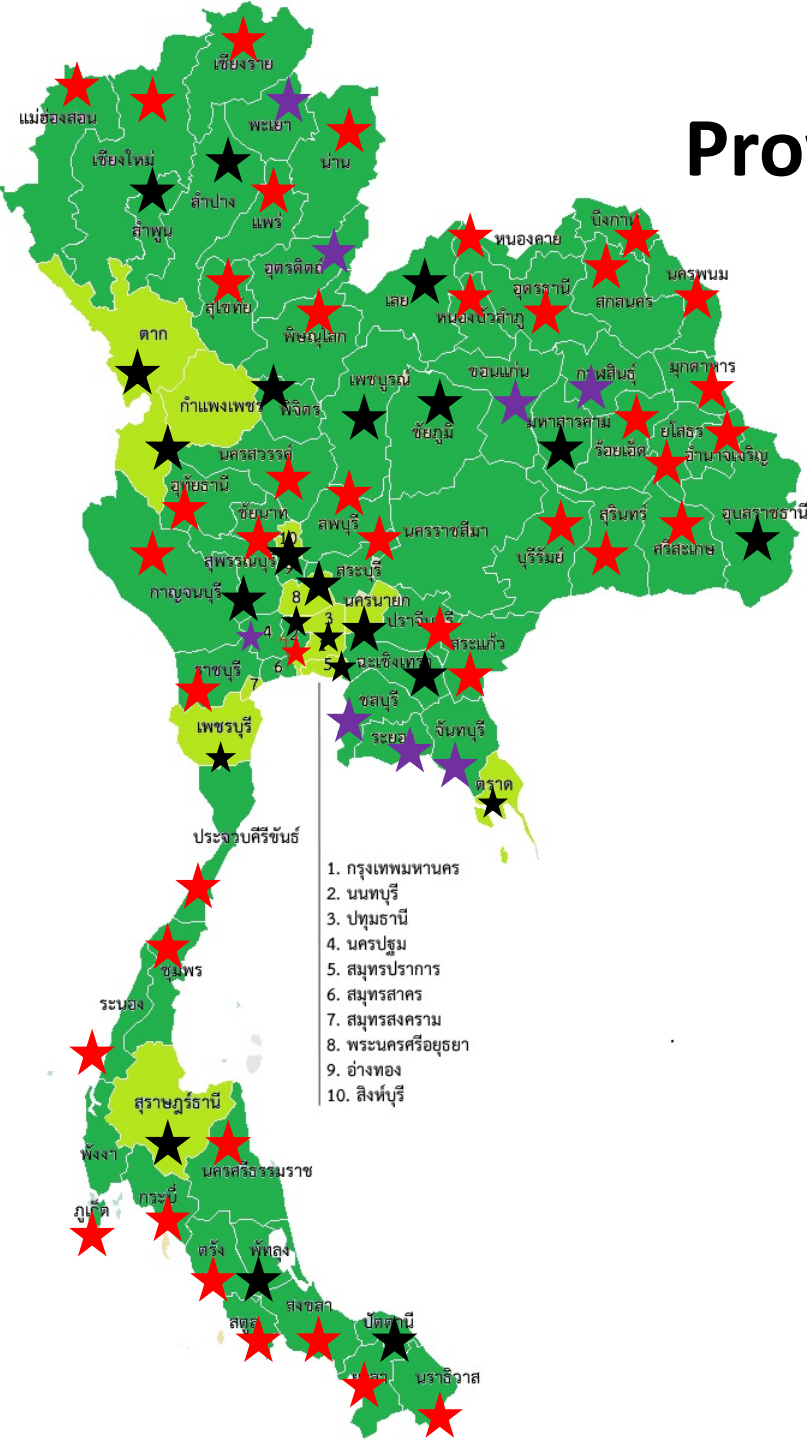
Models

1. National Health Assembly (NHA)
2. Area-based Health Assembly (AHA)
3. Issue –based Health Assembly (IHA)

Same Principles

1. Inclusive participation to build Inter-sectoral action
2. Systematic , but flexible Management
3. Evidence informed decision making

Provincial Health Assembly (PHA)



Organizing Committee

- ★ Government agency
- ★ Research or Educational Institute
- ★ Civil Society Organization

1. กรุงเทพมหานคร
2. นนทบุรี
3. ปทุมธานี
4. นครปฐม
5. สมุทรปราการ
6. สมุทรสาคร
7. สมุทรสงคราม
8. พระนครศรีอยุธยา
9. อ่างทอง
10. สิงห์บุรี

Conclusion

- Effective public policy needs strong commitment and ownership from all partners [politic-social-knowledge]
- Health Assembly - an innovative social tool for population participation in public policy [HiAP] process toward desirable health goals [SDGs], practically in national, local level, and specific issues
- Dialogue and systematic consultation is crucial



Thank you



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