



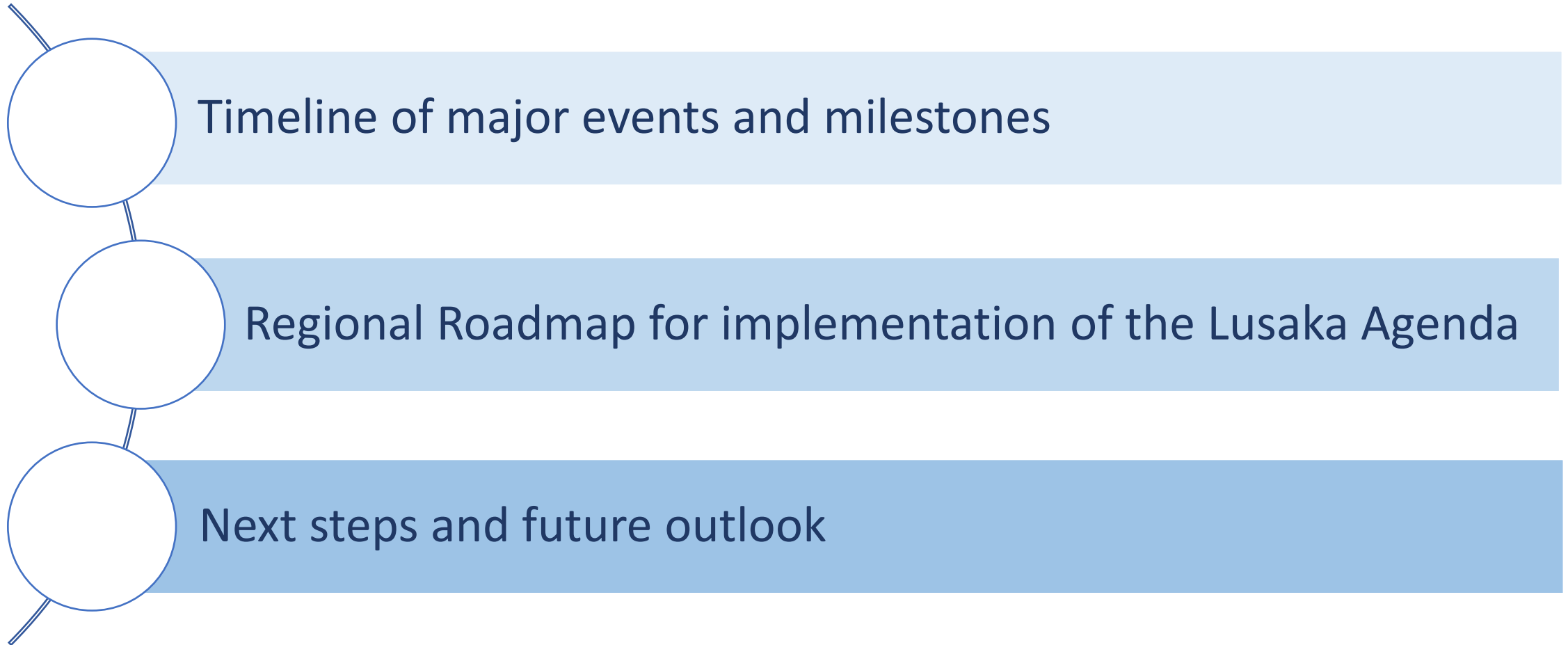
African Region

Advancing the Lusaka Agenda in the African Region

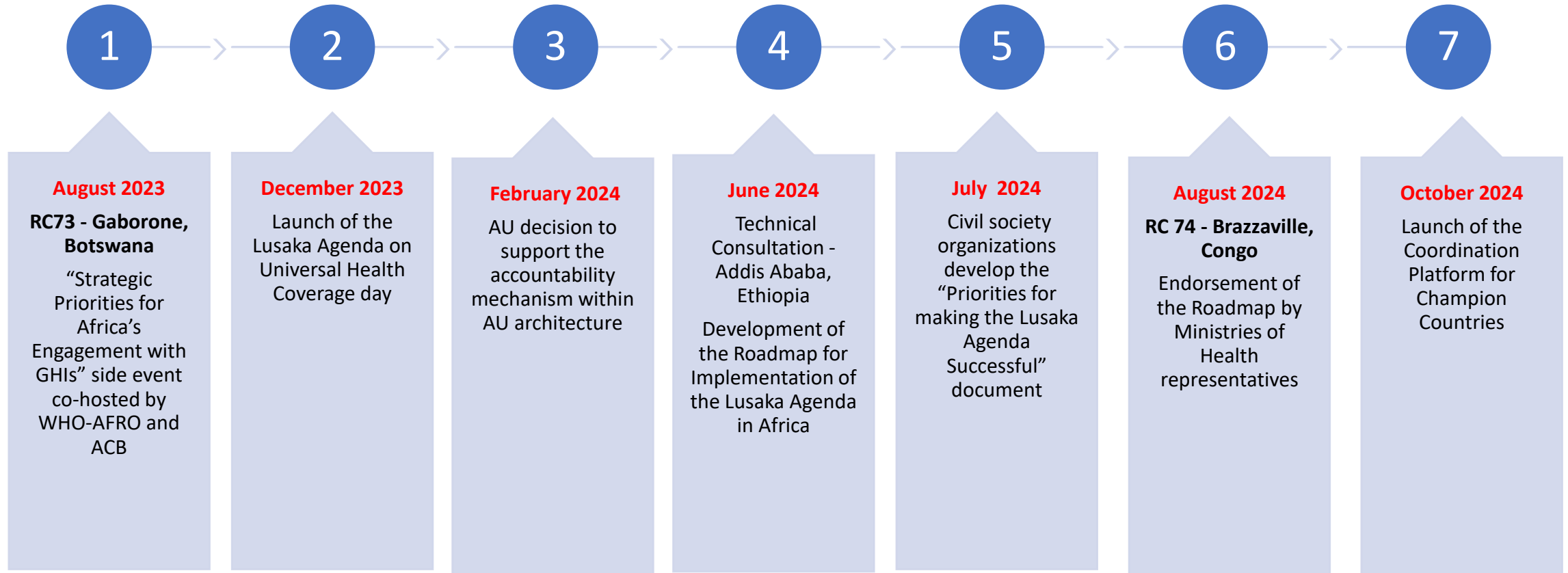
Progress and priorities

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Outline



Timeline of major actions and milestones



Regional Roadmap for Implementation of the Lusaka Agenda

Roadmap for implementation of the Lusaka Agenda in Africa

Introduction

This Roadmap for Implementation of the Lusaka Agenda in Africa is an outcome of the [Technical Consultation on Advancing Africa's Leadership and Unified Voice towards Realization of the Lusaka Agenda](#) convened in collaboration with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the African Constituency Bureau for the Global Fund (ACB) in Addis Ababa, 12-13 June 2024.

The Roadmap is being shared for the consideration of Ministers of Health and their representatives at the Seventy-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, in August 2024, to support a unified African voice calling for change.

The Roadmap provides guidance for governments on how to embed the Lusaka Agenda key shifts and near-term priorities into their ways of working and builds on the February 2024 decision of African Heads of State and Government at their Thirty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) to "support the establishment of an accountability mechanism within the AU architecture to ensure the effective implementation of the Lusaka Agenda in Africa".

The Lusaka Agenda: Conclusions of the Future of Global Health Initiatives Process was launched on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day on 12 December 2023, following [final consultations](#) at the Conference on Public Health in Africa in Lusaka, Zambia in November 2023. Its launch marked the culmination of a 14-month process of engagement, including at the [Strategic Priorities for Africa's Engagement with Global Health Initiatives \(GHI\)](#) meeting during the 73rd WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Gaborone, Botswana, where ministers called for a unified African voice in engagement with GHIs. This Roadmap is a response to this call.

Of note, the Lusaka Agenda is referenced in WHO's [Fourteenth General Programme of Work 2025-2028](#), which was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Lusaka Agenda captures consensus around five key shifts for the long-term evolution of GHIs – and the wider global health financing ecosystem – and a path towards a joint long-term vision of domestically-financed health systems and UHC that leaves no-one behind. The key shifts for this evolution, which build on work that is already happening, are to:

1. Make a stronger contribution to primary health care (PHC) by effectively strengthening systems for health
2. Play a catalytic role towards sustainable, domestically-financed health services and public health functions
3. Strengthen joint approaches for achieving equity in health outcomes
4. Achieve strategic and operational coherence
5. Coordinate approaches to products, research and development (R&D), and regional manufacturing to address market and policy failures in global health.

Deliberations at the 12-13 June 2024 [Technical Consultation on the Lusaka Agenda](#) made it clear that governments are committed to delivering these shifts and the associated near-term priorities, working in tandem with their partners at national, global and regional levels.

Recognizing that strong government ownership and leadership are key to affecting change and to advancing Africa's leadership and unified voice toward realizing the Lusaka Agenda, the consultation proposed that:

Ministers of health, in order to facilitate the alignment of external support to their national plans and systems and transition to domestically-financed health systems and UHC:

- build and sustain political and technical leadership capacity in all relevant government ministries and institutions to drive change in line with the five strategic shifts;
- strengthen and update their public financial management (PFM) systems, laws and relevant policies to improve financial management and facilitate alignment of external resources with national systems. GHI health systems

Provides **implementation framework** for
Ministers of Health
Regional partners

Guides **embedding the five shifts** into operations at the
national level

Multistakeholder approach,
complementary actions by
GHI secretariats
Development partners
Civil society, community
& other stakeholders

Key implementation themes for the Roadmap

Political Leadership & ownership

Strong government leadership
is essential

Financial Systems strengthening

Systems, laws and policies
need to be updated

National Framework Development

One plan, One budget, One
M&E system

Domestic Resource Mobilisation

Increasing domestic financing
for health

Civil Society Engagement

Ongoing involvement in the
implementation pathway
at all levels

Peer Learning

Sharing experiences and
lessons learned

Regional Coordination Mechanisms and Accountability

Leveraging comparative
advantage of each org.

Urgent Action Needed

Building on existing
mechanisms to realise five
shifts

Global Health Initiatives Response

Next steps and immediate priorities

**Country-level
frameworks**

**Continued Champion
Countries' engagement
and expansion**

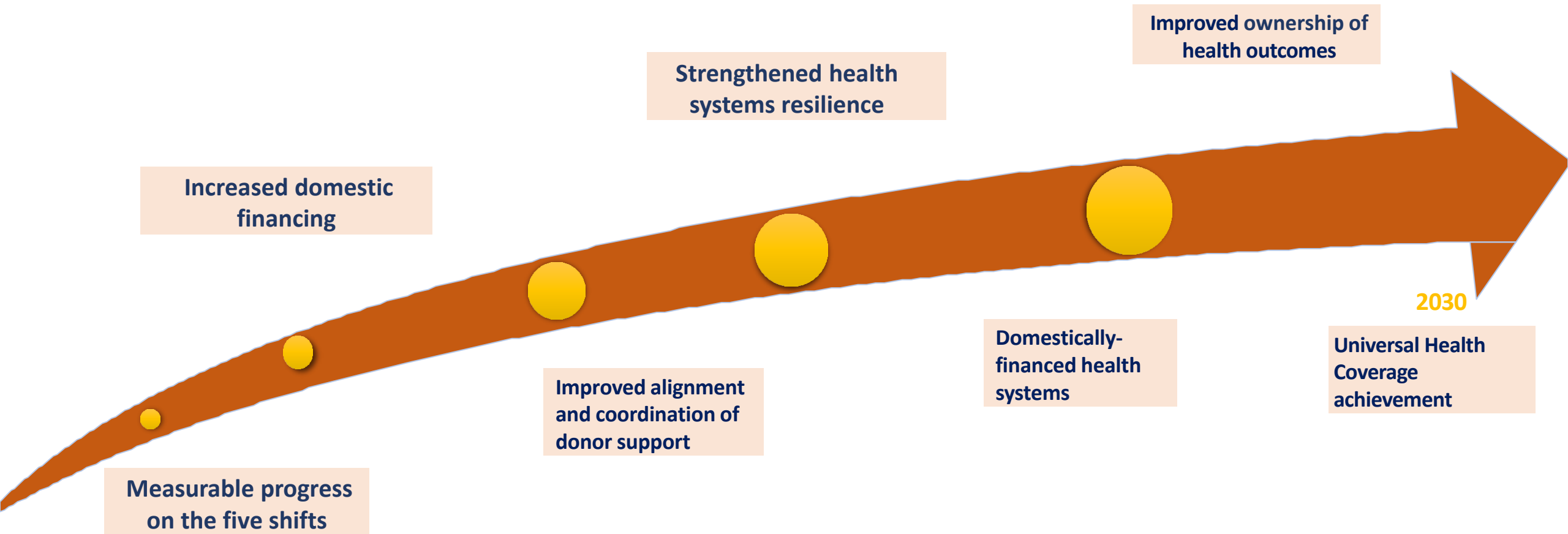
**GHI harmonization
initiatives**

**Responsive technical
support to countries
and capacity building**

**Establishing accountability
mechanisms**

AU accountability mechanism
National mechanisms and scorecards

Future outlook



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