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# PHA3 DAILY NEWSBRIEF

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## Highlights for today:

### UWC Campus Tour

10:00 Main Square

### Opening Plenary

14:30-19:00 Main Square/Hall

### Film & Documentary Festival

Thembi @ 20:00 in S1

### Exhibitions

1-in-9 Campaign UWC Library  
Streetwork UWC Library  
Mamelani GH1 Foyer Upper

### PHM Merchandise for Sale

T-shirts, Notebooks, GHW3

## CALLING THE ASSEMBLY TO ORDER

Delegates from over 90 countries have descended upon the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa with one goal: Health for All Now! This Third People's Health Assembly is a time of reflection, analysis and planning solid action for a way forward.

After gathering in Savar, Bangladesh and Cuenca, Ecuador PHM activists were led to action by a strong understanding of the failings of governments, the suffering of communities, and the struggle of people to achieve the human right to health. From these Assemblies came the People's Charter for Health and the Cuenca Declaration.

This week in Cape Town, hundreds again come together, now with a deeper understanding of the issues faced and new opportunities for achieving change. The PHA3 will culminate with a march to parliament and the Cape Town Call to Action. Let this People's Health Assembly be as inspiring as those before it, and even more!

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## NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES CONVENE

As the PHA3 gets underway in Cape Town, PHM circles across the globe are taking stock of the state of health and the right to health in their countries or regions. Assemblies in Sindh Pakistan and in Sri Lanka drew in scores of people to create a dialogue on pressing health issues in the countries. In addition, PHM South Africa held a successful national assembly in the days preceding the

PHA3.

Other national assemblies will be held during and following the PHA3, such as the UK national assembly in Nottingham on 10-11 July. Just as the global assembly, national health assemblies are an opportunity to form alliances and build the PHM network within countries.

If you are not at the PHA3, check within your region for an Assembly happening near you!

# What you don't want to miss:

## THE PHA3 CALL TO ACTION

The PHA3 will culminate with the Cape Town Call to Action. The Call to Action will be discussed and developed throughout the PHA3 and then be adopted by the Assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Sessions to discuss and debate the Call to Action will be held on 7, 9 July at 17:00 and 8, 10 July at 14:30. Please check the PHA3 program for venues.

A draft of the Call to Action is available for download from the PHM website. Comments and suggestions on the draft may be sent to [call-to-action@phmovement.org](mailto:call-to-action@phmovement.org).

## DOCUMENTARY & FILM FESTIVAL

An exciting documentary and film festival has been organized to take place throughout the duration of the PHA3. Films from South Africa and international films will be screened, and discussion with the producer or subject of the documentary or a PHA3 speaker with special knowledge on the theme of the film will follow each screening.

Films will be shown at different times each evening, so check the program for details. All screenings will take place in venue S1.



*Health for All Now!*

**People's Health Movement**

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The organizers have ensured that delegates at the PHA3 will experience the spirit and culture of South Africa while at the Assembly. Cultural activities have been planned for the evenings. In addition to local documentaries, there will be a daily food market where local food can be purchased with food vouchers. Also, there will be a craft market on 8 July. On 10 July there will be an African music evening. You won't want to miss these!

## WORKSHOPS

Self-organized workshops are a fantastic opportunity for international collaboration on a variety of topics. Organizers from different parts of the world have come together to build sessions with diverse perspective and potential for significant action. These workshops encourage sharing experiences, highlighting core challenges, and sharing ideas for action. There are concurrent workshops running on 7-10 July at in the afternoons. Workshop organizers are handing out information on their sessions throughout the venues. But be sure to check your programme for detailed dates, times, venues and descriptions of each session.

***We welcome your contribution to this newsletter. Please submit a short piece on an important health issue, your experience of the PHA3 or other relevant topic to [pha3newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pha3newsletter@gmail.com)***