



# PHA3 DAILY NEWSBRIEF

*A special edition of PHM Global News*

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## Highlights for today:

### GET A RADIO FOR TRANSLATION

Sessions will be in English, French and Spanish. Please check out a radio before sessions begin.

### Workshops

14:30 & 17:00

### Film & Documentary Festival

*Taking Haart* @ 17:00

*Healers* @ 20:15

### Regional Meetings

8:00 (various venues)

### Exhibitions

1-in-9 Campaign UWC Library

Streetwork UWC Library

Mamelani GH1 Foyer Upper

### PHM Merchandise for Sale

T-shirts, Notebooks, GHW3

### Contribute to this Newsletter

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The Opening Plenary for the PHA3 got off to a great start in Cape Town. The plenary gave the stage to PHM activists and South African locals alike.

David Sanders opened the plenary with a welcome to all delegates and highlighted the connectivity of nations through movements and struggles such as those against the excess of wealth and the current rise in health disparities across the world. He also stressed that since Health for All did not happen in 2000 PHM must press on until the goal is reached.

PHM Activist Pat Anderson discussed the relationship of aboriginal people in Australia with their land and the impact of land rights and colonization on their health.

Leaders from the University of the Western Cape including the Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor expressed solidarity with PHM's mission and with the PHA. The

Chancellor (through a speech delivered by a representative) noted that he is a strong advocate for the social determinants of health. In his speech he emphasized that "change occurs through sharing, learning, consolidation and making ways forward."

The South African minister of health spoke about the state of health in this country and focusing on South Africa as a "country of contradictions" from the "very rich and very poor to the "extremely healthy and extremely unhealthy". He firmly stated, "health systems around the world are designed for the rich, not for the poor". The Minister called on his own government and governments around the world to address these staggering inequities.

The opening plenary closed with a wonderful showcase of South African talent in a dance performance that amazed everyone in attendance!

## WORLD CULTURES COME TOGETHER AT PHA3

The opening plenary was a showcase of culture and spirit from around the world. Before the session began traditional healers from South Africa and also from Latin America performed ceremonies to bless the assembly. On stage at the plenary, traditional healers blessed and religious leaders blessed the participants and the PHA. Local community health workers invited others from around the world to share the stage with them in solidarity. The opening plenary was vibrant with singing and dancing and



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## NEPAL STUDENTS ORGANIZE CIRCLE, NATIONAL PHA

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Contributed by Tara Ballav Adhikari

Peoples Health Movement Nepal Students Circle (PHM-NSC) is a group of dynamic and energetic young minds moved to action by the People's Health Movement to raise their voice for peoples' right to equitable and quality health and bringing forth solutions to address this issue at regional, national and international levels.

Inspired by PHM activity historically, this new initiative has been undertaken by Nepalese students to establish the PHM-NSC to foster meaningful contributions from the student perspective. The students set forth to make others aware of the PHM's vision of equitable, universal health care

for all people regardless of any distinctions and hope that students will be viewed as indispensable change agents and



**Dr. Mathura Prasad Shrestha delivers speech at PHA in Nepal.**

as valued partners in decision making at all levels.

PHM-NSC is motivated by its motto, "Think globally and act locally". The circle has planned PHM public lectures, discussion forums, theatre as

well as grown alliances and networks.

Over the past year, leading up to the Third People's Health Assembly (PHA3) the group held a series of discussions and preparatory meetings with professionals, students and experts on the themes of PHA3 and Nepalese Health. As a culminating event, the PHM-NSC along with the national PHM circle held a consultative meeting on the PHA3 in April. The event was heavily attended and concluded with drafting of the Nepalese way forward to PHA3. The PHM-NSC aims to be a strong circle and grow the cause of PHM in Nepal and beyond.



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### CALL TO ACTION WORKSHOPS

All are invited to attend the Call to Action Workshops every evening to provide input into the Cape Town Call to Action. Join us on Sunday 2:30-4:30pm School of Public Health A & B; Monday 5-7pm at GH3, and Tuesday 2:30 - 4:30pm School of Public Health A & B.

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### TAKE PART IN THE WAY FORWARD

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#### CHALLENGING OIL AND MINING INDUSTRIES

*A call to action on people's health and environmental justice*

A group of PHM activists from Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America are meeting to share our experiences and ideas for how we can work together to address mining and oil industries that are harming people's health. Please join us to discuss these issues at:

- Sunday July 8: 2:30 - 4:30 at DL2 Listed in the program as "Challenging Extractive Industries"
- Monday July 9: 1 - 2:30pm (during lunch) on third tier of the Student Center.... bring your lunch and join us!

Colleagues from Sierra Leone will offer a workshop on diamond mining on Sunday July 8, 2:30 - 4:30pm at DL1.

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### SOUTH AFRICAN ASSEMBLY ON YOUTUBE

A video of the South African National Health Assembly has been posted on Youtube! You can access it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exlg82qXxQI&feat>