



## Where is PHM at PMAC 2024?

PMAC has, for many years, created the platform for critical perspectives and voices from the Global South, including PHM, and that this has been unique and highly valued by many people working in global health.

Since the first PMAC the People's Health Movement (PHM) has brought a cutting-edge civil society voice to PMAC. We have been active on its International Organising Committee (IOC), and as such assisted in developing the concept notes and conference sessions; been co-Chair of that group and have been invited to the PMAC every year since 2007. We were initially on the IOC for PMAC 2024, and given the topic contributed significantly to both the concept note and many sessions.

## So why isn't PHM here in 2024?

PMAC told us that we were no longer welcome at the IOC or at the conference.

**The reason:** We objected to the involvement of fossil fuel corporations at PMAC 2023 and through an article in the BMJ (The dangers of "health washing" the fossil fuel industry (bmj.com))

We find this decision perplexing, sad and deeply worrying. Critical perspectives on the state of global health are needed more than ever, and the exclusion of the BMJ and PHM is indicative of inappropriate and unhealthy censorship.

## How PMAC 2024 misses out

PHM is a large global network of health activists, professionals, academics and organisations with a presence in more than eighty countries, most of which are low and middle income countries. Discussions at PMAC 2024 will be noticeably less inclusive and less rich without PHM's voice.

## PHM 5<sup>th</sup> People's Health Assembly

We invite you to join PHM at the 5<sup>th</sup> People's Health Assembly taking place in Mar del Plata, Argentina from the 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Geo-politics and their implications for health will be at the forefront of discussions and its is guaranteed to be a corporate-free space. Details at PHA 5 | People's Health Movement (phmovement.org) Or google 'People's Health Movement PHA5'.

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