



# WHY HEALTH JUSTICE MATTERS

The COVID Pandemic - Global South Lessons, Reflections & Intersection with Climate Justice

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Time/Venue	Session/Activity
<b>MONDAY 24 APRIL</b>	
15.00 - 18.00 Excelsior	ARRIVAL: Registration
19.00 - 21.00 Excelsior Courtyard	Welcome drinks and light dinner

Sessions will be live-streamed where possible or available as a delayed-live feed.



Who is attending



Who is speaking

## ACTIVITIES



### FILM BOOTH:

#### 'Voices from the Favelas' Health Poverty Action

'Voices from the Favelas' documents the community's life in Cantagalo Favela, Rio de Janeiro, during the Covid-19 pandemic. HPA spoke to residents about the collective pain the community went through as they waited for a Covid-19 vaccine. Community leaders from the favela shared their struggles during the extended lockdowns where extreme poverty, hunger, violence, poor infrastructure and services were affected.

#### Never Again (Virtual Reality Booth) People's Vaccine Alliance

To help address the inequities in global access to medical technologies that HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 laid bare, the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners launched an mRNA technology transfer program in July 2021, hosted by Afrigen Biologics Ltd. in Cape Town. Enter an immersive tour of the WHO-backed Afrigen mRNA technology transfer hub program, exploring its sites at Afrigen and Biovac (South Africa) and the Institute Pasteur (Senegal). Hear from community members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, activists, community health workers, and researchers.



### POWER MAP:

Where we are versus where the power resides:

The "world power map" is an interactive activity where everyone will be provided with an opportunity to indicate where they work (country) and where the companies and institutions that are the focus of their work are headquartered or based (country).



### QUESTION WALL:

We will create a "Question Wall" where everyone can write down their questions or issues that they want to be discussed in detail during the activist workshops that will be held on two evenings during the meeting.



### REMEMBRANCE WALL:

Honoring those lost during COVID-19.

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<b>TUESDAY 25 APRIL</b>		
6.00	<b>BREAKFAST COMMENCES IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
7:30 - 9.00 Plaza	 <b>NETWORKING SHOWCASE</b> <b>ZONE:</b> Regional Showcase - Latin America	Each morning during the convening, over 3 days, we will showcase a Global South region. All organizations from that region are welcome to showcase their work, in an informal and conversational way - and meet groups from other regions and their own regions. Groups will have a dedicated space to also share any reading materials and explain informally who they are, where they work and what their organizational priorities are. We also invite regions to share tea, coffee, sweets or other traditional products from their country.
9.00 - 9.30 Guanabara	<b>OPENING SESSION:</b> Welcome and honouring those lost during COVID-19 <b>Speakers:</b> Renata Reis - MSF Brazil; Jocelio Drummond - PSI; Veriano Terto - ABIA and Fatima Hassan - HJI - on behalf of the Organizing Group	Moment of silence. Welcome participants, frame meeting intentions, and explain why we are coming together, meeting rules and objectives, and what we want to achieve.
9.30 - 11.00 Guanabara	<b>OPENING ADDRESS:</b> "Brazil is back: opportunities, perspectives and challenges of the new government to build solidarity, and a sustainable and democratic global future" <b>Speakers:</b> Mychelle Alves - ASFOC and Reinaldo Guimarães - ABRASCO <b>Moderator:</b> Susana Ploeg - ABIA / GTPI	This session will explore opportunities, perspectives, and challenges of the new Brazilian government in building a sustainable, democratic, and globally interconnected future - also exploring the potential for Brazil to regain its role as a leader in global health governance.
11.00 - 11.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
11.30 - 13.00 Guanabara	<b>SESSION 1:</b> Where are we? - Setting the scene: "The Health Justice Movement Landscape: Where it came from, where it stands now, key opportunities and risks" <b>Speakers:</b> Solange Baptiste - ITPC; Richard Parker - ABIA; with comments from Alejandro Aleman - CAN LAC <b>Moderators:</b> Milena Sergeeva - GCHA and Rajnia Rodrigues - DAWN Brazil	The setting the scene sessions will provide a snapshot of what is happening - here within the health justice movement: it will provide a brief timeline, highlight key successes and failures, identify allies and opposers, and summarise current agenda priorities. This session aims to enable everyone to get a better sense of what is happening in this movement.
13.00 - 14.00	<b>LUNCH IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
14.15 - 15.45 Guanabara	<b>SESSION 2:</b> Where are we? - Setting the scene: "The Climate Justice Movement Landscape: Where it came from, where it stands now, key opportunities and risks" <b>Speakers:</b> Leticia Tura - FASE; Gardi Lavadenz - TWN; with comments from Othoman Mellouk - ITPC <b>Moderators:</b> Maaza Seyoum - PVA and Agung Prakoso - IGJ	The setting the scene sessions will provide a snapshot of what is happening - here within the climate justice movement: it will provide a brief timeline, highlight key successes and failures, identify allies and opposers, and summarise current agenda priorities. This session aims to enable everyone to get a better sense of what is happening in this movement.
16.00 - 18.00	<i>Free time. Networking also continues informally including in the Networking Showcase Zone.</i>	
18.30 - 20.30	<i>Activist Workshops</i>	
Venue TBC	<b>WORKSHOP 1:</b> Building Equitable Futures - Just Transition Strategies for Climate Action  <b>Hosts:</b> Oxfam LAC and Climate Action Network (CAN) LAC	<b>WORKSHOP 2:</b> Campaigning for Equity in COVID-19: Showcasing the People's Vaccine Alliance and Free the Vaccine Campaign  <b>Hosts:</b> PVA and Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)
		<b>WORKSHOP 3:</b> Decolonizing Climate Justice: Addressing Environmental Racism to Center Marginalized Voices  <b>Hosts:</b> Bolivian Observatory on Climate Change & Systemic Alternatives Initiative (OBCCD)

Latin America homage to medicine access champion Jorge Beloqui

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<b>WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL</b>		
6.00	<b>BREAKFAST COMMENCES IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
7.30 - 8.45 Plaza	<b>NETWORKING SHOWCASE ZONE:</b> Regional Showcase - Africa	
9.00 - 9.30 Guanabara	Recap Day 1	
9.30 - 11.00 Guanabara	<p><b>PLENARY 1:</b> "Unpacking the Intersections of Power: The Political Economy of the Pharmaceutical and Extractive Industries"</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Dr Guillaume Long - CEPR; Nick Dearden - GJN; Tahir Amin - IMAK; IAAV; Asia Russell - Health GAP; Fernanda Martins - AIAAV</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Lanz Espacio - PVA Asia and Gabriela K Dávalos - Southern Voice</p>	<p>This plenary aims to shed light on the power dynamics of the pharmaceutical and the extractive sectors (oil, gas and mining) and how their interests, tactics and actions often intersect with each other. Panelists will discuss the political economy of these industries, including their influence globally and nationally on policy-making and the impact of their practices on marginalized communities. The session will also explore potential avenues for advocacy and action to hold these industries accountable, and to promote a more just and equitable global health and environmental system.</p>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
11.30 - 11.45	Surprise presentation!	
11.45 - 13.00 Guanabara	<p><b>SESSION 3:</b> "Negotiating in our name? Global Treaty Negotiations in health and climate currently underway - where do we intervene and why?"</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Tatiana Oliviera - INESC; Maria Natalia Echegoyemberry - PVA LAC; Pedro Villardi - PSI; Sangeeta Shashikant - TWN</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Tian Johnson -African Alliance and Leandro Viegas - IHL</p>	<p>This session will examine current and relevant international treaty development processes underway (Pandemic Treaty, IHR review, COP28, UNGA). And explore: where does climate justice fit within the Pandemic Treaty? Where does health justice fit within COP28 discussions? What can be learnt from the climate justice movement's long experience with the COPs and treaty processes (e.g. High Seas Treaty). The session will look at how we can include vulnerable and affected communities and the specific protection of front line and health care workers.</p>
13.00 - 14.00	<b>LUNCH IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
14.15 - 16.00 Guanabara	<p><b>SESSION 4.A:</b> "Law as a tool for social justice? Past and current efforts to improve access to medical technologies in Latin America"</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Javier Llamaza Jacinto - AIS; Luz Marina Umbasia - Public Citizen LAC; Eloisa Machado - CADHU; Vitor Ido - South Centre</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Francisco Viegas - MSF Brazil and Luciana Lopez - UAEM</p>	<p>This session will share the current experiences of multiple Latin American countries where medicine access groups are advocating for law reform to improve access to medical technologies, including creating new legal obligations on governments. It will discuss current cases involving compulsory licenses for vaccines and treatments for COVID-19. The discussion will refer to the experiences of groups in Brazil, Peru, Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica which will also help to situate and explain the mRNA program.</p>
	<p>Parallel sessions</p>	
Excelsior	<p><b>SESSION 4.B:</b> "Climate Justice and Just Transition: Next steps on Policy and Advocacy Efforts for the Global South"</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Carlos Aguilar - Oxfam LAC; Elizabeth Peredo - OBCCD; Matt Kirkegaard - PI</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Nasha Cuvelier - SSF and Louis Snyman - CALS</p>	<p>This session will explore key issues on climate justice and what a just transition means for the Global South, including how to address environmental racism and attend to the disproportionate impact of climate harm on marginalized groups. It will highlight policy and advocacy efforts from the Global South, including the fight for a fair and just transition to sustainable energy systems.</p>
16.00 - 18.00	<i>Free time. Networking also continues informally including in the Networking Showcase Zone.</i>	
18.30 - 20.30	<b>Activist Workshops</b>	
Venue TBC	<p><b>WORKSHOP 4:</b> The AR6 Synthesis Report 2023 (IPCC) - what does it mean for our work and what can we do to mitigate the harms being warned about?</p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Sustentabilidad Sin Fronteras (SSF)</p>	<p><b>WORKSHOP 5:</b> Break the Patent Barriers: Strategies to combat Evergreening and Patent thickets, filing pre-grant oppositions vs. the Pharmaceutical industry - lessons from ABiVii, Vertex, Moderna</p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> IMAK, MSF Access Campaign, Just Tx, Public Citizen and TWN</p>
		<p><b>WORKSHOP 6:</b> Unleashing the Power of Creative Activism: Lessons from Campaigns and Other Anti-Corporate Struggles and how to think through innovative campaigning in 2023</p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Centre for Creative Activism (C4CA)</p>

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<b>THURSDAY 27 APRIL</b>		
6.00	<b>BREAKFAST COMMENCES IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
7.30 - 8.45 Plaza	 <b>NETWORKING SHOWCASE ZONE:</b> Regional Showcase - Asia	
9.00 - 10.30 Guanabara	<b>PLENARY 2:</b> "Power: Trade rules, the WTO and the TRIPS Agreement - ethically indefensible" <b>Speaker:</b> Professor Joseph Stiglitz (virtual) <b>Moderators:</b> Lori Wallach - ReTT and Carlos Aguilar - OXFAM LAC	This session will explore the political significance and political economy of global intellectual property and trade rules for our work in both movements by: Discussing the reasons for the overall and systemic failure of Global Trade Rules and the WTO to address the needs of poor people in pandemics and during climate disasters. It will share reflections on the purpose and role of the WTO since the announcement of the TRIPS 'deal' for COVID-19 on vaccines and explore the use of 'waivers' and 'peace clauses' in the context of technology sharing efforts.
10.30 - 11.00 Guanabara	Recap Day 2	
11.00 - 11.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
11.30 - 11.45	Surprise presentation!	
11.45 - 13.00 Guanabara	<b>SESSION 5:</b> "Technology Sharing Initiatives in the Global South including the mRNA Hubs: Exploring Pros, Cons, and Future Directions for Equity" <b>Speakers:</b> Professor Brook Baker (virtual) - Health GAP; Fatima Hassan - HJI; Sotiris Missailidis - Fiocruz <b>Moderators:</b> Sofia Montenegro - PVA LAC and Baone Twala - FPLC/s27	This session will focus on current technology sharing initiatives or efforts to benefit the Global South, with a particular emphasis on the mRNA Program. The session will examine the pros and cons of these initiatives, including issues related to outstanding intellectual property barriers, Global South active inclusion, transparency, and decision-making and the role of Geneva based initiatives in addressing global IP barriers in pandemics and other emergencies.
13.00 - 14.00	<b>LUNCH IN HOTEL RESTAURANT</b>	
14.00 - 15.30 Guanabara	<b>SESSION 6.A:</b> "Upholding Labour Rights for Strong Public Services: Lessons from workers' struggle on Health and Climate" <b>Speakers:</b> Frida Romay - Nosotrxs; Sung Hee - KPTU (virtual); Sandro Cezar - CNTSS; Sibongile Tshabalala - TAC <b>Moderators:</b> Leonardo Mattos - PHM Latin America and Daniel Hawkins - ITF	This session will explore the importance of labor rights in maintaining strong public services. It will discuss why and how the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the crucial role of frontline health workers and why their rights and protections are essential for guaranteeing access to quality healthcare. In the climate field, the session will examine how privatization processes in the context of decarbonizing economies have violated labor rights and what can be learnt from those experiences to improve the conditions of workers. The session will also explore intersectionality of labor rights with other social justice issues such as gender and racial equality.
 Parallel sessions Excelsior	<b>SESSION 6.B:</b> "Understanding Socio-Environmental Disasters and Marginalized Health Access: Decolonized Perspectives on Root Causes and Impacts" <b>Speakers:</b> Vivian Camacho - Ministry of Health Bolivia (virtual); Kota Mulanji - Fonsanpotma; Evita Das - PSA; Marina Cortez - Instituto Eqüit <b>Moderators:</b> Susana Ploeg - ABIA/GTPI and Desta Lakew - AMREF	This session will explore the intersection of socio-environmental disasters and health access for marginalized communities. Drawing on decolonized perspectives, examine the root causes and impacts of disasters such as deforestation, mining and climate change on health outcomes. The session will examine how communities are often left behind in disaster response and recovery efforts, and how colonization and structural inequality exacerbate vulnerability to these disasters and include examples of grassroots organizing and community-led efforts to address these issues.
15.30 - 16.00	<b>BREAK</b>	
16.00 - 17.30 Guanabara	<b>SESSION 7:</b> "Towards Joint Demands and Actions Globally and Regionally" - 'Rio2023' CSO Statement (regional group work)	Note: Participants will be able to see the outcome of the POWER MAP from the meeting, and meet in regional groups to discuss and identify specific demands and actions needed to advance health and environmental justice in the coming 18 months. The session aims to identify key demands to co-develop a statement from the meeting. The session will culminate in a plenary where each region will share key takeaways and action points, which will inform the collective 'RIO2023 Civil Society Statement' - and a call to action.
17.30 - 18.00 Guanabara	<b>CLOSING SESSION: PART 1</b> - Presentation of global and regional demands action points and post Rio next steps	
18.15 - 19.15 Guanabara	<b>CLOSING SESSION: PART 2</b> - Closing Keynote Address by Dr Guillaume Long	
19.15 Guanabara	Meeting closing and thank you from the #RIO2023 Organizing Group	
20.00 onwards	<b>DINNER:</b> VillaRio, Rua correa Dutra, 43 Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro	



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