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Global Health Governance, WHO and the vision of health for all

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Global health governance is frequently used but in many different ways. In particular, GHG is sometimes treated as an autonomous domain of global governance or, on the contrary, as tightly embedded in global governance more generally. These different usages have different implications for public health strategy. Likewise there are wide conceptual differences between different usages of 'global governance' including, for example, on the changing relationships between nation states and transnational corporations, the continuing relevance of 'imperialism', and the emergence of new global class structures.

The role of WHO and the directions of 'WHO reform' are critically important debates in global health which need to be addressed in the wider context of GHG. Examples of these links include the freeze on assessed contributions, and donor control of WHO's operational agenda, and the increasing deployment of the 'multi stakeholder partnership' model of policy making and program design.

The WFPHA and its member organisations could play a stronger and more influential role in WHO decision making and in GHG more generally. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the terrain and possible strategies of engagement.

