Notes on Using the Tracker

About the Tracker

The WHO Tracker is a tool to support WHO Watch. WHO Watch is a first step in a more ambitious project: the Democratising Global Health Governance Initiative.

The theory is that by creating new information flows, new alliances and new opportunities for engagement we can contribute to mobilisation around policy choices and structural change, from the local to the global

WHO is not the only player in the field of GHG but it is important and also provides a window onto the broader field

The purpose of this short video is to introduce PHM's WHO Tracker

Purposes

The Tracker is designed to

- facilitate access to key documents relating to *forthcoming agenda items,* including PHM's analysis;
- facilitate access to key documents relating to *previous* agenda items, including links to records of debate and to decisions and resolutions; and
- facilitate access to *evolving streams* of analysis, debate and decision through the search functions.

Using the bookmarks (or favourites) bar of your browser

Watchers (and would-be watchers) are advised to add the Tracker and the EB-WHA (Governing Body Documentation) page to their bookmarks or favourites bars in their browsers for frequent reference.

Those Watchers who are also Tracker Editors (rather than anonymous users) are advised to also add the PHM Comments Folder on Google Drive to their browser's bookmarks bar.

Using the Tracker

The menu on the Home screen provides links to the global governing bodies and the regional committees. Further submenus under each of these link to particular meetings of those bodies.

These menus can be used in navigating between the different governing bodies and different meetings but it is sometimes quicker to simply insert the name of the meeting in the address bar (eg add /wha70).

Open WHA70.

Each meetings page has provision for a General Links box and a series of Item Records.

The General Links box links to various pages which are relevant to the meeting as a whole, rather than just to particular items. Thus the General Links box generally links to:
- the Official Docs page for that meeting,
- the Provisional Summary Records (and later the approved Summary Records), and
- the official record of decisions, resolutions and annexes.

Each Item record has provision for Documents, Debates and Decisions regarding that Item although for meetings in the future the official documents may be not yet published and for recent meetings the official summary records of debate may not be yet published. Go to Item 12.2 at WHA70 to review the sorts of documents which are posted under these columns.

Search

Please note that we can also use the browser's own search function to find particular items on a meetings page. In addition the Tracker has two Search Functions, the Items Search function and the Resolutions Search function, both of which can be accessed from the home screen or from inside any of the meeting pages.

> Suppose we are looking for the item on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in a particular meeting page. In this case use the browser's search function.
> However if we are looking for all discussions of AMR in recent years we use the Item Search function and the key word search.
> This search can be limited to only global bodies or only one regional committee. It can be constrained to a particular time interval by the date picker. (Please note the date convention for entering dates directly is mm/dd/yyyy.)

BOX 1. ITEMS SEARCH

The Resolutions Search function enables us to locate the meeting and item where a particular resolution was adopted and any subsequent progress reports. This function is particularly useful if you wish to review the discussion where the resolution was adopted and the papers which were under consideration. This is commonly the case in reviewing Progress Reports. Progress reports regarding a particular resolution will be retrieved by a search on that resolution number. Not that all progress reports can be retrieved through an Item Search using the keyword ProgressReports.

We are presently tracking three governing bodies operating at the global level: the assembly, the EB and the PBAC. The PBAC is a committee of the EB; it meets twice a year, before Jan EB and before the Assembly. It is not open to civil society but it does consider important issues which is why we track it.

The regional committees have somewhat different procedures from the global bodies, in particular they publish an integrated report of the whole meeting without the semi-verbatim account of particular discussions which are published for WHA and EB. The degree of detail varies. Euro provides moderately detailed accounts of item discussions but Afro provides only one or two paragraphs about each item.

Feedback on the Tracker is welcome. Write to edit@phmovement.org.