

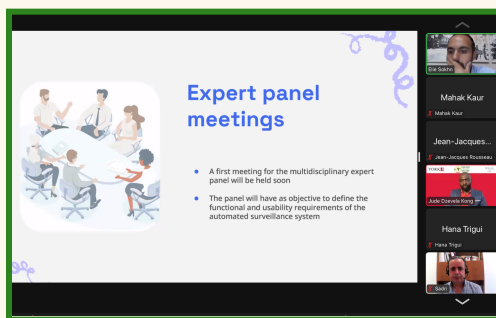


AI4PEP (MENA) News Brief - Week of September 18, 2023



Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief. This week for MENA, we're excited to announce Team Tunisia's decisive discussions with important stakeholders and we will share what to look forward to in the coming weeks from Team Morocco and Team Lebanon.

Team Tunisia had a meeting with the Pasteur Institute with the Ministry of Health on September 6th to discuss important aspects pertaining to the project such as budget allocation and hiring resources to strengthen their research efforts. The team also engaged with the AFD-Agence française de développement at the Pasteur Institute and the Ministry of Health. This meeting highlighted the team's unique angle on contributing to responsible AI solutions that can improve public health preparedness and response. Particularly, the team is working on a Responsible Artificial Intelligence-driven Initiative for Tackling Waterborne Pathogen (re)Emergence in Tunisia (INTERACT). Dr. Kong emphasized the importance of addressing water-related pathogens as it will be particularly relevant as we head into the future.



We are excited for the upcoming events we have in store. Team Morocco is working hard for their official launch and are working towards a review paper regarding AI usage for tuberculosis. Team Lebanon has preparations underway for the inaugural meeting of the multidisciplinary expert panel, which aims to define the functional and usability requirements of the automated surveillance system. Stay tuned for updates!