



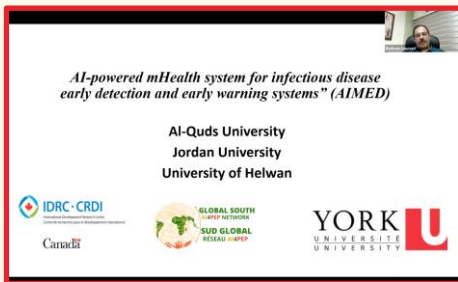
# AI4PEP (MENA) News Bulletin 1 - July 23 to August 6, 2023



Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief. This week, we're excited to introduce thriving collaborative efforts of AI4PEP teams across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. We explore the inspiring progress made by researchers from Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and the West Bank, illustrating the power of cross-disciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange.

In a recent meeting gathering interdisciplinary teams from the Middle East and North African (MENA) countries, including Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and the West Bank, AI4PEP celebrated significant achievements and promising collaborations. The event highlighted the remarkable synergy achieved through cross-border, cross-disciplinary efforts, emphasizing the participants' thirst for knowledge and their commitment to AI4PEP's success.

During the meeting, Ms. Chaitali Sinha, Senior Program Officer at IDRC, and Prof. Jude Kong, CEO of AI4PEP, set the tone with informative presentations. The diverse presentations showcased the depth of research and intellectual rigor within the teams, fostering meaningful discussions and questions. The event was not merely a platform for presentations and networking but marked the convergence of passionate minds driven by a shared commitment to expanding knowledge boundaries.



Specific achievements from MENA teams were noted, including Tunisia's progress in sub-agreements and recruitment, West Bank's successful website launch and literature review, Lebanon's project initiation and literature review commencement, and Morocco's kick-off meeting preparations and website launch.



The meeting's success was underlined by the establishment of partnerships, knowledge exchange, and the formation of a vibrant network dedicated to driving positive change in AI4PEP and global health within the MENA region. The collaborative spirit displayed during the event promises limitless future collaborations and ongoing positive impacts in the AI4PEP research landscape of the Middle East and North African countries. Together, these pioneers of innovation are paving the way for a transformative journey in the realm of global health research.

