

Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief. This week, we delve into the latest developments from AI4PEP's MENA cohort, spotlighting collaborative endeavours across Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine.

In the latest bi-weekly meeting of AI4PEP's MENA cohort, teams from Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine highlighted their key achievements and challenges. Prof. Kong offered insights and suggestions, emphasizing the formation of governance structures for effective project management. The meeting focused on essential administrative prerequisites, potential regional collaborations, and updates from each team.

Teams that successfully established governance structures were commended, with emphasis placed on their role in fundraising and networking. Additionally, a call for an AI Governance paper was initiated, spearheaded by Team Tunisia, promoting cross-regional policy analysis.

Lebanon reported progress in article drafting and they will be attending the Seventh International Conference on Advances in Biomedical Engineering. Morocco highlighted the signing of a sub-agreement and administrative advancements. Tunisia's achievements included meetings with health institutions and managing a COVID surveillance project. Palestine attained country clearance and commenced literature review, while Jordan is preparing for their kick-off launch.



Prof. Kong stressed meticulous documentation of stakeholder meetings and proposed task teams for identifying funding opportunities. He also encouraged conference participation through the Global Health Institute, fostering collaboration within the MENA region.

The meeting showcased ongoing efforts and collaborative initiatives, underscoring the importance of active regional cooperation in advancing AI4PEP's objectives.