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Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief.

This week we bring you some exciting updates from Team Africa, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa and Cameroon.

UN Paper on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance

- Please help us congratulate Team Africa! The African regional collegial successfully submitted its first collaborative paper on AI Governance in response to a call for papers by the United Nations (UN). As a follow-up, the team is working on two more papers to expand on its initial idea, as well as an additional paper that seeks to profile the AI for Pandemic Preparedness, Mitigation, and Response efforts that are being championed by the different players within the region.

Ethiopia

- Congratulations to team Ethiopia on its successful project launch! The team launched the project on a high note, having successfully mobilized partners from diverse walks of life. The stakeholders who attended the launch included the Executive Director of AI4PEP, Prof. Jude Kong, local religious leaders, and community, Government Departments, community surveillance, etc.
- The team debuted its YouTube channel, and it's looking for subscribers. Please follow the channel here and stay tuned.
  https://youtube.com/@PolioAntenna?si=3UATpFUrkPimYtTw

Ghana

- The team proudly reported that two of its protegees Abdul-Hakim Mutala and Kofi Addo had earned spots in international conference e about vector bone diseases where they will present their work in Paris and Chicago, United States of America. This speaks volumes about the team's commitment to mentorship.
- The team is currently recruiting one PhD student and one MPhil student to join its team. The vacancies are direct hires that will support the project. More details can be found on their website.

South Africa

- Congratulations to Team South Africa's Dr. Edward Nkadimeng who was recently featured in a front page of a major journal of the public sector for his innovation efforts in connection with the AI_r system within their project.
- The team is currently working on 2 papers about Radiocommunications (Machine Learning), which is in connection with their Air Quality Monitoring Project.

A note from the ED

- Congratulations to all the teams for all their small and bigger victories! The spirit of collaboration is highly encouraged, and so is the cross-fertilization of ideas and appetite for collaboration. Prof. Kong is proud of the strides taken by the teams and is happy to provide his ongoing support.