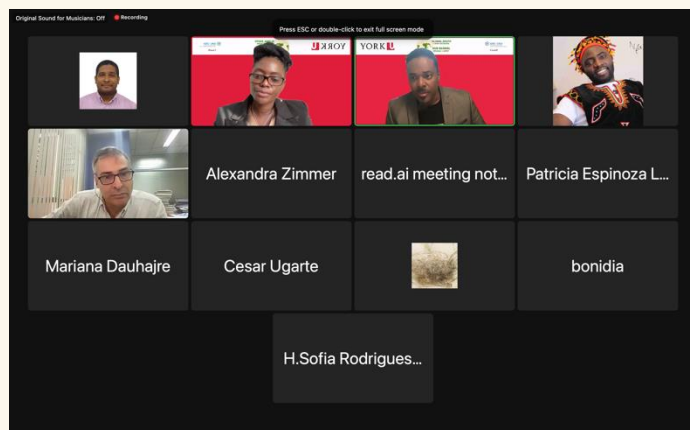# AI4PEP (Africa) Bulletin – October 7th to October 17th, 2023

Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief.
This week we bring you some exciting updates from Team MENA:  **Brazil, Dominican Republic, and Peru**.

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**Resource Mobilization**

The team spent a great deal of time and energy exploring opportunities for fundraising. Prof. Kong reiterated his initial commitment to double the funding by the second year. He shared with the team that there was an open call for proposal from the Grants Challenge, which includes a call by the Gates Foundation, as well as another one from the Welcome Trust. Team Brazil volunteered to take a lead in investigating Latin America's eligibility and prospects of. Partnership with the Sub-Saharan Africa cohort. Considering the tight deadline, which was within 5 days, the team reached a consensus that they would need to work on the grant over the weekend and observe the sensitive timelines of the intermittent feedback.
https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/strengthening-health-and-disease-modeling-public-health-decision-making-africa



**Dominican Republic**

- Congratulations to Team Dominican Republic, their Principal Investigator, Dr. Manuel Colomé was recently recognized by Fundación Corripio as the holder of T**he Corripio Foundation Award in Natural and Health Sciences, "Epidemiology"** category. Dr. Colomé was sworn in as president, and Dr. Herrera as vice-president of the **Dominican Association of Pediatric Researchers (ADIP),** for the 2023-2026 period.
- Additionally, the team reportedly accepted an invitation from the first ever conference on National Imageology to be held at San Francisco on Nov. 17th.
- The team further shared the news that they had just submitted an abstract to the National Science and Technology conference to be held at the beginning of November.

**Peru** Congratulations to Team Peru on successfully setting up their building blocks. The team has finally set its launch date for **November/ December 2023.**