

Welcome to the AI4PEP bi-weekly News Brief.

This week we bring you some exciting updates from Team Africa: **Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, & Senegal.**

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### Collaboration with WHO -Africa Region

- Prof. Kong introduced Kevin Ousman from the WHO-Africa Region to the Africa cohort. Ousman had an opportunity to present to the Africa cohort about the prospects of a partnership. He saw the partnership as a strategic move that seeks to leverage Artificial Intelligence for purposes of strengthening health systems in Africa.
- Ousman strongly recommended a physical strategic planning meeting to come up with a concrete plan that will guide the partnership going forward.



## Ghana

- Team Ghana is counting down to their project launch, which is scheduled for January 2024. More details will be shared in due course.



## Cameroon

- We take the time to congratulate Team Cameroon on their recent participation at the recent Yaounde forum that was held at the Yaounde University. They continue to demonstrate an avid commitment to drive the One Health agenda in the region.
- The team had one paper and three poster presentations. Please refer to their designated drive: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/o/folders/1hnQcmn7fFdSFMTwS7-LtyPObcEYLm\\_m4](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/o/folders/1hnQcmn7fFdSFMTwS7-LtyPObcEYLm_m4)

- Meanwhile, Dr. Kwalar had participated in a workshop in Switzerland where she received training on writing policies and learnt some skills on how to negotiate with stakeholders at a global stage.

### Senegal

- Congratulations to Team Senegal on their continued leadership. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 Prof. FAYE led the AI & Ethics Readiness Assessment report for Senegal, which was presented at the UNESCO General Conference in Paris (UNESCO Headquarters).
- Meanwhile, AI4DECLIC Team member Prof Mouhamadou Lamine BA was featured at a high level panel at the **Africa Universities' Day 2023 Commemoration** whose focus was **“Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education.”**



## Ethiopia

- Team Ethiopia has been actively working on their data collection plan; this entailed meeting with their collaborative partner CORE Group-Ethiopia to try and understand the nature of the data they had in their possession, as well as to discuss the functionalities required to establish the project's AI system.
- The team also visited several health centers within the Jimma zone where they managed to promote the project and explored possible collaborations.
- The team also reported that the technical team continued to have its strategic planning and debriefing meeting to re-evaluate the project successes and discuss emerging priorities.

