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EDITORIAL

After a special April issue fully dedicated to the IPORA Scientific Conference and Annual General Assembly in Addis Ababa, we are pleased to return this month to our regular newsletter sections: news from the field, past and upcoming events, training opportunities, publications, and updates from across the network.

Since April, the newsletter has also been gradually opened to external partners, with the aim of increasing IPORA's visibility, sharing the network's activities more widely, and supporting new collaborations.

We hope you enjoy this new issue and invite all members to continue sharing their news, publications, events, and field updates with the editorial team.

The IPORA Editorial Team



NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Past

eHealth4ChildTB project moves forward in Côte d'Ivoire and Mozambique

This month, we are pleased to share updates from the eHealth4ChildTB project, conducted within IPORA by Raoul Moh, Joanna Orne-Gliemann, Yannick M'Vodo & Olivier Marcy. Implemented in Côte d'Ivoire and Mozambique, the project aims to improve the diagnosis and care of tuberculosis in children by combining Treatment Decision Algorithms (TDAs), digital tools, enhanced imaging approaches and health system strengthening activities to support frontline healthcare workers.

In Mozambique, the project has recently entered its formative phase in March 2026 in the districts of Manjacaze, Bilene and Xai-Xai, in Gaza Province. This pre-intervention phase is essential to prepare for implementation: it documents the local context, explores current practices in childhood TB care, assesses readiness for digital tools, and gathers the perspectives of healthcare workers, health facility teams, communities and district and provincial health authorities.

In Côte d'Ivoire, following the initial launch in Agboville on 20 January 2026, eHealth4ChildTB was officially launched in Abengourou on 14 April 2026. This milestone marks the start of the operational rollout of the project in the district, with the objective of strengthening childhood TB diagnosis and care through an integrated approach combining training, digital tools and close support to healthcare teams.



Upcoming - Field Visits

Strengthening IPORA partnerships in Zambia

May 20 - 29, Zambia

From 20 to 29 May 2026, IPORA members will be in Zambia to further develop collaborations with academic, institutional and field partners. The mission will include teaching activities at the University of Zambia (UNZA), School of Medicine, in collaboration with Isaac Fwemba and Chishala Chabala.

Several strategic meetings are also planned with partners involved in the Global Health axis, including UNZA's School of Medicine, School of Public Health, and School of Social Sciences and Humanities, as well as the Ministry of Health.

The mission will also include field visits linked to the Decide TB project, which aims to improve the diagnosis and management of tuberculosis in children through the implementation of Treatment Decision Algorithms in district hospitals and primary healthcare facilities. These visits will provide an opportunity to observe childhood TB diagnosis activities in primary healthcare facilities and to further strengthen research, training and implementation partnerships around global health priorities in Zambia, as part of the WP3 research axis.

Tracking Air Pollution With Electric Cooking in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

The pilot phase of the study will involve the training of a team of field investigators responsible for data collection activities. The training will cover both the administration of survey questionnaires and the use of the scientific equipment employed to measure the study's key variables of interest. This includes air samplers for gravimetric measurements of fine particulate matter exposure, optical sensors for monitoring carbon monoxide exposure and continuous PM2.5 measurements, thermal sensors used to track the use of electric pressure cookers, and spirometers for assessing lung function in children.

Particular emphasis will also be placed on practical training in the use of electric pressure cookers, which are central to the study. The pilot will conclude with a hands-on field component, during which investigators will administer pilot questionnaires and conduct initial testing of the measurement devices within households in Abidjan.



EVENTS

Past Events

Tutored project presentation session

GP Africa 2026 Supervised Project Presentations

March 2, 2026

The 2026 multidisciplinary cohort of the [Graduate Program AFRICA](#), composed of 20 students, presented the outcomes of their tutored projects on 2 March 2026. These projects focused on contemporary Africa, exploring the complex and multidimensional challenges faced by African populations and decision-makers, and are an integral part of the research areas of IPORA WP3.

- 1. Comparative Analysis of Youth Employment Integration Policies and Mechanisms in Morocco and Côte d'Ivoire**
(Armél Abega, Sandra Raviat, Teresa Rosati, Marie Yao)
Research area: Social equity
- 2. Social Protection for Mechanics in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire**
(Louisia Cazenave, Aisha Cano-Mazhari, Anaïs Boulicault, Thalia Pivert)
Research area: Social equity
- 3. Multifaceted Programs in Africa and Around the World: Logistics, Experiences, and Heterogeneous Impacts** (Louise Bio N'goye Julia, Lubain, Alonso Parades, Martin Roux)
Research area: Global health inequalities
- 4. Community Health Systems in Côte d'Ivoire and Togo – Evolution and Current Situation** (Laura Neichel, Ndeye Arame Tall, Danielle Damen, Junior Muwalawala)
Research area: Global health inequalities
- 5. Challenges Linked to Shortening Treatment for Drug-Sensitive Tuberculosis: Perspectives of Patients, Healthcare Providers, Implementing Actors, and Funders**
(Xuan Thanh Bui, Ababacar Niang, Lorraine Bruley-Parisot, Widelié Carlvanie Olibrice)
Research area: Global health inequalities

Conference

Washington DC Conference on Social Sciences (WCSS 2026)

Washington DC - April 15-20, 2026

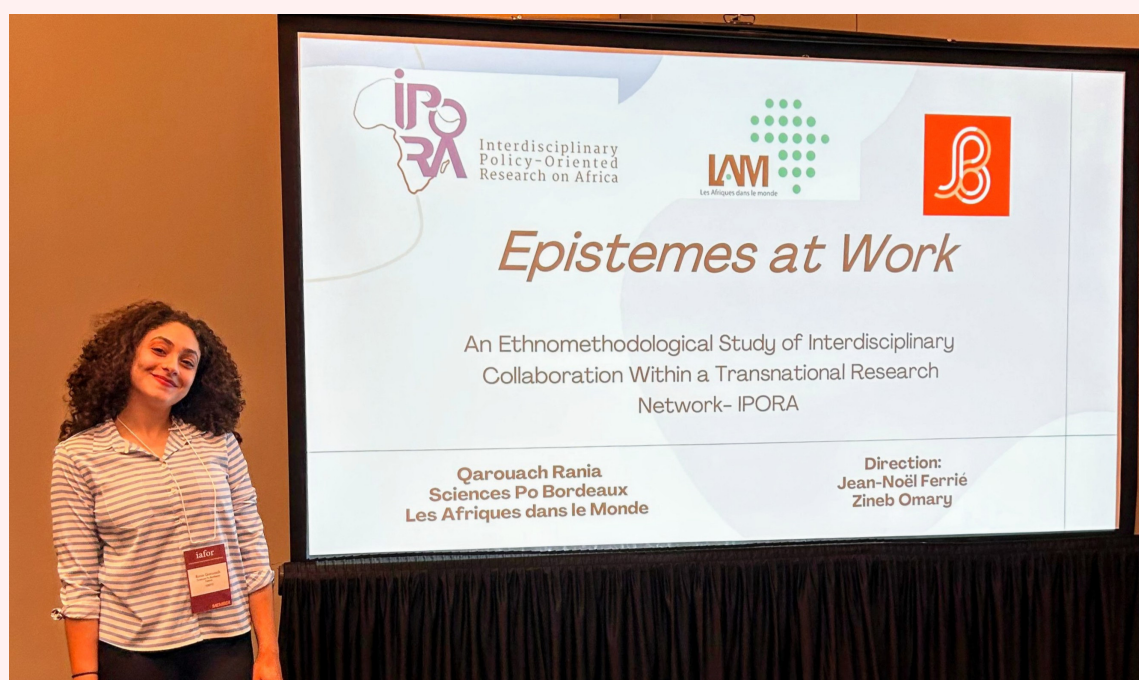
From April 15 to 20, 2026, the Washington DC Conference on Social Sciences (WCSS 2026), which was held in Washington, D.C., brought together researchers from various social science disciplines to discuss

contemporary issues related to research, public policy, and social transformations.

On this occasion, a presentation entitled "*Epistemes at Work: An Ethnomethodological Study of Interdisciplinary Collaboration Within a Transnational Research Network (IPORA)*" was delivered. The presentation highlighted IPORA as a space for international interdisciplinary collaboration and as a field of research.

Using an ethnomethodological approach, the presentation explored the coordination practices among researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds involved in producing knowledge aimed at informing public policy in Africa. It also emphasized how interdisciplinarity is built through everyday interactions, methodological exchanges, meetings, and collaborative projects within the network.

Finally, the presentation provided an opportunity to showcase the reflections and work developed within **IPORA on interdisciplinarity, international collaboration, and knowledge production in support of African public policies.**



Upcoming Events

Interdisciplinary Seminar **Invitation To Present Research Work** **HYBRID - July 25, 2026**

As part of the IPORA 2026 interdisciplinary seminar series, we warmly invite students and researchers to present their research work to an

international and multidisciplinary audience.

Next session: 25 July 2026

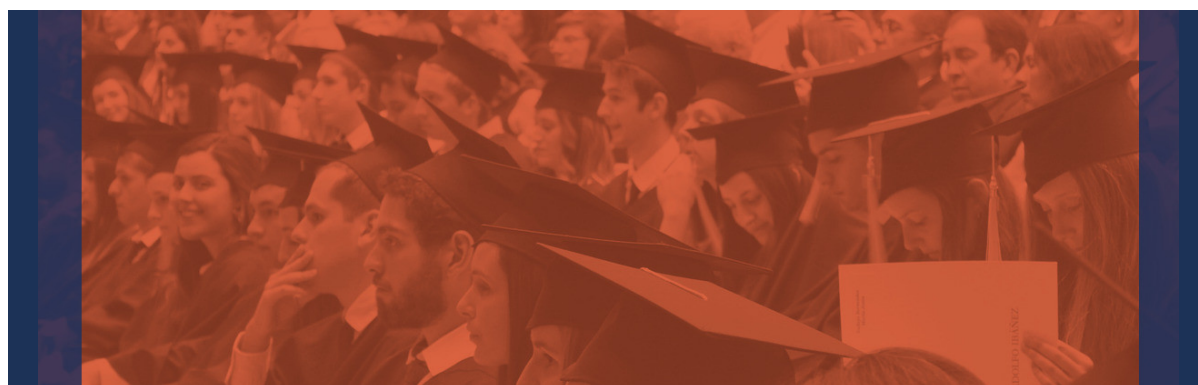
Whether you are a Master's student, PhD candidate, or postdoctoral researcher, your participation is welcome. Ongoing research projects are also encouraged and may lead to enriching interdisciplinary discussions.

We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to share your research, expand your academic network, and contribute to interdisciplinary exchanges.

To express your interest, please send an email to:

helenberg29@gmail.com, including:

- your preferred seminar date;
- the title of your presentation;
- your institutional affiliation;
- your academic status (Master's, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, etc.).



Courses

Summer School

IPORA SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

***July 15 to 17, 2026 - Hybrid Format
Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire***

From 15 to 17 July 2026, IPORA will organize its 2026 Summer School in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, dedicated to methodological approaches at the intersection of interdisciplinary research. Designed as a space for research training, this summer school will provide participants with innovative methods to better understand contemporary challenges in Africa through theoretical contributions, practical workshops, interdisciplinary exchanges, and group work.

IPORA Summer School 2026

- Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- 15–17 July 2026
- Language: French / English
- Hybrid format: in-person & online
- In-person workshops: 20 places available
- Deadline for in-person applications: 3 June 2026
- Online participation: registration via form
- Connection link to be shared with registered participants in June 2026

The Summer School is open to Master's students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, early-career academics, teacher-researchers, and professionals interested in interdisciplinary approaches applied to development challenges, public policy, and social transformations in Africa.

Find all practical information and participation details at:

<https://ipora.network/news/ecole-dete-ipora-2026-a-abidjan-approches-methodologiques-croisees-pour-la-recherche-interdisciplinaire/>

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15 – 17
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Celebrating Academic Excellence

Excellence in Nutrition: Kaleab Baye Receives FASN Recognition (Fellows of the American Society for Nutrition).

We are proud to share that our colleague Kaleab Baye has been named among the 2026 Excellence in Nutrition Fellows (FASN) by the American Society for Nutrition. The FASN designation recognizes outstanding contributions to advancing nutrition science and practice, as well as a commitment to the highest standards within the profession.

This recognition reflects his dedication to research, collaboration, mentorship, and global efforts toward improving nutrition and health outcomes. We warmly congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and celebrate this important milestone with the wider academic and research community.

To learn more: [American Society for Nutrition Announcement](#)

"Best Researcher for 2025"

We are also pleased to share that Kaleab Baye has also been recognized by his college as the "**Best Researcher of 2025**" and has also been featured in the Addis Ababa University research yearbook. We warmly congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition and commend his outstanding contribution to research and academic excellence. Well done!





Call For Projects and Other Funding Opportunities

Horizon Europe has launched Africa Initiative IV under its 2026–2027 work programme, with around 30 calls for proposals dedicated to EU–Africa research and innovation cooperation. The initiative supports collaborative projects involving African and European partners across four priority areas: public health, green transition, innovation and technology, and capacities for science. The full list of calls, together with an explanation of Africa Initiative IV, is available here:

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/horizon-europe-launches-africa-initiative-iv-under-2026-2027-work-programme_en?s=43



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