



SAEAP Conference

Strengthening Africa-Europe academic partnership for improving intersectoral governance

From April 1st to April 4, 2025

Location: Hybrid, face-to-face at Université de Bordeaux and Sciences Po Bordeaux or online

Online registration (compulsory and free): <https://live.eventtia.com/fr/saeap2025>

Language: bilingual French/English

IPORA (<https://ipora.africa/fr/>) is an international transdisciplinary research network, created to study the major challenges facing the African continent and find concrete solutions. The network was created in 2023 by researchers from Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, France and Morocco, working in the fields of economics, sociology, political science, public health, anthropology, agri-food science, law and environmental science. The network is open to civil society players, policy-makers and researchers from all countries and disciplines who wish to forge alliances to conduct research that benefits people and advances the concept of interdisciplinarity.

IPORA invites all public and private institutions interested in the Africa-Europe partnership to take part in a conference entitled "**Strengthening Africa-Europe academic partnership (SAEAP) to improve cross-sector governance**", and to discuss key issues, current and future research, good partnership practices and cross-sector governance.

The SAEAP conference will be a hybrid event. In-person participants will meet at the University of Bordeaux, France. Participants unable or unwilling to travel will participate online. Discussions will take place in two languages, French and English, with simultaneous translation available for those who wish.

The conference kicks off on Tuesday afternoon, April 1, 2025, with an opening session on the theme of "**Africa-Europe academic partnership: moving forward**". During this session, guests will discuss new ways of promoting good partnership practices between Europe and Africa ("**From decolonization to balanced partnerships**") and fostering interdisciplinarity and the relationship with public decision-makers ("**Interdisciplinary research at the service of cross-sectoral policies**").

From Wednesday April 2 to Friday April 4, 2025, researchers, decision-makers and representatives of civil society will meet in themed sessions on "**Food and Nutritional Security**", "**Health and Poverty**", "**Environmental Security**", "**Healthy Cities**", "**Informality and Social Justice**", "**Interdisciplinary Data Sharing**", and "**Training through Research**". During these sessions, ongoing interdisciplinary research in the various networks and countries, prospective needs for new themes and (co-)funding, and prospects for partnerships with other networks will be discussed.



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SUMMARY PROGRAM

Details for each session on the following pages

	Tuesday, April 1	Wednesday, April 2nd	Thursday, April 3	Friday, April 4th
Morning	10-12h IPORA Annual General Meeting (members only)	Thematic sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global health and poverty-related inequalities/diseases Environmental safety - How to study risks with an interdisciplinary approach 	Thematic sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malnutrition across the continuum: linking prevention and treatment for a lasting impact Healthy cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Co)financing interdisciplinary research: strength in numbers <p>Closing speech</p>
Half-day	Home / Lunch	Lunch + posters Guest lecture: Poverty and Public Policy	Lunch + posters Guest lecture: Research in the service of populations: a crossroads between NGOs and Ministries	
Afternoon	SAEAP Conference Opening session Africa-Europe academic partnerships: moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table 1: From decolonization to balanced partnerships Round Table 2: Interdisciplinary research for policies 	Thematic sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training through research Informality in Africa: policies, norms and epistemologies 	Thematic sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can African and European data protection regulations be coordinated Plural data and AI: new horizons for interdisciplinary research 	

* The sessions scheduled for the same half-day will take place in parallel in separate rooms.



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DAY 1 - Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 - MORNING

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	SESSIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
10:00 - 12:00	IPORA Annual General Meeting	Members only

DAY 1 - Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 - AFTERNOON

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	SESSIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
12:00 - 14:00	Welcome / Lunch	
14:00 - 14:15	SAEAP Conference Opening session	Dean Lewis, President of Université de Bordeaux Dominique Darbon, Director of Sciences Po, Bordeaux
14:15 - 15:30	Africa-Europe-Academia partnership: moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table 1: From decolonization to balanced partnerships 	<i>Moderator:</i> Chloé Buire Les Afriques dans le Monde/Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Yousra Abourabi, International University of Rabat / Xavier Anglaret, University of Bordeaux / Kaleab Baye, Addis Ababa University / Jean-Marie Masumbuko, Consultant Santé Publique Côte d'Ivoire
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 - 17:00	Africa-Europe-Academia partnership: moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table 2: Interdisciplinary research for cross-sectoral policies 	<i>Moderator:</i> Tanguy Bernard, University of Bordeaux Melonio Thomas, AFD / Samuel Kidane, Addis Ababa University / Ballo Zié, Université Félix Houphouët Boigny / Abdelaziz Benjouad, Université Internationale de Rabat / Dean Lewis, Université de Bordeaux

DAY 2 - Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - MORNING

→ **Thematic session: Global health and inequalities / poverty-related diseases**

Chair: Didier Ekouevi, University of Lomé & Claire Gondard-Delcroix, University of Bordeaux

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
9:00 - 10:30	The burden of poverty-related diseases among children in sub-Saharan Africa - 30'	Chishala Chabala, University of Zambia
	The governance of global health in Africa - 30'	Fred Eboko, Research and Development Institute Abidjan
	Access to healthcare and health insurance in low-income countries - 30'	Delphine Boutin, Bordeaux School of Economics, University of Bordeaux
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:15	TBD - 30'	Peter Hangoma, University of Zambia
	Round table: Global health and equity - 60'	Panelists: K Baye, Z. Omari, C. Chabala, F. Eboko, D. Boutin, P. Hangoma

→ **Thematic session. Environmental safety: how to study risks with an interdisciplinary approach?**

Chair: Julien Durand de Sanctis & Yousra Abourabi, Rabat International University

Location: Manon Cormier amphitheatre (Building G)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
9:00 - 10:30	The importance of interdisciplinarity in environmental risk management	Julien Durand de Sanctis & Yousra Abourabi, Rabat International University
	Thematic presentations	Olivier Hamant, French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment Siaka Ouedraogo, Creatives Associates International Burkina-Faso
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:15	Thematic presentations (continued)	Kalilou Sidibé, African Security Sector Network, Mali Martin Yelkouni, Institut d'Appui au Développement
	Questions & Answers	
12:15-14:00	Lunch break + Posters	

→ **DAY 2 - Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - AFTERNOON**

→ **Invited plenary lecture: Poverty and Public Policy**

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
14:00- 15:00	Poverty and Public Policy	Esther Duflo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

→ **Thematic session: Training through Research**

Chair: Joanna Orne-Gliemann, University of Bordeaux / Julien Durand de Sanctis, International University of Rabat

Location: Manon Cormier amphitheatre (Building G)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
15:00- 16:00	IPORA's interdisciplinary research training program	Joanna Orne-Gliemann, Dept Public Health - UB / Helen Berga, Addis Ababa University
	Building and managing an interdisciplinary doctorate/post-doctorate	Auriane Pajot, University of Bordeaux / Thomas Thivillon, Bordeaux School of Economics - UB
	"Africa Multiple" cluster: lessons learned	Christine Scherer, University of Bayreuth
16:00- 16:15	Coffee break	
16:15- 17:15	Decolonize Methods, Rethink Disciplines: Strengthening Interdisciplinary Research on Citizen Perspectives in the Sahel	Sten Hagberg, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, and Director Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University
	Opportunities and challenges for interdisciplinary research training	Quentin Chapus, LAM-Sciences po Bordeaux ; Aristophane Tanon, Université Felix Houphouët Boigny ; Céline Thiriot, LAM-Sciences po Bordeaux
	Discussion	

→ **Thematic session. Informality in Africa: policies, norms and epistemologies**

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
15:00-16:00	Revisiting informality in the development discourse	Annalena Oppel, International Inequalities Institute - London School of Economics and Political Science
16:00-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-17:15	Evolution of statistical standards for measuring the informal economy	Yacouba Diallo, International Labor Organization (ILO)
	Challenges of extending social protection to informal workers: the case of CMU in Côte d'Ivoire	Djedou Martin Amalaman, Péléforo Gon University



DAY 3 - Thursday, April 3, 2025 - MORNING

→ **Thematic session: Malnutrition across the continuum: linking prevention and treatment for a lasting impact**

Chairman: Yves Martin-Prevel

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
9:00-10:15	Preliminary remarks - 5 minutes	Yves Martin-Prevel, Institute for Research and Development
	Part I: Preventing malnutrition	
	Redefining poverty thresholds (food poverty) - 20'	Sebastian Vollmer, University of Göttingen, ENLIGHT
	Understanding factors at the sub-national level: Atlas of food and nutritional security - 20'	Alemayehu Geletu Addis Ababa University Tanguy Bernard, Bordeaux School of Economics - Université de Bordeaux
	Addressing the mismatch between context and intervention approaches: nutrition-specific interventions - 20'	Kaleab Baye, Addis Ababa University
	Questions & Answers - 10' (in French)	
10:15-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-12:00	Part II: Treatment of malnutrition	
	Increasing coverage and gaining efficiency: An optimized/simplified approach to the treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition - 20'	Renaud Becquet, Public Health Department, University of Bordeaux
	Long-term impact of the management of Severe Acute Malnutrition - 20'	Bryan- Gonzales, Ghent University, ENLIGHT
	Political aspects: prevention and treatment of malnutrition in Côte d'Ivoire - 20'	Thierry Zoue, Félix Houphouët Boigny University
	Questions & Answers - 15' (in French)	
	Part III. Discussion: "Connecting the dots" - 15'	Sebastian Vollmer, Alemayehu Geletu, Tanguy Bernard, Kaleab B. Yimam, Bryan Gonzales, Renaud Becquet, Thierry Zoué, Yves Martin-Prevel
	Conclusion	

DAY 3 - Thursday, April 3, 2025 - MORNING (continued)

→ **Thematic session: Healthy cities**

Co-organized with CoSav Sustainable Cities Research and Development Institute

Chair: Véronique Yaboué, Université Félix Houphouët Boigny Abidjan, Stéphanie Dos Santos, Institut de Recherche et de Développement

Location: Manon Cormier amphitheatre (Building G)

HOURS	SESSIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
9:00-10:20	Air pollution and health	
	o Air pollution in Abidjan - 20'	Madina Doumbia, Péléforo Gon Coulibaly University
	o Consequences of air pollution on respiratory health in sub-Saharan Africa - 20'	Olivier Marcy, Bordeaux University
	o Facing the urban mine: individual exposure and environmental impact in the Greater Dakar region - 20'	Jean-François Léon, University of Toulouse/Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique/Institut de Recherche et de Développement
	o Gas or electricity to replace biomass fuels in sub-Saharan Africa? - 20'	Thomas Thivillon, University of Bordeaux
10:20-10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:35-12:00	Green and healthy cities	
	o Urban planning and green spaces in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 20'	Tegegne Gebre-Egziabher Ethker, UAA
	o Sustainable urbanization and reduction of the risk of gender-based violence (the case of Côte d'Ivoire) - 20'	Kouamé Honorée, Ministry of Women, Family and Children, Ivory Coast
	Round table - 45'	Honorée Kouamé; Benjamin Ange Brida, Climate and Clean Air Coalition; Gayo Diallo, Institut de Santé Publique et de Développement-UB; Cathy Liousse, Laboratoire d'Aérodologie Toulouse, Thomas Thivillon, Jean-François Léon
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	

DAY 3 - Thursday, April 3, 2025 - AFTERNOON

→ **Invited plenary lecture: Research at the service of populations: crossroads between NGOs and Ministries**

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
13:00-14:00	Research in the service of populations: a cross-section of NGOs and Ministries	Richard Kojan, NGO The Alliance for International Medical Action, Dakar, Angel Mubanga, National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program, Lusaka, Zambia

→ **Thematic session: Can African and European data protection regulations be coordinated?**

Location: Amphi Asselain (Building H)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
14:00-15:30	Personal data protection: towards a Reference Methodology in partnership between African and European countries? - 90'	Representative the General Data Protection Regulations Unit of the French National Agency for Research on Infectious Diseases (ANRME) Representatives the Institute for Research and Development's Research Unit Involving the Human Person Data Protection Officers of the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le SIDA-Maladies Infectieuses Emergentes, the Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale, and the Institut de Recherche et de Développement Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des représentatives Representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal regulatory authorities Network representatives Plateforme de Recherche Internationale en Santé Mondiale - Côte d'Ivoire
15:30-15:45		Coffee break
15:45-16:30	Debate - 45'	
16:30-17:00	Agenda for future action - 30'	

→ **Thematic session: Plural data and AI: new horizons for interdisciplinary research?**

Location: Manon Cormier amphitheatre (Building G)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
14:00-15:30	Satellite data and remote sensing	Claire Zanuso, French Development Agency
	Administrative data and education policies	Adrien Pawlik, Innovations, Data and Experiments in Education Program
	Exploiting research data beyond the medical field: an application to Ethiopia	Alemayehu Geletu, Addis Ababa University
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-16:15	Structuring and exploiting plural data with AI	Olha Nahorna, Bordeaux School of Economics

DAY 4 - Friday, April 4, 2025 - MORNING

• **Thematic session: (co)financing interdisciplinary research: strength in numbers**

Chair: Armelle Gaulier - UB, Tanguy Bernard - UB

Location: Manon Cormier amphitheatre (Bâtiment G)

HOURS	PRESENTATIONS	STAKEHOLDERS
9:00-11:00	Round Table: "Co-financing research for cross-sectoral policies": strength in numbers.	Claire Bernard and Matthieu Robin, Fonds d'Innovation pour le Développen Claire Zanuso and Ingrid Dallmann, Agence Française de Développement and PAIRES program Florence Gubert, PAIRES - Institut de recherche pour le Développement and PAIRES program

11:00: Closing speech