



Conference SAEAP:

Strengthening Africa-Europe academic partnership for improving intersectoral governance

2025, April 1-4

Presentation:

IPORA (<https://ipora.africa/en/>) is an international transdisciplinary research network, created to study the major challenges facing the African continent and to find concrete solutions. The network was set up in 2023 by teams of researchers from academic institutions in 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 stakeholders, policy-makers and researchers from all countries and disciplines who wish to create alliances to carry out research that benefits populations and advances the concept of interdisciplinarity.

IPORA has a governance shared between all partners. The main governance body is the General Assembly, which meets once a year. In 2023 and 2024, the General Assembly met in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) then in Rabat (Morocco). In 2025, it will meet in Bordeaux (France). On this occasion, IPORA wishes to invite all public or private institutions interested in the Africa-Europe partnership to participate in a conference titled '**Strengthening Africa-Europe academic partnership (SAEAP) for improving intersectoral governance**' and debate on the major issues, current or future research, good partnership practices and intersectoral governance.

Setting: The SAEAP conference will be hybrid. In-person participants will meet at the University of Bordeaux, France. Participants who do not wish to or cannot travel will participate online.

Agenda:

- The SAEAP conference will start on **Tuesday 1st April 2025** afternoon with an opening session on the theme "**Africa-Europe academic partnership: moving forward**". During this session, the guests will discuss new ways to promote good partnership practices between Europe and Africa ("**From decolonization to balanced partnerships**") and to foster interdisciplinarity and the relationship with public decision-makers ("**Interdisciplinary research for intersectoral policies**").
- From **Wednesday 2 April to Friday 4 April 2025**, researchers, decision-makers and civil society representatives will meet in thematic working sessions on the following themes: '**Food and nutrition security**', '**Poverty-related diseases**', '**Environmental security : Normative trends and interdisciplinary approaches**', '**Healthy cities**', '**Social equity**', '**Interdisciplinary & international data sharing**', and '**Interdisciplinarity: training by research**' (see *provisional program on next page*). During these sessions, ongoing research in the different networks and countries, the prospective needs for new themes and (co-)funding, and the prospects for partnerships with other networks will be discussed.

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Provisional Agenda (as of Nov 12 30, 2024)

	Tuesday April 1	Wednesday April 2	Thursday April 3	Friday April 4
9-12am	<i>IPORA General Assembly (closed session)</i>	Thematic sessions *	Thematic sessions *	ENLIGHT-IPORA meeting SAEAP CONFERENCE Closing speech
12-1 pm		Plenary keynote	Plenary keynote	
1-2 pm		Lunch + posters	Lunch + posters	
2-5 pm	SAEAP Conference Opening session Africa-Europe-academic partnership: moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roundtable 1: From decolonization to balanced partnerhips ○ Roundtable 2: Interdisciplinary research for intersectoral policies 	Thematic sessions *	Thematic sessions *	
5-6 pm		• AFD and other co-funders meetings	• Welcoming the ENLIGHT delegation	
7 pm	Official Dinner		ENLIGHT/IPORA Dinner	

* The 7 thematic sessions will take place on the following themes: **Food and nutrition security; Poverty- related diseases; Environmental security; Training by research; Interdisciplinary & international data sharing; Healthy cities; Informality and social justice.**

The positioning in the agenda of each session will be specified in the next version of the program, depending of the availability of external guests.

