



Strengthening Bioethics Committees in Lusophone African Region

Professor Araújo joins Cape-Verde National Ethics Committee



Professor Isabel Inês Araújo has been appointed as member of the Cape-Verde National Ethics Committee (*Comité Nacional de Ética em Pesquisa para a Saúde-CNEPS*). She is currently a member of the LusoAfro Bioethics Project and a faculty member the Universidade de Cabo Verde.

Congratulations on your new appointment, *Professor Isabel!*

More students are getting bioethics training

Spearheaded by Professor Isabel Inês Araújo, a total of 30 students from the combined cohort of Master of Public Health Program and the graduating medical students of Universidade de Cabo Verde have received a training on health research ethics given last 8 - 9 April 2021. The session was conducted in a mix of in-person and online teaching platforms.

Invited resource speakers came from various international institutional partners. One of them is Universidade Nova de Lisboa - Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Professor Cláudia Conceição (*on lower right side of the screen photo*), also a member of EDCTP LusoAfro-Bioethics Project, who talked about the topic on *Ethics Committees in Health Research: Constitution, Regulations and Guidelines for Submission*.





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SNAPSHOT!

Last 16 September 2021, partners from the EDCTP Project BERC-LUSO visited the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and have met EDCTP Project LusoAfro-Bioethics members, namely: Professor Claudia Conceição, President of IHMT Ethics Committee, and Professor M. do Rosario Oliveira Matins, a member of the University NOVA Ethics Committee.

EDCTP highlights LusoAfro-Bioethics researchers in Mozambique initiative

On the 10th [EDCTP Forum](#), a recent documentary features several researchers on its successful partnership for advancing Mozambique's health research development.

Professor Esperança Sevene, one of the members of the LusoAfro-Bioethics project team, says that the organization has been instrumental in building the capacity of Universidade Eduardo Mondlane's medical research education. A number of staff have also attended doctoral education, professional trainings and scientific conferences through the continued EDCTP support.





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In a separate interview, Professor João Schwalbach, Chair of Mozambique’s National Bioethics Committee and LusoAfro-Bioethics project coordinator, believes that their current partnership on strengthening bioethics committees particularly creates a more modern and dynamic research environment built on the principles of integrity and equity. *To learn more about the EDCTP projects, you may view the whole interview on the YouTube platform.*



Screegrab photos from EDCTP from YouTube.

International initiative innovates on eLearning bioethics education

Before the year ends, an international team of experts will roll out the eLearning platform on bioethics education in the Lusophone African region. Designed to support the consortium member-universities of the LusoAfro-Bioethics project, the course program covers essential themes of bioethics education such as the history of bioethics, regulation, function of ethics committees, protocol submission, and informed consent and confidentiality. An impressive pool of experts will lead the discussion for each of the thematic areas. The realization of the eLearning project, which is the last work package for the three-year capacity building effort with the aid of EDCTP, comes in as both relevant and innovative in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic challenges.

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