Call for application
Two-years post-doc position
From research to policies,
Food systems in Côte d’Ivoire and Ethiopia

Context

IPORA - Interdisciplinary Policy-Oriented Research on Africa - is a collaborative research platform linking researchers from a broad set of disciplines in four universities: University of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, University Felix-Houphouët Boigny in Côte d’Ivoire, International University of Rabat in Morocco, and the University of Bordeaux in France. IPORA was launched in 2022, with a grant from the French Excellence Initiative program.

IPORA features several thematic workpackages, within which the WP6 is dedicated to improving food policies in Africa. The workpackage is coordinated by Pr. Tanguy Bernard, University of Bordeaux and Pr. Kaleab BAYE, Addis Ababa University.

Post-doctoral position

IPORA is opening a post-doctoral research fellow position in public policies or related fields, to join the WP6 research team. The objective of the fellowship is to contribute to a better understanding of what supports or prevents the use of research findings the design and implementation of food policies. With support from IPORA researchers the recruited post-doctoral fellow will lead three complementary approaches:

1. A retrospective comparative analysis of the evolution of food policies in Côte d’Ivoire and Ethiopia. The aim is to analyze the strength and weaknesses of links between research and public decisions in the field of food since the 1990s. The specific case of emblematic policies such as school canteens or quality standards for local products will serve as a guideline. The work will consist in semi-structured interviews with actors involved in these policies, documentary research and analysis of relevant data.

2. Analysis of food policy actors in Côte d’Ivoire and Ethiopia. The objective of this research will be to identify the networks of actors and their reciprocal and mutual influence on local food policy choices. The analysis will be based on semi-structured interviews as well as on a survey of stakeholder networks developed as part of the post-doctoral program.

3. ”In-situ” analysis of the work carried out within the framework of IPORA WP6 in both Ethiopia and Côte d’Ivoire, in order to draw reflective lessons towards strengthening the links between research and policy-decisions.

Most of the research will take place in Côte d’Ivoire involving several missions per year. The position is based in either one of the four IPORA university members - although preferably in Rabat (Morroco) or Abidjan (Côte d’Ivoire). The fellowship will be jointly supervised by Pr. Tanguy Bernard, Kaleab Baye and Zineb Omary.

Postdoc’s net salary will be indexed on French wages rate of Public Research Organization.

Application

The position is open until filled. Interested candidates should send their complete CV to Tanguy Bernard (tanguy.bernard@u-bordeaux.fr). The CV should indicate diplomas, trajectory, places and institutions where the candidate has worked and studied, along with a complete list of publications.