
Empowering Paleosciences in Ethiopia

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Résumé

Ethiopia plays a crucial role in paleoanthropological research, with world-renowned fossil discoveries such as Lucy (*Australopithecus afarensis*) and Ardi (*Ardipithecus ramidus*). Above all, its particularly diverse and rich fossil and prehistoric records shape our understanding of human origin. However, the scientific importance of Ethiopia does not match its institutional capacity, educational infrastructure, and public engagement in paleosciences. Our project establishes a program of seminars and workshops that targets students, young-career researchers, museum professionals, and heritage authorities. The program focuses on paleoscience practices and ethics, including fieldwork, fossil conservation, publications, funding and training opportunities, international collaboration, and contribution of paleosciences to the society. A dedicated 10-day workshop will teach scientific illustration and paleoart to Ethiopian artists and science students who aspire to learn these skills. This initiative aims to develop knowledge, skills, and professional networks to empower local researchers.

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