



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

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Ed. Note: Welcome to 2025 with the ITD Alliance! We are looking forward to another productive year with you as we continue to enrich and expand our community, activities, and impact. – Caryn Anderson, Interim Executive Secretary & ITD Alliance News Bulletin Editor (Contact me any time at: caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org.)

Members are invited to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing questions or announcements. See “About this News Bulletin” below.



New “Member Publications” feature

New “Member Publications” feature in News Bulletin and website: Announce your “just-out” publications

Just had a paper, book or book chapter published? Does it highlight inter- or transdisciplinarity or some other form of boundary crossing or collaborative mode of research and practice? Let us know and we’ll be pleased to feature it in the ITD Alliance News Bulletin and on the [ITD Alliance website](#).

Publication listings should include the:

- full citation,
- brief description of approximately 50 words (due to variable copyright restrictions, we are unable to publish full abstracts), and
- DOI URL.

Publication listings in all languages are welcome. If the publication is in a language other than English, we would welcome an English language translation of the citation and abstract.

Send your publication listings to Caryn Anderson (info@itd-alliance.org) with the subject: Member Publications.

First member publication!

Member Authors: Umar Ibrahim and Jason Prior

Citation: Ibrahim, U., Prior, J. (2024). **Planetary Health Governance: A Tool of Transdisciplinary Collaborations for Sustainable Development.** In: Filho, W.L., Vidal, D.G., Dinis, M.A.P. (eds) Planetary Health and Climate Change: Understanding the Impacts of Climate Change to the Well-Being of Our Planet. Climate Change Management. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-72740-5_17

Description: The chapter explores planetary health governance as a framework for addressing climate change through transdisciplinary collaborations. It emphasizes integrating diverse sectors and disciplines to foster sustainable development, aligning human health, environmental stewardship, and equitable policy-making to mitigate climate change impacts and promote planetary well-being.

See also the [Member Publications](#) web page.



Upcoming ITD Alliance events

Mark your calendars and register! The Toolkits & Methods working group of the ITD Alliance is hosting two virtual events early in 2025:

- 17 January 2025 - A “Meet & Greet” event to share ideas and interests from (new, potential, or founding) members, and updates on ongoing projects.
- 10 February 2025 - A “Quality & Rigour Discussion” on criteria for inter- and transdisciplinarity (ITD), hosted by the Quality & Rigour Project of the working group.

Both events are open to all. View event details and registration links below or on the [Member Events](#) page of the ITD Alliance website.

Boosting Toolkits & Methods: Official ITD-Alliance Working Group Meet & Greet, January 17, 2025, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM CET, virtual (asynchronous on Miro board and live on Zoom)

The [ITD Alliance](#) Working Group on Toolkits & Methods will start the new year of 2025 with an online Meet & Greet event for toolkit and method enthusiasts.

Please join us, whether you are already a member of the WG or simply curious about the fun we're having:

- **Event:** January 17, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM CET. ([convert to your time zone](#))
- **Registration:** Register online by January 12: https://cloud.scnat.ch/drive/d/s/11lyKG6r2t9JkhDri2B4TmiAUHsTMwFp/9GEEofl2MIgvBNUZZA_D5kL7Jociwcek-Q7JAvlea5As
- **Can't attend but want to meet others?** Please register anyway to receive instructions for engaging with our Miro board.

History: Since 2021 the [Working Group on Toolkits & Methods](#) gathers experts around the joint interest to advance their respective fields with toolkits that support research collaborations beyond disciplines. We adopt a pluralistic approach towards the discussion of tools and methods for projects that may be framed as cross-disciplinary, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, collaborative, integrative and the like. You can find information about our ongoing projects and publications here: https://itd-alliance.org/working-groups/toolkits_methods/

The group is open to everyone with experience in developing methods and tools, as well as those with a major interest in toolkit development and reflection on the use of methods & toolkits.

Event: For our Meet & Greet event on January 17, 2025, we will gather virtually— asynchronously on Miro and synchronously on Zoom for an hour. The event will include a brief, informal presentation; space to share ideas and interests from our (new, potential, or founding) members; and updates on ongoing projects. We will conclude by deciding 'next steps to action.'

You are warmly invited to join us for this event, and we're excited to hear about the topics and ideas you bring! We're looking forward to meeting you!

Quality & Rigour Discussion Session, February 10, 2025, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET, online (live meeting).

Join us to discuss the quality and rigour aspects of ITD methods!

Registration is now open for the first Quality & Rigour Discussion Session of 2025, taking place on February 10, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET.

- **Event:** February 10, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET. ([convert to your time zone](#))
- **Registration:** Register online by January 12: https://cloud.scnat.ch/drive/d/s/112Lt4OHbb7vWCBcThJtuGeJ5N1sGseU/IOEVD8rhuL21efxss04UGHc5U-E6XocE-_L-A_eK61ws

In this session, the [Quality and Rigour Project](#) within the Toolkits & Methods working group invites participants to explore which quality and rigor criteria from traditional research methods can be applied to ITD methods, which may not be applicable, and which might require adaptation. Additionally, we will consider whether entirely new quality criteria are needed for ITD methods, beyond those used for traditional research methods. We will conclude with a discussion on the project's next steps.



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ITD24 Conference photos are now available to view and download: [ITD24 Pictures](#).

The ITD24 Conference organisers have grouped the photos by each day of the conference. Participants can revisit wonderful memories of the connections and collaborations that were fostered over the course of the week. If you were unable to attend, the pictures will give you a sense of the insights and energy that made the ITD24 Conference truly special. We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing our shared work in the year ahead.



Education and training news

Team Science Champions Program pilot launches in Ethiopia, January 2025

A two-year Team Science Champions Program pilot will be launched in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the end of January 2025. The first cohort of investigators and staff to serve as Team Science Champions will spend their first year learning the fundamentals of Team Science and in the second year will begin serving as Team Science Trainers in their own organizations. In this way they'll contribute to building infrastructure for Team Science and create cultures of collaboration for team-based interdisciplinary research at their institutions. The pilot program will be undertaken as part of the [Ethiopia-Emory Tuberculosis Research Training Program \(EETB-RTP\)](#) which trains promising Ethiopian investigators from Addis Ababa University (AAU), Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), and the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) in interdisciplinary research preparing them to become the next generation of internationally recognized TB investigators who are also translating research findings into practice. The Team Science training will be undertaken by L. Michelle Bennett, working collaboratively with Henry Blumberg (Emory), Russell Kempker (Emory), Kidist Bobosha (AHRI), Damen Hailemariam (AAU), and Saro Abdella (EHPI). For more information on the training/train-the-trainer program, contact Michelle Bennett (michelle.lmbc@gmail.com). For information on the program overall, contact Kyleigh Marshall (kyleigh.marshall@emory.edu).



ITD Alliance member conferences

SciTS 2025, Science of Team Science Conference, 28-30 July 2025, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, Call for Abstracts

The call for poster, oral, and panel presentation abstracts for the 2025 SciTS Conference is now open! The 2025 SciTS Conference will be hosted by the US Food & Drug Administration White Oak Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, from July 28 - July 30, 2025.

The SciTS Annual Conference is the flagship event of the International Network for the Science of Team Science (INSciTS). It continues to be the premier annual gathering of scholars, practitioners, and providers in the field of Team Science, bringing together a broad range of disciplines to share and advance the latest evidence-based methods in team collaboration and transdisciplinary science. Speakers and attendees will include investigators, administrators, students, funders, and policymakers. Our community includes academia, government, industry, and many other sectors, and spans a multitude of knowledge domain spaces. Anyone interested in improving collaborative research and discovery is welcome!

For more information on the call for abstracts and to submit, see the [INSciTS news blog](#).
Deadline for abstract submissions: 28 February 2025.



Other relevant conferences and courses

UK KMb Forum (UK Knowledge Mobilisation Forum), Monday, 28 April, 2025 - Thursday 1 May, 2025 UTC/GMT, online

The UK KMb Forum will be taking place virtually from Monday, 28 April, 2025 - Thursday 1 May, 2025. The UK Knowledge Mobilisation Forum is a space for collaborative learning and reflection amongst those engaged in the art and science of sharing knowledge and ensuring that it can be used. The forum will include interactive sessions and the Knowledge Fayre, a chance to share knowledge mobilisation experiences, case studies, lessons learned and more during repeated small, intimate 15 minute online group sessions.

They are now inviting contributions from anyone with a story, method, resource or insight to share about knowledge mobilisation in the areas of practice, research & evaluation, and training & development. Submissions are due by Friday 21st February 2025.

For more information and the submission form see:
<https://knowledgemobilisation.net/2025-call-for-contributions/>.

Participatory Action Research: theories, methods and challenges, 2-day course, 12-13 June 2025, Durham, UK

A two-day course for doctoral students and members of community organisations.

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June, 2025
Calman Learning Centre, Durham University, Durham, UK

With international tutors from USA, as well as experienced trainers from the UK Participatory Research Network, this course is always popular, educational and enjoyable.

How to apply: Places are limited to 50, so early booking is advisable. If you are a doctoral student or member of a community organisation interested in attending, please complete the application form. Demand is usually high, so selection is based on the case you make in the application for why you will benefit from the course.

The closing date is 31 March 2025. Early booking is advisable as the course is likely to fill up quickly. For details, see: https://www.ninedtp.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Participatory-Action-Research-2025_NINE-DTP.pdf.



About this News Bulletin

This News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD Alliance and its members.

Members are encouraged to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing to sections of the bulletin:

- Consult the community – Ask questions of the community and respond to member questions to support our teaching and learning, as individuals and as a community.
- Member conferences and events – Announce inter- and transdisciplinarity related events hosted by you or your institution.
- Member news – Share news of inter- and transdisciplinarity related reports on activities, awards you have received or other good news.

We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as:

- Opportunities for consulting or employment, grants and prizes or visiting fellowships
- Policy news in education, funding and research
- Conference news about dates and locations and calls for submissions
- Conference reports
- Journal news about calls for submissions to special issues related to inter- and transdisciplinarity.

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org) at least a week before you would like to see them published. We aim to publish every two weeks, but the day may vary.

The News Bulletin is sent to all members of the ITD Alliance and to interested colleagues who have joined the mailing list at <https://itd-alliance.org/newsletter>. To be sure News Bulletins don't end up in a spam folder, add info@itd-alliance.org to your contacts list. Feel free to share the News Bulletin with anyone who may be interested.

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