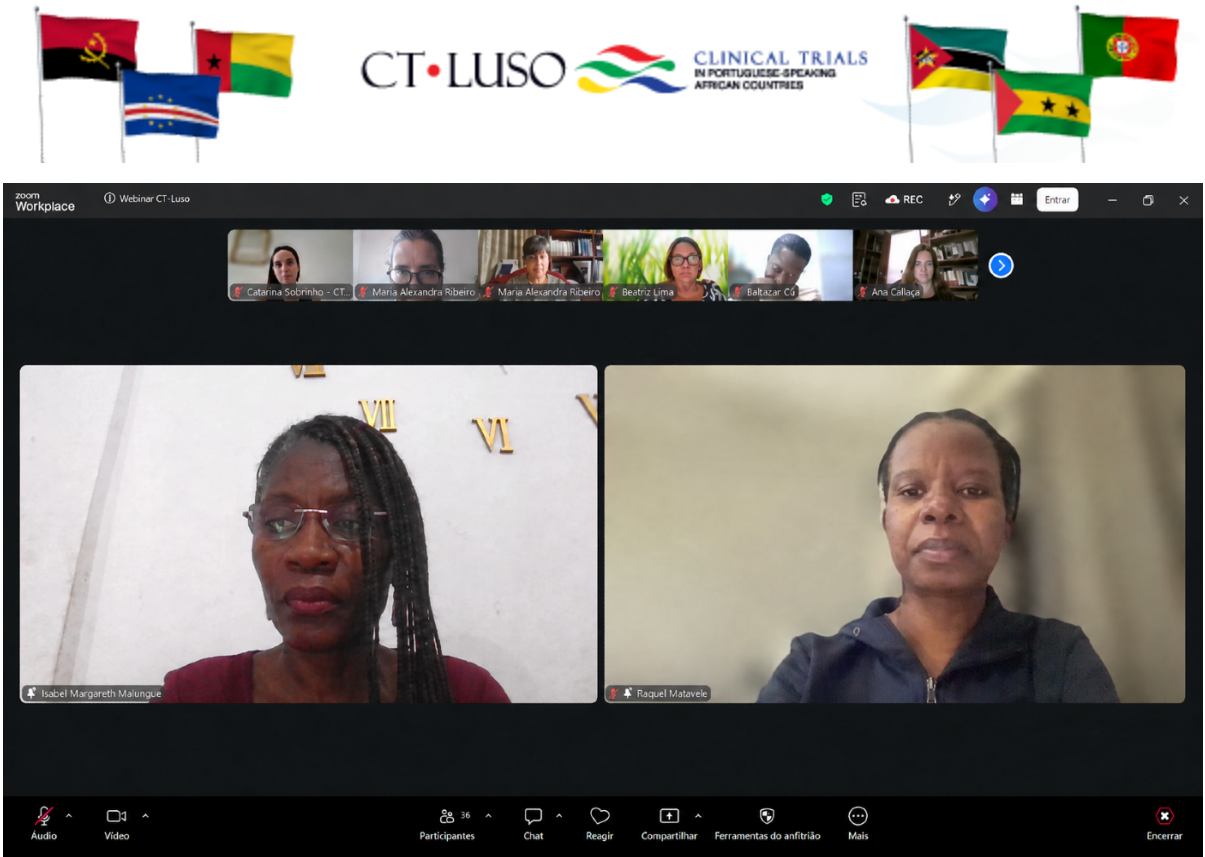




Webinar: CT Luso promotes reflection on biomedical research and traditional medicines.

As part of the CT Luso webinar series, a new session dedicated to the theme "Biomedical Research and Traditional Medicines" was held on July 30th. It brought together approximately fifty participants from various Portuguese-speaking countries and specialists from Portugal, Angola, and Mozambique to reflect on the value of traditional knowledge and its articulation with scientific research, safety, and innovation in health.

The session was moderated by **Olga Silva** , Professor of Pharmacognosy, Medicinal Plants, and Phytotherapy at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Lisbon and President of the Cooperation Council of the Order of Pharmacists.

The webinar featured presentations by **Raquel Matavele Chissumba** , General Director of the Research and Development Center in Ethnobotany of Mozambique; and **Graça Cumbi** , Head of Department at the National Directorate of Traditional and Alternative Medicine of the Ministry of Health of Mozambique. and **Isabel Margareth Malungue** , Head of the Department of Pharmacovigilance, Technovigilance and Clinical Trials of the Ministry of Health of Angola.

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Researchers and institutions from African Lusophone countries are making an increasingly important contribution to Global Health EDCTP3, already taking part in 25% of the project portfolio, a substantial increase compared to previous EDCTP Programme iterations.

Global Health EDCTP3 highlights CT-Luso's contribution to strengthening health research in the PALOP countries.

The **CT-Luso project** was highlighted by the **Global Health EDCTP3** as an example of cooperation between Portuguese-speaking African countries to strengthen health research and national capacities in ethics and regulation of clinical research.

In the [article published on July 29th](#), the Global Health EDCTP3 underlines that language continues to be a barrier to access to specialized training and integration into international research networks for many professionals from Portuguese-speaking African Countries (**PALOP**). In this context, CT-Luso is presented as a response to this challenge, promoting advanced training in the Portuguese language, strengthening national skills, and fostering collaboration between different partner countries.

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Biomedical ethics and regulatory capacity building in Africa: the case study of São Tomé and Príncipe.

The article “Biomedical ethics and regulatory capacity building in Africa: the case study of São Tomé and Príncipe,” authored by Jorge PB Batista, Adionilde Aguiar, Vânia Castro, Jeryson Costa, Isaulina Barreto, and Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, was published in the scientific journal Global Bioethics.

The publication analyzes the progress achieved in strengthening the ethical, legislative, and institutional capacities necessary for the development of biomedical research in São Tomé and Príncipe within the framework of the BERC-Luso project, the predecessor to CT-Luso.

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CT-Luso is preparing in-person training in Lisbon and is aiming for international recognition.

The CT-Luso Project coordination team held its 22nd follow-up meeting on July 1st, via videoconference, dedicated to reviewing the status of the training program, upcoming project activities, and highlighting the scientific results already achieved.

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Como avalia a importância da cooperação entre os países lusófonos na área dos ensaios clínicos?

CT Luso Video: CT-Luso's Contribution to Strengthening Clinical Research in Guinea-Bissau

Carlos da Costa , President of the Commission for the Installation of the Pharmaceuticals and Medicines Regulatory Authority (ARFAME) of Guinea-Bissau, highlights the impact of training in ethics and clinical trials in a context marked by a shortage of qualified pharmaceutical professionals. He emphasizes the role of CT-Luso in training professionals, reinforcing essential skills for the development of clinical research and the strengthening of health institutions.

He also highlights the importance of the Portuguese language as a facilitator of communication, knowledge sharing, and cooperation among Portuguese-speaking countries, contributing to institutional development and greater scientific integration.

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Advances in scientific research driven by Portuguese-speaking cooperation

Eula Maquengo , President of the Ethics Committee for Health and Clinical Research (CESIC) of São Tomé and Príncipe, highlights the significant progress made since 2018 in scientific research and clinical trials, following the cooperation initiated with BERC-Luso and subsequently reinforced by CT-Luso.

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