

# NETWORKING FOR AFRICA'S FUTURE

## 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACBF TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS & NETWORKS (TAP-NETs)

Date: November 21-22, 2011  
Venue: Hilton Hotel, Yaoundé  
CAMEROON

## THE RAPPORTEUR'S ROLE

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The responsibilities of the **Rapporteur** include the following:

1. You should receive copies of the presentations or PPTs, where applicable, in advance of the session from the Session Chair (please contact the Conference Organizer if there are problems). Kindly read these presentations carefully and come prepared to comment on each presentation. Your comments can include, but need not be limited to **constructive criticisms** about the issues addressed, the theoretical foundations established, the methodologies employed, the analyses, and the implications derived. You may also want to highlight where you believe the presentations make contributions to the broader stream of literature or how this opens up new perspectives. Many rapporteurs also find it helpful to highlight the interrelationships among the papers presented. Feel free to share your comments with the authors prior to the presentation.
2. Importantly, the bulk of your time as rapporteur should be spent **stimulating audience interest in the subject and the presentations**. Whenever possible, we encourage you to **assume the role of devil's advocate, provoking issues for discussions between the presenters and the audience**. We encourage you to use as a measure of your effectiveness the extent to which you engaged others in an open discussion and/or stimulate audience interest in the subject. Thus, rather than using your allotted time to conduct a one-way review about the presentation, we encourage you to use the bulk of your time to highlight controversial issues that will stimulate a dialogue amongst those in attendance.
3. On the day of your session, kindly show up to the room 5 minutes in advance of the session. Identify yourself to the Session Chair or Moderator in advance, and note any changes in your affiliation of which the Chair/Moderator may not be aware.
4. As rapporteur you have been allocated **5 minutes per presentation**. Please try to keep your remarks limited to this time space such that ample time is left for audience participation.