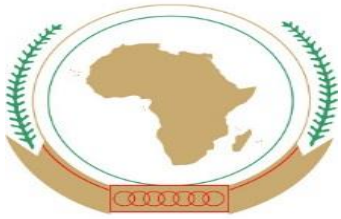


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Stage 1:

Adherence to Submission Instructions:

For the text of your abstract, the following restrictions apply:

- Please use a common font, such as Calibri, with font size 11.
- Maximum acceptable length is 400 words, and no graphs, pictures or tables are allowed.
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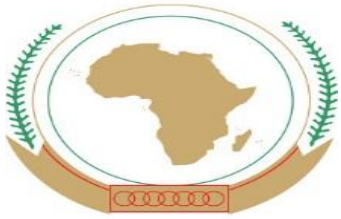
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Stage 2: Technical Review

Criteria:

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| • Topic in line with meeting Theme (HIV, Ebola EIDs) | Max score of 2 points |
| • Scientific Research | Max score of 2 points |
| • Methodology | Max score of 3 points |
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The decision for acceptance or rejection will also be communicated to you by e-mail.

Accepted abstracts will be given a number and will be eligible for sponsorship invitation to attend MARS 2017 in Port Luis , Mauritius. Travel and accommodation cost will be covered by MERCK.

And scheduled for display on the first day of the summit, and authors of abstracts selected for possible oral presentation will also be notified at this time.

The three first winners will be eligible to win further MARS Research Awards.

Further Research Award will be dedicated for Best African Women Researchers.

**The submission deadline for poster /abstract will be
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After selecting the abstracts selected applicants will be asked to develop a poster for the poster session at UNESCO MARS .

Due to the size of the poster boards your poster may not exceed 70 cm in width and 100 cm in height (portrait format).

Materials for mounting the posters will be available at the poster areas.

Posters will be placed according to the numbering provided at acceptance and the respective numbering on the boards.

Posters will have to be mounted the day before the summit and will have to be removed the first day after 18.00 in the evening.

During the poster viewing period the presenting author and/or co-authors are asked to be present at the poster in order to be available for questions and discussions.



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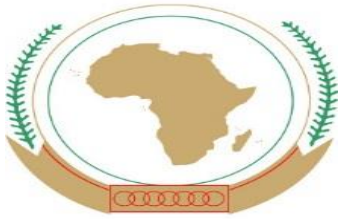
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Posters should be divided into sections like a published paper.

Font size on the final poster should be large enough to enable reading from a certain distance. It may also be advantageous to have a number of hard copies of the poster available for distribution.

For selected presentations, the slides should be prepared using Microsoft PowerPoint or a compatible system.

Presenters should deliver their PowerPoint presentation to the event manager well in advance of the presentation in order to allow for a check of compatibility with MARS system



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