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Selection of dinner speaker(s) at CPRsouth4

Proposal:

- 1.0 Feature Professors Mushtaq Khan of the School of African and Oriental Studies in London and Alison Gillwald of Research ICTs Africa as the dinner speakers on Day 1 of the CPRsouth4. Unlike in previous years where we had a single speaker, the format will allow for interaction between the speakers and among the speakers and the audience. The topic of the conversation will be: "Understanding the state for effective policy intervention."

Rationale:

- 1.0 Our previous dinner speakers were Ashok Jhunjhunwala (CPRs1, Manila); Sanjiva Weerawarana (CRPs2, Chennai); and Bill Melody (CPRs3, Beijing). Each one a star and each from outside the host country. All the talks were very well received. Mushtaq Khan and Alison Gillwald are both stars (Mushtaq as an original thinker on the state in developing contexts and Alison has been heroic and path-breaking in developing policy-relevant research in Africa) and both are from outside the host country. Their CVs are attached as annex 4 and annex 5.
- 2.0 Based on his writings, I visited Mushtaq in London and had a long conversation with him. He is not engaged with ICT issues at all, which is why I thought we would team him up with someone who is. Alison engaged with his ideas extensively in her PhD dissertation and is ideally positioned to make the links for the CPRsouth audience.
- 3.0 I am sure he is an effective speaker, but not that sure he will be an orator like Ashok. The interactive format will, I think, be better in terms of getting his ideas out.

Approve	
Not approve	

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