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Session 7: Enhancing the Delivery Capacity of the
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Opening Points

1. Both history and the African people will judge the Commission not on its rhetoric, intentions and resolution , but on what it has delivered.
2. Hence the importance of today's session
3. In my view, The Commission must be better than the OAU in the three important areas:-
 - (i) **In the Effective implementation of decisions and Resolution.**

Professor Adedeji made the point that Political leaders of the OAU passed many important and radical resolutions. But these were never implemented, discussed or even mentioned at the national level. I have written a paper to

explain why this was the case. The AU must not therefore continue the the reputation and perception of many people that the OAU was a “talking shop” a “ club of the political leaders”

(ii) The Commission must be practice good governance within its institutions and must be characterized by efficiency in all aspects of its work;

(iii) The Commission must be informed by and have direct links with the CSOs and ordinary people throughout the continent.

4. In addition to improvement in these three critical areas, the Commission must improve or enhance its technical capacity in the four areas which we will discuss today:-

- (a) The commission’s management system**
- (b) The Commission’s communication strategy**
- (c) The commission’s relations with its Partners**

**(d) The Commission's efforts at resource
mobilization**

5. Today's agenda is thus long –

4 issues to discuss

8 Speakers

6. I therefore appeal to you that

(i) We must be focused on practical suggestions

(j) We must manage our time effectively.

**7. I now ask His Excellency the Deputy chairperson of the
commission to Introduce the issue of “Improving
Management System”**