

**MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2008 (16.30pm – 18.30pm)**

**Workshop 3: Improving Election Coverage in Developing and Emerging Countries**

**MYCENAE, LEVEL 1 , English**

**Workshop Title: Improving Elections Coverage in Developing and Emerging Countries**

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**Language: (Please mark one) ~~English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic~~**

**Workshop description:**

1. What are the main points you want to raise in the workshop?

That the media's role in supporting good governance begins with professional and independent coverage of elections. In the Caribbean, there have been recognisable connections between the quality of elections coverage and the quality of governance.

2. Give some background information to the issue you want to raise.

The Association of Caribbean MediaWorkers hopes to launch by 2009 an Elections Handbook for Caribbean journalists.

3. List three key questions you want the workshop to address.

a) Are journalists in your country aware of the required international standards in the coverage of elections?

b) Do you believe that the quality of elections coverage has a bearing on their eventual outcome?

c) In what ways do you see the coverage of elections playing a role in strengthening the watchdog role of the media?

4. What would be the main desired outcome of the workshop?

Increased awareness of the need to improve on elections coverage in developing and emerging territories.

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