



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the Conference Morocco-Korea Cooperation: A Lever for Afro-Asian Development (MKC 2025) on 25 October 2025 in Kenitra, Morocco. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the Scientific Committee and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were double-blind. Each submission was examined by 2 reviewers independently.

The submissions were first screened for generic quality and suitability. After the initial screening, they were sent for peer review by matching each paper's topic with the reviewers' expertise, taking into account any competing interests. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favourable recommendations from the two reviewers.

Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers' comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

The peer-review process is conducted with the support of reviewers selected from among the members of the Scientific Committee. For each submitted manuscript, the editors are responsible for identifying and appointing the most appropriate reviewers on the basis of their academic expertise, subject-area knowledge, and relevance to the topic of the paper. This editorial selection is carried out with particular attention to objectivity, confidentiality, and scientific rigor. Reviewers are expected to provide an independent and constructive assessment of the manuscript's originality, methodological soundness, theoretical contribution, and overall relevance to the scope of the publication. In cases where a potential conflict of interest or a close relationship with the author(s) is identified, the concerned reviewer is excluded from the evaluation process. Through this procedure, the editors aim to ensure a fair, competent, and credible review system grounded in the expertise of the Scientific Committee.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions:

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all of the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher. All articles were screened by the editors for potential plagiarism before being sent to reviewers. This verification was carried out using the iThenticate software in order to detect textual overlap and ensure the originality and academic integrity of all manuscripts prior to the peer-review process.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	87
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	65
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	21
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	24.1%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	14

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Some of the authors (Mouna KHELLAT, and Mohamed BENAICH) were supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused herself from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.

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