



Stakeholder Consultation Workshop For the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ASG-QA)

16-17 November, 2017

*Venue: Capital Hotel - 22 Mazoria, Haile G/Slassie Avenue
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

About

Quality, harmonised higher education systems are integral to achieving the vision of an integrated, prosperous peaceful Africa. In a 2006 Summit decision, African Heads of African State and Government expressed their commitment to set up mechanisms for harmonisation and quality assurance to ensure comparable higher education in Africa. The Agenda 2063 First Ten-Year Implementation Plan includes the commitment to a Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF), to support educational quality standards across the continent.

The [HAQAA](#) (Harmonisation of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation) Initiative, funded by the European Union in partnership with the African Union, supports these goals, namely the development of a harmonised quality assurance and accreditation system at institutional level, national, regional and Pan-African continental level.

One of the activities in the Initiative is the drafting of the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ASQ-QA), which is aimed to support higher education institutions and quality assurance agencies in Africa in implementing good practices for quality assurance; applying the standards and guidelines formulated by competent authorities in higher education; developing adequate internal quality assurance in higher education institutions; and assisting higher education institutions in assessing their own quality through self-assessment. It will also promote an equivalent way of assessing quality in higher education in Africa and nurture coordination among national and regional quality assurance agencies.

The ASG-QA will be a key reference tool of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF). They have been drafted and revised by a selected group of higher education and quality assurance experts representing different regions of the continent. A first draft in four different languages (English, French, Portuguese and Arabic) was presented to stakeholders via an online consultation, which was open between 15 June and 30 July, 2017. The TWG has re-worked the document based on the feedback received. The objective is to develop a document that respects the diversity of QA systems in the continent, yet gives them a common base-line and language with which to improve quality, both in terms of external evaluation and accreditation and internal institutional procedures.

This consultation workshop is being held to bring key stakeholders together to discuss the second draft of the document. It will target key representative organisations in Africa, such as QA bodies at the national and regional level, ministries, university associations, student associations and other relevant actors engaged in the quality assurance agenda in Africa. Approximately 65 individuals will be funded to attend. It is being held in the run-up to the Africa-EU Summit, which will take place end of November 2017 in Ivory Coast. The outcomes of this consultation workshop will feed into the Summit, with the aim to define follow-up activities for PAQAF that can be supported by the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership.

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Programme

15 November

Arrival of Participants

16 November

08:15 Registration

9:00 Welcome:

Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Ag. Director for Human Resources, Science & Technology, African Union Commission

TBC- European Union Delegation to the African Union

Jonathan Mba, Association of African Universities/the HAQAA Consortium

9:45 Presentation of the main action lines of PAQAF

Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission

10:15 Objectives and structure of the consultation workshop

Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Initiative implementing consortium

10:30 Introduction to the ASG-QA: What are they and what are they for?

Rispa Odongo, Chair of the Technical Working Group for the ASG-QA

10:45 Standards and Guidelines for QA in other regions: Trends and common interests

Brief update on the ASG of the European Higher Education Area (Caty Duykaerts, ENQA)

Brief update on the ASEAN Standards for Quality Assurance (AQAF) (Marc Wilde, DAAD)

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Panel with QA bodies: Relevance of the ASG-QA to specific QA systems

5 panelists from five different African regions

Noel Saliu, Director, Quality Assurance, National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria

Cosam Joseph, Head of Quality Assurance and Qualification Framework Unit at IUCEA, East Africa

Papa Gueye, Executive Secretary, National Authority for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (Amaq-Sup), Senegal

Ana Nhampule, Director, National Council for Quality Assurance (CNAQ), Mozambique

Maha Rashwan, National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE), Egypt

Chair: Jonathan Mba, AAU

12:45 Presentation of draft 2 of the ASG-QA, including key changes and contested points

Rispa Odongo and Jeffy Mukora, Technical Working Group for the ASG-QA

13:30 Lunch

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- 14:30 Introduction to the break out group discussions and working methodology
- 14:45 Break out groups: Discussion of Part 1 of the ASG-QA
Rapporteurs to generate a synthesis of key suggestions
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Break out groups: Discussion of Part 2 of the ASG-QA
- 18:00 Close
- 19:30 Official dinner at the Capital Hotel – The hotel staff will indicate the reserved room for the dinner.

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- 8:30 Panel: Student engagement in quality assurance in Africa
Younous Moustapha, National Union of Students of Chad, Rachael Musinguzi, Ugandan Students' Union, Peter Kwasi Kodjie, All-Africa Students' Union, Mussab Mohamedosman Ibrahim Osman, General Sudanese Student Union, Felix Donkor, Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association (EMA)
- 9:30 Reports from break-out groups and reactions from Technical Working Group
- 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:45 Break-out groups: Part three of the ASG-QA
- 12:00 Reports from break-out groups
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 ASG-QA: Sensitisation and promotion activities
Panel of universities and QA bodies, discussing challenges and opportunities for promoting and implementing the ASG-QA
- Narend Bajjnath, Council for Higher Education, South Africa*
Amine Allal, University of Tlemcen, Algeria
Zakari Lire, CAMES
Piyushi Kotecha, SARUA
Chair: Chiedu Mafiana, Deputy Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Nigeria
- 14:30 Concluding session: Main take-aways and messages for the Africa-EU Summit and African heads of state
- 15:15 End

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