The African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Practice: Continental challenges and opportunities

HAQAA Follow-Up Workshop to the first HAQAA Training Course
Cairo, Egypt    24-25 April
Hosted by NAQAAE

PROGRAMME

22-23 April
NAQAAE Annual Conference (participants invited to attend at own cost)

24 April

9:00  Official Welcome
Youhansen Eid, NAQAAE
H.E. Ivan Surkoš, EU Ambassador to Egypt (tbc)
Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission
Elizabeth Colucci, of behalf of the HAQAA Consortium

9:45  Session 1: The ASG-QA: Where are we now?
Youhansen Eid, representative of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the ASG-QA

10:30 Coffee

10:45 Session 2 (group work): The ASG-QA in my system
This first set of break-out groups will look at the parts B and C of the ASG-QA, which pertain to national quality assurance agencies. Participants will be divided by linguistic groups (English, French). Each group will select a rapporteur. The groups will be chaired by Amine Allal (FR) and Jeffy Mukora (ENG).

Questions:
-What are your reactions to parts B and C?
-Are any of the standards or guidelines controversial?
-Are any unclear?
-Please select at least three of the standards and guidelines from your system that you think will be crucial to implement. Discuss obstacles and opportunities for implementing them.

12:15  Session 3: Summaries from break out groups and discussion
-What were some of the common concerns regarding parts B and C of the ASG-QA?
-Did these concerns cross linguistic groups?
-Which standards were selected as being a highest priority for implementation? Did these selections cross linguistic lines?
13:00  Lunch

14:00  **Session 4: Case studies: The ESG in Practice in national QA agencies in Europe (Part B)**
Eva Ferreira, ENQA Board member, Unibasq agency, Basque Country, Spain  
Kerstin Fink, CEO, Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA), Germany  
Chair: Goran Dakovic, European University Association  

Discussion  

**Case study: The East African QA handbook in practice in national QA agencies**
Presentation: Pamela Tibihikirra-Kalyegira, Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation at the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), Uganda

15:45  Coffee

16:15  **Session 5: Action points for taking the ASG-QA forward in national systems**
Based on sessions 3 and 4 – Plenary discussion/discussion at tables  
*Participants are asked to share/brainstorm three action points for their countries*

Chair: Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Consortium

17:00  **Session 6: Opportunities for Networking among Alumni of the HAQAA Training Course**

Introduction to the group work exercise (World Café): Marc Wilde, DAAD  
*Brief input: Amany El Sharif, NAQAAE*  
*Participants brainstorm on opportunities for networking and follow-up the idea of forming a network of African QA ambassadors.*

Chair: Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Consortium

18:00  Close

19:30  Official Dinner/cultural activity

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**25 April**

9:00  Summary of Session 6, brainstorming on a HAQAA network

9:15  **Session 7: Methodology for the external QA agency reviews (Part C, ASG-QA)**
Jeffy Mukora, CNAQ, Mozambique and Member of the TWG

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Case study: External agency review
Abdou Cissé, ANAQ-Sup, Senegal

10:00  **Session 8 (Group work): Opportunities and challenges regarding QA agency review**

Group 1 will consist of those countries that have established QA agencies, which would be eligible to undergo a review. Group 2 will consist of countries that are striving to set up a QA agency.

Chairs: Youhansen Eid (ENG – Group1), Zakari Lire (FR – Group 2)

11:00  Coffee

11:30  Summary from group work

12:00  **Session 7: Personal Action Plans –Where are we now?**

Case studies from participants about the state of progress in PAPs:
* Naidoo Kethamonie, CHE, South Africa/SAQAN

Discussion

Chair: Maha Rashwan, NAQAAE

13:00  Lunch

14:00  **Session 8: Impacts of TUNING Africa and establishing a credit system**

- Presentation: The continental framework for developing a credit transfer system (*Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission*)

- Presentation (by Skype): TUNING Africa regarding the proposal for an African credit system (*Damtew Teferra, Lead researcher for the TUNING credit transfer proposal*)

Discussion

15:45  Coffee

16:00  **Session 9: QA capacity development needs in Africa: Designing a future HAQAA/PAQAF Training course on IQA and EQA**

*Group Work: Participants discuss in what areas and by which means capacities in the field of IQA and EQA should be developed in order to sustain or continue the work of HAQAA*

Chair: Marc Wilde, DAAD

17:30  Close

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Possible excursion or cultural activity - TBC