

**Quality Assurance Harmonisation in African Higher Education:
Taking stock, finding synergies, looking forward**
Final conference of HAQAA 1
Dakar Senegal, 3-4 December 2018
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PROGRAMME

Quality, harmonised higher education systems are essential to achieving the vision of an integrated, prosperous peaceful Africa. In a 2016 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 the 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. It specifically contributes towards developing a number of action lines of the PAQAF.

Between 2015 and 2018, HAQAA has provided the following:

- The development of African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ASG-QA), a reference tool 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;
- The provision of a continental Training Course for quality assurance leaders, promoting a common language for quality assurance in Africa and debating/disseminating the African continental objectives and tools in this field;
- Carrying out 15 evaluations of African higher education institutions, using the African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM), an institutional evaluation tool that is endorsed under PAQAF;
- Providing consultancy visits and agency reviews to 8 countries in Africa, to help them to develop their QA agencies and systems along the lines of the ASG-QA.

This conference will celebrate the first 3 years of HAQAA, assess achievements, gathering important donors and partners in this field, and looking forward towards the next HAQAA phase.

Objectives of this event will be:

- Take stock of current initiatives on the continent, and donors and partners contributing to quality assurance in higher education in Africa;
- Discuss the results of the first phase of the HAQAA initiative and more particularly with regards to the implementation of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF);
- Discuss the remaining and future activities required to achieve the PAQAF objectives and assess how the different regional developments in Africa can contribute and / or be developed in harmony with them;
- Study and analyze the prospects of the next HAQAA contract, the continuation of the Advisory Board and its various functions, as well as the role of the main regional and national organizations in Africa.

Participation:

- Donor organisations and international partners (UNESCO, World Bank, AUF ..)
- HAQAA Advisory Board members (Regional Organizations)
- Agencies and Ministries participating in pilot evaluations of quality assurance agencies, organized by the HAQAA Initiative
- Vice Rectors and Vice-Presidents of Universities that participated in the AQRM evaluations for HAQAA
- African student organizations
- Representatives of African regional communities
- Members of the Technical Working Group
- Participants in HAQAA Training Course
- Partners of the HAQAA Consortium and select European experts
- Representatives of the European Union and the African Union

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| Sunday, 2 December 2018 | |
| Arrival in Dakar, Senegal | |
| Venue: Novotel Dakar | |
| Monday, 3 December 2018 | |
| 08:30 | Registration |
| 9h00 | <p>Welcome speeches</p> <p>Papa Gueye, Executive Secretary, ANAQ-Sup</p> <p>Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Etienne Ehile, Secretary General, AAU, for the HAQAA implementing consortium</p> <p>Irene Mingasson, Ambassador of the European Union to Senegal</p> |

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| | Mary Teuw Niane, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Senegal <i>Master of ceremonies</i> |
| 10h00 | The Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework – Where are we now? Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission <i>Reactions and commentary:</i> Bertrand Mbatchi, CAMES/AfriQAN, Achim Hopbach, AQA Austria Chair: Elizabeth Colucci, University of Barcelona (UB)/Global Observatory |
| 11h15 | Coffee break |
| 11h30 | The ASG-QA: Dissemination, implementation and ownership Brief introductory presentation – Rispa Odongo, Chair of the Technical Working Group <i>Panel:</i> <i>Noel Saliu, National Universities Commission, Nigeria</i> <i>Rita Makumbi, President, EAQAN (East Africa)</i> <i>Peter Kwasi Kodjie, Secretary General, All-African Students’ Union</i> <i>Youhansen Eid, NAQAAE, Egypt</i> Chair: Paula Ranne, Deputy Director, ENQA |
| 12h45 | Lunch |
| 14h00 | Institutional quality culture: the contribution of HAQAA and future needs <i>Gudrun Chazotte, DAAD</i> <i>Isaac Rotimi Ajayi, Vice-Chancellor, Crawford University, Nigeria (Representative university that participated in the AQRM)</i> <i>Ivy Rose Mathew, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Academics and Quality, Botho University, Lesotho (Representative university that participated in the AQRM)</i> <i>Amine Allal, Tlemcen University, Algeria/AQRM evaluator</i> <i>Gabriel Opoku, Student, University of Ghana</i> Chair: Tia Loukkola, Director for Institutional Development, European University Association (EUA) |
| 15h30 | Coffee break |
| 16h00 | Building QA agencies and systems Anneley Williense, NUST, Namibia – Presentation of the agency review methodology: challenges and opportunities |

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| | <p>Paula Ranne, ENQA - Piloting the agency review methodology and reflections from Europe</p> <p>Reactions: Two countries implicated in agency reviews and consultancy visits (<i>Jeffy Mukora, CNAQ and François Deckon, University of Lomé/coordinator of HAQAA consultancy visit</i>)</p> <p>Chair: Papa Gueye, Secretary General, ANAQ-Sup, Senegal</p> |
| 17h15 | End of day 1 |
| 19h30 | Official Dinner (Hotel Novotel) |
| Tuesday, 4 December 2018 | |
| 9h00 | <p>Regional harmonisation in Africa and quality assurance: State of Play (<i>Challenges and opportunities for working in the regional context as related to the continental context, value added of HAQAA to the regions</i>)</p> <p>Panel: Two representatives of regional political communities, Martin Oosthuizen, SARUA and Cosam Joseph, Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)</p> <p>Chair: Etienne Ehile, Secretary General, AAU</p> |
| 10h30 | Coffee Break |
| 11h00 | <p>Quality assurance capacity building in Africa: Major initiatives and potential synergies <i>Short presentations</i></p> <p>Hassmik Tortian, UNESCO</p> <p>Hamoud Abdel Wedoud Kamil, World Bank</p> <p>Jemaïel Ben Brahim, AUF</p> <p>Gudrun Chazotte, DAAD</p> <p>Chair: Nicolas Patrici, UB/Global Observatory- HAQAA consortium</p> <p>Discussion</p> |
| 12h00 | <p>The next phase of HAQAA: Priorities and opportunities</p> <p>Short presentation (given by Elizabeth Colucci on behalf of Deirdre Lennan, European Commission)</p> <p>Commentary – Pascal Hoba, CEO, Ubuntunet</p> <p>Discussion chaired by: Elizabeth Colucci, UB/Global Observatory- HAQAA consortium</p> |
| 13h00 | Closing session and recognition |

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| 13:30 | Lunch |
| 15h00 – 17h00 | Meeting of the HAQAA Advisory Board and Technical Working Group |
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