

AfriQAN Workshop and Annual General Meeting

25th – 27th November 2009, Accra, Ghana

Overall Objective

By the end of the workshop, participants will have been informed about Quality Assurance in higher education mechanisms in African sub-regions and will have reviewed and validated regulatory mechanisms of the African Quality Assurance Network

Specific objectives

By the end of the workshop, participants will have:

- Been aware of challenges of higher education development in Africa and possible strategies to address them;
- Enhanced their knowledge on sub-regional Quality Assurance mechanisms and practices;
- Identified linkages between internal and external quality assurance, and sub-regional and regional agreements on mutual recognition of study programmes and qualifications of graduates;
- Have been briefed on, and identified potential areas of support from a regional Quality Assurance network to their institutions;
- Validated regulatory documents related to the African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN);
- Elected a founding Board for AfriQAN;
- Developed a provisional action plan for activities of AfriQAN, with a timeline to be validated by the AfriQAN Board.

Participants: Representatives of African external Quality Assurance agencies, representatives of higher education institutions, development partners

WEDNESDAY, 25/11/2009:

DAY ONE

- 09:30 Opening Session**
- Welcome remarks
 - Participants' Self Introductions
 - Overview, Expectations, Objectives, Ground Rules
 - Address from AAU Secretary-General
 - Remarks by Ghana National Council on Higher Education
- 09:30 Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa**
- Update on Global Quality Assurance in Higher Education
 - Questions and Discussions
- 10:30 am Health Break**
- 11:00 am Higher Education in Africa and Major Development Issues**
Pertinent Issues, Challenges and Strategic Interventions
Introduction
- Group Discussion on Thematic Topics:
- Exponential access demands and Massification of Higher Education
 - Strategies and Responses of African Countries
 - Higher Education Financing Mechanisms in Africa
 - The Role of E-Learning in African Higher Education Development
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 Economic/Educational Activities at Sub-Regional level**
- HEQMISA
 - IUCEA
 - ANQAAHE
 - CAMES
 - CEPGL
- Questions and Discussion
- 15:45 Health Break:**
- 16:15 Running a QA Network**
- RIACES/CONEAU
 - Questions and Discussions
 - Group Work – What could your sub-region benefit from, with respect to regulation or cooperation?
- 17:15 End of Day One**

THURSDAY, 26/11/2009:

DAY TWO

- 09:00 Opening Session**
- Feedback from Day One
- 09:15 Who assures the Quality of an External QA Agency?**
- Presentation
- Questions and Discussions
- 10:15 Health Break**
- 10:45 The African Union and Higher Education**
- Harmonization of higher education in Africa, Strategies and Challenges
- Questions and Discussions
- 11:30 Assuring Quality in Open and Distance Learning at the Tertiary Level of Education**
- Presentation
- Discussion
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 Aims and Objectives of AfriQAN**
- Introduction of Interim Committee
- Questions and Discussions
- Election Nominees – Five-Minute Presentations
- 15:15 Health Break**
- 15:45 - Five-Minute Presentations by Candidates for Board**
- Discussion
- 16:30 End of Day Two**

FRIDAY, 27/11/2009: DAY THREE

- 09:00 Opening Session**
- Feedback from Day Two
- 09:05 Review of Constitution**
- 09:45 Elections**
- 10:00 Brainstorming on Work Plan**
- 10.30 Health Break**
- 11:15 Brainstorming on Work Plan (ctd)**
- 12:00 Announcement of Election Results**
- 12:30 Evaluation and Closing**
- 13:00 LUNCH**
- 14:00 Meeting of new AfriQAN Board**
- 15:00 End of Day Three**