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AFRICAN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES (ASG) **UPDATE**

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I. GOAL

- To develop an agreed set of standards, procedures and guidelines on quality assurance and to explore ways of ensuring an adequate peer review system for quality assurance and accreditation agencies or bodies in Africa

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I. GOAL

- Take due account of the expertise of other quality assurance agencies, associations and networks (regional and national).

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2. METHODOLOGY

- ASG is being drafted by the HAQAA TWG consisting of African and EHEA experts
- Geographical and gender balance in TWG, and the different language groups (Anglophone, Francophone, Lusophone, Arabophone)

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- **Dr. Nadia Badrawi**, Founder and the past president of the Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE), Board Member of the National Authority for Quality Assurance in Education, Egypt.
- **Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu**, Director, Quality Assurance, National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria
- **Dr. Jefy Mukora**, the Executive Director of the National Council for Assessment and Quality of High Education (Mozambique)
- **Mrs. Caty Duykaerts**, Director of the quality assurance agency AEQES for the French speaking Belgium, Vice-President of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
- **Prof. Abdel Karim Koumaré**, Professor, University of Bamako, Mali, Chef du Service de Chirurgie B (Institut Africain de Formation en Pédagogie, Recherche et Evaluation en Santé (IAFPRESS))
- **Dr. Rispa Odongo**, Expert on quality assurance, extensive work experience at the Commission for University Education, Kenya
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2. METHODOLOGY

- The ASG-QA will be based on (i) existing standards and guidelines in Africa; (ii) relevant information from European Standards and Guidelines; and (iii) needs of key stakeholders.

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2. METHODOLOGY

- **Regular meetings of TWG:** The TWG has met for the first time in September 2016 in Windhoek, Namibia.

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3. ASG MAPPING STUDY

- HE terrain in Africa is skewed – institutions in some countries especially in southern and eastern Africa have QA units while others do not have.
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3. ASG MAPPING STUDY

- French-speaking WA countries use CAMES guidelines and standards.
- Countries in Southern and Eastern Africa use a combination of standards and guidelines from ENQA, the Bologna process, DAAD.
- Some African countries also use guidelines from Portugal and USA for ease of recognition of qualifications.

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ASG INFORMATION COLLECTED

REGION	COUNTRIES
Northern Africa	Tunisia, Egypt
Southern Africa	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe
Eastern Africa	Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
Western Africa	Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal
Regional Bodies	ANQAHE, CAMES, IUCEA, SADC - TCCA



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4. KEY NEXT STEPS

- Second meeting of TWG will take place in January 2017 in Accra.
- ASG Survey will be undertaken after January Meeting.
- ASG First Draft ready in June 2017.
- ASG First Draft sent to national focal points.

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4. KEY NEXT STEPS

- A discussion thread will be opened through the QA platform of the HAQAA website in July 2017.
- ASG Key Stakeholder Workshop by end of August 2017.
- Draft finalization and translations: October 2017.
- Presentation & Validation of ASG-QA in November 2017 (during the Africa-EU Summit).

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5. POTENTIAL RESULTS OF ASG IMPLEMENTATION

- The consistency of QA across the AHEA will be improved by the use of agreed standards and guidelines.
- Higher education institutions and quality assurance agencies across the AHEA will be able to use common reference points for QA.

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5. POTENTIAL RESULTS OF ASG IMPLEMENTATION

- Procedures for the recognition of qualifications will be strengthened.
- The credibility of the work of quality assurance agencies will be enhanced.

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