

AFRICAN QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK (AfriQAN)

Your Agency or Institution can Join AfriQAN

Mission of AfriQAN

To promote a culture of quality assurance in Higher Education in Africa by providing its Members with comprehensive services and networking opportunities.

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Key Information about AfriQAN

The African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN) was set up in 2007 as a regional umbrella organization for quality assurance agencies in Africa, and to provide information to quality assurance practitioners on the continent on current thinking on the subject. The network is committed to the enhancement of the quality of higher education delivery on the continent and also collaborates with similar organizations on other continents. As the coordinator of quality assurance issues in higher education for the Africa continent, AfriQAN has been established by the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Global Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity (GIQAC).and has its Secretariat at the AAU Office complex in Accra, Ghana. The Association of African Universities (AAU) is an international non-governmental not-for-profit organization set up by the universities in Africa to promote cooperation among themselves and between them and then international academic community. The AAU is the apex organization and principal forum for consultation, exchange of information and cooperation among the universities and other higher education institutions in Africa. As the representative voice of higher education in Africa, AAU aims to raise the quality of higher education in Africa and strengthen its contribution to Africa's development by, inter-alia, providing support to their core functions and facilitating critical reflection on, and consensus building around, issues affecting higher education and the development of Africa.

Objectives of AfriQAN

1. Foster collaboration and linkages among quality assurance bodies within Africa;
2. Advance good practice in the enhancement and maintenance of quality higher education in Africa;
3. Collaborate with quality assurance bodies in Africa in capacity building;
4. Facilitate research into the practice of quality assurance in higher education for purposes of improving the quality of higher education in Africa;
5. Provide advice and expertise for the development of new national and sub regional quality assurance bodies in Africa;
6. Assist members of the Network to articulate standards of institutions operating in member countries;
7. Foster harmonization of standards for quality assurance across countries in Africa
8. Facilitate international recognition of qualifications to enhance mobility of staff and students in Africa; and
9. Promote the interests of Africa in other networks and international organizations with related focus.

Benefits of Joining AfriQAN

AfriQAN Decision-making: Your agency can get actively involved in AfriQAN decision making by being involved in the governance of the Network, use the right to vote at its General Assemblies, and stand for election as Executive Board member.

Workshop Participation: Quality assurance workshops and other events are held every year. AfriQAN Members can attend at discounted rates, and make use of the Network to form new partnerships and deepen higher education quality culture.

Biannual Quality Assurance News: Regular up-to-date quality assurance news will be disseminated biannually to all AfriQAN members.

AfriQAN Staff Exchange Programme: Empowers quality assurance staff of emerging quality assurance agencies on the continent with the skills and knowledge needed to run their outfits by spending time with more established regulatory bodies. The Network will sponsor one or two (maximum) staff of a new Quality Assurance Agency to spend one week in a more established Quality Assurance Agency in Africa for skills enhancement.

Peer Review: AfriQAN will support two national quality assurance agencies to be peer reviewed voluntarily by internationally renowned quality assurance experts. The results will be published for the benefit of other agencies.

Institutional Review Support: National regulatory agencies will be supported by AfriQAN in their institutional reviews through recruitment and deployment of QA experts (only roundtrip economy tickets will be funded up to a maximum of four experts during the year) organizations with related focus.