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THE AFRICAN QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK (AfriQAN)

2012 General Assembly Report

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The 3rd AfriQAN General Assembly was held at the Felix Houphouet Boigny Universite de Cocody, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire on 11th and 12th September, 2012 during the 5th ICQAHEA Conference. Opening remarks were given by the AfriQAN Coordinator, Prof. Jonathan Mba, the AAU Secretary General, Prof. Etienne Ehile, Prof. Juma Shabani, Director of UNESCO Bamako Cluster Office and President of GUNI Africa, Prof. Peter Okebukola.

The 2011/2012 Annual Narrative Report of AfriQAN was presented by the Ag. President of AfriQAN, Mr. Zakari Lire of CAMES, while the Financial Report for the same period was presented by Dr. Evelyn Garwe from Zimbabwe Commission for Higher Education (ZIMCHE), who represented the AfriQAN Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Asemadahun of National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria.

The Ag. President also presented the 2013 Workplan and Budget about US\$250,000, which were approved by the General Assembly. AfriQAN Secretariat is yet to receive any funding for the budget that was presented. The Secretariat has written proposals to various donor agencies and is hoping for a favourable response.

AfriQAN and INQAAHE held a joint Good Practices Workshop for National Quality Assurance Agencies in Nairobi in May 2012. At that workshop, 30 good practices were presented. After revising these good practices, 10 of them were approved and uploaded onto the INQAAHE database of good practices. Because many regulatory agencies were not present at the Nairobi workshop, it was decided that some of the good practices should be presented at the AfriQAN General Assembly. As a result, the following five Quality Assurance Agencies presented their good practices at the AfriQAN General Assembly: Tanzania Commission of Universities (TCU), Council on Higher Education (CHE), Lesotho, National Accreditation Board (NAB), Ghana, National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) Namibia, and National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria.

The AfriQAN Secretariat presented a list of items to be considered for amendment in the AfriQAN Constitution. Since this list of amendment items was not presented to members before the Assembly, although a notice of amendment was indicated in the mails circulated to members, it was suggested that these items be discussed but amendment should be approved by the next General Assembly. The General Assembly suggested the following amendments:

1. The General Assembly should hold every two years;
2. AfriQAN Executive Board should be elected every two years;
3. Membership of AfriQAN is by institution and not individuals. The names of the founding members in the constitution should be preceded by the institution and

mention made that these persons represented their agencies at the launch of AfriQAN.

4. It was agreed that membership fees be pegged at US\$1,000 per agency per annum and US\$500 per HEI per annum. These membership dues should be paid as soon as practicable to enable AfriQAN continue with its activities.
5. The term Administrative Secretary of AfriQAN should be replaced with Network Coordinator.
6. African Union Commission (AUC) should be made member of the Executive Board considering their political position instead of having an observer status.

AfriQAN New Executive Members

The following members were elected to be the new members of the AfriQAN Executive Board for a two-year term:

- President: National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria;
- Vice-President: CAMES, Burkina Faso;
- Treasurer: South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), South Africa;
- Member representing East Africa: Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), Uganda;
- Member representing West Africa: National Accreditation Board (NAB), Ghana;
- Member representing Southern Africa: Zimbabwe Commission for Higher Education (ZIMCHE), Zimbabwe;
- Member representing North Africa: National Authority of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education of Egypt (NAQAAE), Egypt
- Member representing Central Africa: Education et Recherche auprès de la communauté économique des pays des grands lacs (CEPGL), Rwanda.

Co-opted Members:

- Autorite Nationale de l'Assurance Qualite, Universite Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal;
- Universite de Douala, Cameroun;
- Higher Education Quality Management Initiative for Southern Africa (HEQMISA), Malawi.

Observers

- African Union Commission (AUC), Ethiopia;
- African Development Bank (AfDB), Tunisia;
- UNESCO;
- World Bank.



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