

Enhancing Quality Across Borders – Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance in Higher Education

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and the Arab Region

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Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategie

Sunday, 17 June 2007

19:00 h Welcome dinner for early arrivals

Monday, 18 June 2007

from 11:00 h Registration and snacks

12:00 h **Welcome** by the organising institutions

Dr Christiane Gaehtgens, Secretary-General, German Rectors' Conference (HRK)

Dr Christian Bode, Secretary-General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

12:30 h **Keynote Presentation**

Overview on Global Developments in Quality Assurance with a Focus on Regional Cooperation Initiatives

Mr Peter P T Cheung, Board Member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) and President, Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN)

13:15 h **Comment**

Dr Richard Hopper, Tertiary Education Specialist, World Bank, Washington

13:45 h **Comment**

Professor Dr Matthias Weiter, Head, Section "Regional Development Policy; Middle East", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

14:00 h Coffee break and snacks

14:30 h **Working Group Discussion on Regional Cooperation Initiatives**

Working Group A: The Central American Quality Assurance System (CSUCA, CCA, ACAAI, ACAP)

Input: **Mr Francisco Alarcón**, Deputy Secretary-General, Central American Superior Council for Higher Education (CSUCA)

Chair: **Ms Iris Danowski**, Head of Section Western Europe and South America, HRK

Working Group B: The Standing Committee on Quality Assurance of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)

Input: **Professor Mayunga Nkunya**, Coordinator, Regional Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)

Chair: **Mr Christoph Hansert**, Head, Higher Education Management and International Consultancy Projects, DAAD

Working Group C: The Working Group on Quality Assurance of the ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Input: **Professor Dr Nantana Gajasen**, Deputy Executive Director, The ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Chair: **Ms Marijke Wahlers**, Head of Section Asia, Australia, Oceania, HRK

Working Group D: Regional Projects in the Arab Region

Input: **Dr Isam Naqib**, Regional Project Manager, UNDP Higher Education Project for the Arab Region, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Professor Dr Nadia Badrawi, Member of the Pan-Arab Commission for the Establishment of Regional QAA, Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and Member of the Board, INQAAHE

Chair: **Dr Hanns Sylvester**, Head, Development Co-operation Department, DAAD

**Working Group E: The European Network for Quality Assurance
in Higher Education (ENQA)**

Input: **Mr Séamus Puirseil**, Vice-President, The European Association
for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)

Chair: **Mr Stefan Bienefeld**, Head, Project Quality Management, HRK

15:45 h Coffee break

16:15 h **Panel Discussion on Regional Cooperation Initiatives in Quality Assurance**

chaired by: **Dr Angelika Schade**, Senior Expert, Germany
Mr Christoph Hansert, Head, Higher Education Management
and International Consultancy Projects, DAAD

Panelists: **Mr Francisco Alarcón**, CSUCA
Professor Mayunga Nkunya, IUCEA
Professor Dr Nantana Gajasei, AUN
Professor Dr Nadia Badrawi, AARU
Dr Isam Naqib, UNDP
Mr Séamus Puirseil, ENQA

17:30 h End of first conference day

19:00 h Evening reception at Collegium Leoninum

Tuesday, 19 June 2007

9:00 h **Welcome** by the organising institutions

Wrap-up of previous day

Mr Ton Vroeijenstijn, Senior Expert, The Netherlands

9:30 h **Working Groups**

Working Group 1: Benchmarking and Development of QA Standards

Input Statements: **Professor Dr Damrong Thawesaengskulthai**

Member of AUN-QA, ASEAN University Network and Chief Quality Officer, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Ms Birgit Hanny & Mr Christoph Heumann

Project Coordinators, EUR-ACE Project and Euro-Inf Project

Dr Yousif Al-Bastaki, Bahrain Country Project Manager, UNDP Higher Education Project for the Arab Region

Chair:

Mr Stefan Bienefeld, Head, Project Quality Management, HRK

Rapporteur:

Mr Mark Frederiks, Policy Advisor, European Consortium for Accreditation

Working Group 2: Sustainable Funding Mechanisms for Regional QA – Obstacles and Options

Input Statements: **Dr Orlando Morales**, Member of the Central American Accreditation Council (CCA) and Representative, Educational and Cultural Coordination of Central America (CECC)

Ms Kea Wollrad, Operations Specialist, Regional Technical Cooperation Division, Inter-American Development Bank

Professor Dr Amelia P Guevara, Member of AUN-QA, ASEAN University Network and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, University of the Philippines Diliman

Chair:

Mr Christoph Hansert, Head, Higher Education Management and International Consultancy Projects, DAAD

Rapporteur:

Mr Francisco Alarcón, Deputy Secretary-General, Central American Superior Council for Higher Education (CSUCA)

Working Group 3: Regional QA – Increasing Autonomy for the Universities?

Input Statements: **Dr Karin Riegler**, Senior Programme Manager, European University Association (EUA)

Mr Colin Tück, Bologna Process Committee, European Students' Union (ESU)

Professor James Tuiotek, Member of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, IUCEA and Vice-Chancellor, Egerton University, Kenya

Chair:

Dr Michael Harms, Head, International Department, HRK

Rapporteur:

Rev Dr Charles Kitima, Member of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, IUCEA and Vice-Chancellor, St. Augustine University of Tanzania

11:00 h Coffee break

11:30 h **Working Groups**

Working Group 4: Developing Equivalent QA Mechanisms – The Role of QA Manuals and Human Resource Development

Input Statements: **Ms Michaela Martin**, Programme Specialist, International Institute for Education Planning (IIEP), UNESCO

Dr Gilberto Alfaro Varela, Former Coordinator of the CSUCA Regional Expert Team on QA and School of Chemistry, National University of Costa Rica

Dr Tan Kay Chuan, Member of AUN-QA, ASEAN University Network and Acting Director, Office of Quality Management, National University of Singapore

Chair:

Ms Marijke Wahlers, Head of Section Asia, Australia, Oceania, HRK

Rapporteur:

Dr Halima Wakabi Akbar, Member of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, IUCEA and Dean, Faculty of Education, Islamic University in Uganda

Working Group 5: Joint QA Procedures and Mutual Recognition

Input Statements: **Dr Guy Aelterman**, Member of the Board, The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and Member of the Board, Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands & Flanders (NVAO)
Dr Isam Naqib, Regional Project Manager, UNDP Higher Education Project for the Arab Region, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Mr Ernesto Villanueva, Past-President, Ibero-American Network of Quality in Higher Education (RIACES)

Chair: **Ms Iris Danowski**, Head of Section Western Europe and South America, HRK

Rapporteur: **Professor Dr Nguyen Hoi Nghia**, Member of AUN-QA, ASEAN University Network and Director, Centre for Educational Testing and Academic Quality Evaluation, Vietnam National University

Working Group 6: Enhancing Regional Employability through Quality Assurance

Input Statements: **Dr Frank Stefan Becker**, Corporate Responsibility Corporate Citizenship, Siemens AG and Spokesman of the Working Group on Engineering Education of the German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (ZVEI)
Dr Andreas Keller, Member of the Standing Committee on Higher Education and Research, Pan-European Network, Education International
Dr Benjamin Jacobs, President, Central American Federation of Professional Colleges and Associations

Chair: **Mr Christoph Hansert**, Head, Higher Education Management and International Consultancy Projects, DAAD

Rapporteur: **Dr Etilvia Arjona**, Member of the Central American Accreditation Council (CCA)

13:00 hLunch break

14:30 h**Presentation and Discussion of Working Group Results**
Chair: **Dr Michael Harms**, Head, International Department, HRK

15:45 hCoffee break

16:15 h**Panel Discussion on Political and Societal Implications of Regional Quality Assurance**
Chair: **Professor Dr Volker Nienhaus**, President, University of Marburg
Panelists: **Mr Daniel Braun** (requested), Regional Programme Coordinator, Section "Regional Development Policy; Middle East", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Mr Klaus Lömker (requested), Head of Section "Higher Education Policy and Development", German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
Dr Telémaco Talavera, President, Central American Superior Council for Higher Education (CSUCA)
Professor Chacha Nyaigotti-Chacha, Executive Secretary, Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)
Professor Supachai Yavaprabhas, Executive Director, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (RIHED)
Professor Mohamed Najib Abdul Wahed, Deputy Minister for Scientific Research and Academic Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Syria

17:45 hEnd of second conference day

19:30 hTrip on the River Rhine including dinner

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

9:00 h **Welcome** by the organising institutions

9:15 h **Regional Working Groups on Future Perspectives**

Working Group F: Latin America

Chair/Rapporteur: Ms María José Lemaitre, President, Ibero-American Network of Quality in Higher Education (RIACES)

Working Group G: East Africa

Chair/Rapporteur: **Professor Chacha Nyaigotti-Chacha**, Executive Secretary, Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)

Working Group H: Southeast Asia

Chair/Rapporteur: **Professor Dr Piniti Ratananukul**, Executive Director, ASEAN University Network

Working Group I: Arab Region

Chair/Rapporteur: **Professor Dr Salwa Bayoumi El-Magoli**, Chairperson, National Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee, Egypt

Working Group K: Europe

Chair/Rapporteur: **Dr Eric Lindesjö**, Member of the Nordic Quality Assurance Network in Higher Education (NOQA) and Project Manager, Swedish National Agency for Higher Education

10:30 h Coffee break

11:00 h **Drafting of Bonn Declaration on Regional Cooperation in Quality Assurance**

chaired by: **Mr Ton Vroeijenstijn**, Senior Expert, The Netherlands

Mr Stefan Bienefeld, Head, Project Quality Management, HRK

12:00 h **Wrap-up and Closing Words**

Dr Helmut Blumbach, Head, Department Southern Hemisphere, DAAD

Dr Michael Harms, Head, International Department, HRK

12:30 h End of conference and lunch buffet

The **“Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies” (DIES)** programme was jointly developed by DAAD and HRK. It aims to encourage international exchange of experience on questions of innovative higher education policy and to promote partnership-based cooperation between universities in industrial and developing countries in the field of higher education management.

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