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Harmonisation, Quality Assurance
and Accreditation in Africa
HAQAA3

Information Sessions on the HAQAA 3 Initiative

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Background

The HAQAA Initiative (Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Africa), now entering its third phase, aims to establish a harmonised system of quality assurance and accreditation at institutional, national, regional and continental pan-African levels. Funded by the European Union in partnership with the African Union, the HAQAA 3 Initiative is being implemented by a consortium led by OBREAL Global that includes the Association of African Universities (AAU), the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). SARUA is the regional partner for the implementation of the HAQAA Initiative in the SADC region. This webinar series will provide an orientation on the various areas of activity that are part of the HAQAA 3 Initiative.

WEBINAR 1: INTRODUCING THE HAQAA 3 INITIATIVE

Purpose: As the HAQAA Initiative currently is entering its third phase, the webinar will provide an overview of HAQAA 1 (2016-2018) and HAQAA 2 (2019-2022), as well as an outline of the various projects that will form part of HAQAA 3. The session will highlight the main outputs and benefits of the HAQAA Initiative thus far, with a specific focus on the impact on universities and external and internal quality assurance systems in the SADC region.

Topics:

- Outline of the HAQAA 3 Initiative – *Elizabeth Colucci* (OBREAL)
- Continental perspectives on the HAQAA Initiative – *Prof Olusola Oyewole* (AAU)
- The role of SARUA as the HAQAA implementation partner for the SADC region – *Prof Martin Oosthuizen* (SARUA)

Facilitator: Prof Maria Luisa Chicote (CNAQ (National Council for Quality Evaluation of Higher Education) Mozambique)

Presenters: Ms E Colucci (OBREAL); Prof Olusola Oyewole (AAU); Prof Martin Oosthuizen (SARUA).

Date: 14 September 2023

Time: 14:00–16:00 (SADC Time)

Registration link: <https://sarua-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtceigqDsuHtW4Ai4Yd2iwtNZQ3cHICsY5>

WEBINAR 2: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR IQA AND EQA

Purpose: Webinar 2 will outline the plans for Institutional Quality Assurance (IQA) and External Quality Assurance (EQA) capacity development under the HAQAA 3 Initiative. Against the background of the key achievements of HAQAA 1 and 2, the session will provide insights into the following projects that all form part of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework:

- The development of the *African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education* (ASG-QA) – *Anna Gover* (ENQA)
- The development of a methodology to assess, externally, QA agencies in Africa in order to guarantee their transparency and ensure that they uphold common and internationally agreed principles and practices – *Anna Gover* and *Marie Eglantine Juru* (AAU)
- The development and implementation of the African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM) – *Marie Eglantine Juru*
- The provision of a capacity development programme for Internal Quality Assurance – *Tobias Wolf, Sarah Lang, & Bella Sattar*.

Facilitator: Ms Bella Sattar (SARUA)

Presenters: Ms Marie Eglantine Juru (AAU); Mr Tobias Wolf (DAAD); Ms Sarah Lang (DAAD); Ms Anna Gover (ENQA); Ms B Sattar (SARUA).

Date: 18 September 2023

Time: 14:00–16:00

Registration link: <https://sarua-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvce2urzwwHdel4KEYiM4k3U6WwkGsHaDe#/registration>

WEBINAR 3: THE PAQAA AND THE ACTS

Purpose: Webinar 3 will provide information on the proposed development of the African Credit Transfer System (ACTS) and offer a progress report on the establishment of the Pan African Quality Assurance Agency (PAQAA). The session aims to update participants on the developments related to these crucial components of the HAQAA 3 Initiative.

The ACTS, which was launched in 2022, intends to establish a common credit transfer system that will recognize learning credentials amongst institutions and between countries across the African continent. The mandate of the PAQAA will be to coordinate, promote, and facilitate harmonisation of QA and accreditation systems in Africa. As this Agency is not yet established, certain tools of the PAQAF are currently being developed, tested, and implemented by African stakeholder organisations in the higher education sector, supported by international partners like the European Union.

Agenda:

- Purpose and development of the ACTS – *Professor Olusola Oyewole, and Prof Pablo Beneitone.*
- Purpose and development of the PAQAA – *Bella Sattar.*

Facilitator: Ms E Colucci (OBREAL).

Presenters: Ms B Sattar (SARUA); Prof Olusola Oyewole (AAU); Prof Pablo Beneitone (OBREAL).

Date: 28 September 2023 (To be confirmed)

Time: 14:00–16:00

Registration link: <https://sarua-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfu-qpzosHdYID59jBg7HJrnUsCXc0h7S>

WEBINAR 4: HE DATA FOR POLICYMAKING

Purpose: The webinar’s primary focus is to shed light on the crucial role of data-driven policymaking in enhancing Higher Education outcomes in Africa. The lack of reliable systems for collecting Higher Education data in Africa has been a significant challenge. The collection, availability, and accessibility of quality, relevant and comparable HE data in Africa is evidently crippling the policy and development discourse at different levels. Firstly, informed decision-making at the continental, regional and national level in the planning and implementation of strategies aimed at revitalizing the Higher Education sector is hampered. Secondly, the monitoring and evaluation of continentally set objectives such as those under the Agenda 2063 and CESA 16-25 are rendered almost impossible. Thirdly, informed mobility of African students, faculty and researchers is compromised. Fourthly, expansion of higher education institutions and, their competitiveness and representation on the global stage is minimized.

In response, the HAQAA 2 (Harmonisation, Quality Assurance and Accreditation in African Higher Education) Initiative introduced a project for establishing a Policy Development Unit (PDU) with the aim of creating an African higher education data capability. This capability will facilitate the verification of the CESA 16-25 strategy and beyond. The HAQAA Higher Education Data for Policy project, coordinated by the AAU, takes a regional approach to establish effective higher education data policy units across the continent, with SARUA serving as the implementation partner for the Higher Education Data Unit within the SADC region.

This webinar will introduce the objectives and timeframes for the project on Higher Education Data for Policymaking as part of HAQAA 3.

Topics:

- Framing data collection in HAQAA3 - *Elizabeth Colucci (OBREAL).*
- Main outputs of the PDU Development Team under HAQAA2 and objectives under HAQAA3 - *Nodumo Dhlamini (AAU).*
- The development of a regional HEMIS for the SADC region - *Dr Charles Sheppard (SARUA)*

Participants will gain valuable insights into the key planned outputs and outcomes of the Higher Education Data for Policy project, and the plans for the establishment of a Regional HEMIS for the SADC region.

Facilitator: Prof Martin Oosthuizen

Presenters: Ms Elizabeth Colucci (Director of Global Projects: OBREAL); Ns N Dhlamini (Director ICT Services & Knowledge Management: AAU) and Dr Charles Sheppard (Director: Management Information, Nelson Mandela University & SARUA Consultant)

Date: 10 October 2023

Time: 14:00–16:00

Registration link: <https://sarua-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApduuqpqTouHtehfafEQWhpRHJdM98887Us>