



# SHARE PROGRAMME CLOSING EVENT

## Achieving Comparability of Higher Education Systems using a Regional Quality Assurance and Qualifications Framework - AQRF & AQAF

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# ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)

## Establishment

- The Inaugural ASEAN Quality Assurance Agencies Roundtable Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur from 6 to 8 July 2008
- The Roundtable Meeting agreed to adopt the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Establishment of AQAN
- The main objectives of the Inaugural Roundtable were to promote networking among ASEAN QA agencies, to learn about each other's system of assuring quality in higher education and to consider the establishment of an ASEAN QA network.



# Vision, Mission & Objectives

## VISION

- **AQAN is the globally recognized, credible, respected and representative network of EQAAs in ASEAN.**



## MISSION

- **As the umbrella organization for quality assurance in ASEAN (or 'Southeast Asia'), AQAN encourages and supports the creation of a harmonized space for higher education and training through the promotion of quality assurance and enhancement as specified in the QAQAF. It supports the EQAAs in the region by representing them at the regional and international levels.**

## OBJECTIVES

- **Encourage and support the creation of a harmonized space for higher education and training through quality assurance and good practice**
- **Enhance and sustain higher education system in the ASEAN region through quality assurance and good practices;**
- **Promote knowledge sharing and collaboration among member states, institutions, organizations, and individuals in the field of quality assurance; and**
- **Maintain a well-organized network for the benefit of its members and the higher education sector in the region.**

# AQAN STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

**Theme 1:**  
Overarching Goals

**Theme 2:**  
Promotion/  
Representation

**Theme 3:**  
ASEAN Quality  
Assurance Framework  
(AQAF)

**Theme 4:**  
Agency Reviews

**Theme 5:**  
Capacity Building

# ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF)

- Set of 4 key principles that underpin good QA system which embodies ASEAN respect for national context. It can be used to establish, develop and improve national QA systems.
- It complements ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework by providing a common basis for national QA systems.
- Provides a common set of QA core principles that mirror good international practices and values to serve as benchmarks and neutral reference points for national quality assurance bodies and systems.
- Tool to promote harmonisation by establishing a common higher education space in South East Asia.
- An aspirational framework, development - oriented, inclusive, and aimed at facilitating an incremental improvement in the EQAAs that are AQAN members.





# AQAF Pilot Review (2017)



- AQAF has been successfully pilot-tested in the first 3 quadrants whereas the fourth quadrant links with the ongoing AQRf referencing exercise.
- This shows that the document is already very much in use as a generic “benchmarking” document and was tested in its applicability to the ASEAN context in practice with EQAAs in four ASEAN member states (ONESQA, Thailand; PAASCU, Philippines; BAN-PT, Indonesia; and MQA, Malaysia)

No.	Agency	Reviewer	Country of Origin
1.	ONESQA, Bangkok, 1–2 November	Fiona Crozier	UK
		Dorte Kristoffersen	Hong Kong
		Prof Dr Hazman Shah Bin Abdullah	Malaysia
		Dr Indrianty Sudirman	Indonesia
2.	PAASCU, Manila, 16–17 November	Nora Skaburskiene	Lithuania
		Dorte Kristoffersen	Hong Kong
		Kamanto Sunarto	Indonesia
		Prof Damrong Thawesaengkulthai	Thailand
3.	BAN-PT, Jakarta, 20–22 November	Achim Hopbach	Austria
		Steffen Westergaard	Denmark
		Dr Celeste Gonzalez	The Philippines
		Dr Ahmad Mohamad	Malaysia
4.	MQA, Kuala Lumpur, 22–24 November	Achim Hopbach	Austria
		Steffen Westergaard	Denmark
		Dr. Kunyada Anuwong	Thailand
		Ricardo Palo	The Philippines



# Agency/Consultancy Review 2022

The following agencies have been selected to participate in the 2nd round of the AQAN reviews, supported by SHARE:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Activity type</b>
Philippines	CHED – Commission on Higher Education	Agency review
Philippines	PTC – Philippine Technological Council	Agency review
Indonesia	LAM-PTKes – Indonesian Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Health	Agency review
Lao PDR	DEQA – Department of Legislation and Education Quality Assurance	Consultancy visit
Vietnam	VNU-CEA – VNU Center for Education Accreditation	Consultancy Visit
Cambodia	ACC- Accreditation Committee of Cambodia	Consultancy Visit



No.	Agency	Reviewer	Country of Origin
1.	LAM-PTKes, Jakarta, 6–10 June	Prof. Ir. Dr. Khairul Salleh bin Mohamed Sahari	Malaysia
		Cecile B. Gutierrez, PhD	The Philippines
		Maria Celeste T. Gonzalez, Ed.D	The Philippines
		Fiona Ruth Crozier	UK
2.	DEQA, Vientiane, 12–15 June	Dr. Kittiya Evans	Thailand
		Mohamad Dzafir bin Mustafa	Malaysia
		Prof. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, MPA, MA, PhD	The Philippines
		Ronny Heintze	Germany
		Dr. Kittiya Evans	Thailand
3.	CHED, Manila, 21–23 June	Sugiyono, S.Si., PhD	Indonesia
		Mohd Khairul Nizam bin Ibrahim	Malaysia
		Achim Hopbach	Germany
		Prof. T. Chan Basaruddin	Indonesia
4.	PTC, Manila, 27–29 June	Nabisah binti K Kunheen	Malaysia
		Halinordina binti Mat Saat	Malaysia
		Jolanta Silka	Latvia

No.	Agency	Reviewer	Country of Origin
5.	VNU-CEA, Hanoi, 14–15 November	T. Chan Basaruddin	Indonesia
		Gieks Sugiyono	Indonesia
		Elly Nurachmah	Indonesia
		Achim Hopbach	Germany
6.	ACC, Phnom Penh, 30 November–1 December	Hazman Shah Abdullah	Malaysia
		Nabisah binti K Kunheen	Malaysia
		Halinordina Mat Saat	Malaysia
		Fiona Crozier	UK



# MoU between AQAN and ENQA

- Signed on **26 October 2022** in **Stockholm, Sweden**
- To get support on **future interregional connectivity and collaboration** in the field of quality assurance
- Initial areas of collaboration are **exchanges on enhancing academic integrity provision** in the quality assurance framework as well as **exchanges of expert and interregional expert involvement** in agency reviews.



**Thank you**