



**Transforming Society:
Social Responsibility through Quality Assurance of Tertiary Education**

AGENDA

**June 10 – 12, 2024
Bucharest (Romania)**

Proudly hosted by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS)
at the National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest

JUNE

Monday

10th

2024

PRE-FORUM WORKSHOPS



FROM 9.00 TO 16.00 HOURS

Forum Registration

FROM 9.30 TO 12.00 HOURS

SELECT



WORKSHOP 1



INQAAHE ISGs: Building Scope for Organizational Quality Enhancement Continuum

Facilitated by
Dr. Susanna Karakhanyan,
Dr. Anna Prades and
Dr. Ariana de Vincenzi

WORKSHOP 2



Comprehensive Quality Assurance Workshop: Mastering Principles and Techniques of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

A Practical Workshop: The context of quality assurance

Facilitated by
Dr. Mary Catharine Lennon and
Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro

WORKSHOP 4



A force for good? Exploring critical approaches to quality assurance in the Global South

Facilitated by **Eduardo Ramos**

FROM 12.00 TO 13.00 HOURS

Lunch



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PRE-FORUM WORKSHOPS



FROM 13.00 TO 15.30 HOURS

WORKSHOP 3



Comprehensive Quality Assurance Workshop: Mastering Principles and Techniques of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

A Practical Workshop: Practical applications in quality assurance

Facilitated by
Dr. Mary Catharine Lennon and
Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro

WORKSHOP 5



Quality Assurance as a Catalyst for Refugee and Displaced Student Integration in Tertiary Education

Facilitated by
Amir Radfar (TVET, UNHCR) and
Fabrice Hénard

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FROM 15.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 16.00 TO 17.30 HOURS

II Global Study on Trends in Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education: a regional perspective

Intended for regional networks and open to all participants.

FROM 18.00 TO 20.00 HOURS

Cocktail

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FORUM DAY 1



FROM 8.00 TO 16.00 HOURS

Forum Registration

FROM 9.00 TO 10.00 HOURS

Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks: ARACIS President - INQAAHE President - Romanian Ministry of Education - UNSTPB rector

FROM 10.00 TO 10.45 HOURS

Session 1 Keynote

Breaking barriers: bridging the gap to quality education for all

Facilitated by **Prof. Olusola Bandele, OYEWOLE** - Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (Ghana)

FROM 10.45 TO 11.15 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 11.15 TO 12.45 HOURS

Parallel Sessions

SELECT

Design-thinking workshop	Design-thinking workshop	Roundtable	Roundtable	Roundtable
<p>Sharing ideas and practices to enhance equity in Tertiary Education</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr. Anna Prades (AQU Catalunya), Spain and Dr. Eva Fernández de Labastida (UNIBASQ), Spain</p>	<p>Quality assurance for digital education and micro-credentials</p> <p>Facilitated Mag. Diane Freiburger, MBA and Michael Stephan, M.A. (FIBAA), Germany</p>	<p>SWITEX (Swiss Index for Teaching Excellence) - A hands-on approach to improving didactic performance</p> <p>Facilitated by Prof. Dr. Michael Derrer (HSLU - Lucerne University for Applied Sciences and Arts), Switzerland</p>	<p>How transnational education can serve to widen access to quality international education</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr. Fabrizio Trifiro (Ecctis), United Kingdom</p>	<p>Incorporating criteria for social inclusion in the framework of ESG</p> <p>Facilitated by Prof. Siyka Chavdarova-Kostova (NEAA), Bulgaria</p>



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FROM 13.30 TO 14.15 HOURS

Session 2 Keynote

Embracing relevance: designing curricula for societal impact

Facilitated by **Dr. Juliette E. Torabian** - Deputy-coordinator H2020 PIONEERED, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

FROM 14.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Parallel Sessions

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Roundtable	Roundtable	Roundtable	Roundtable	Design-thinking workshop	Design-thinking workshop
<p>Harmonizing heterogeneity: ensuring quality in interdisciplinary programs offered through a 'multiversity' framework</p> <p>Facilitated by Samah Gamar, PhD., Qatar Foundation, Qatar</p>	<p>Curricular mapping for societal impact: a strategic framework for curriculum design</p> <p>Facilitated by Prof. Dr. Eglantina Hysa; Prof. Dr. Marius Gabriel Petrescu and Prof. Dr. Mirela Panait (Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti), Romania</p>	<p>Responding to the third Qatar National Development Strategy: an NCQAA perspective</p> <p>Facilitated by Mazen O. Hasna, Ph.D. (NCQAA), Qatar</p>	<p>From goals to gains: embedding social impact and sustainability literacy into the curriculum</p> <p>Facilitated by Scott G. Blair, PhD (Sulitest), France and Dr. Kerr Castle (QAA), United Kingdom</p>	<p>Academic integrity-artificial intelligence nexus</p> <p>Facilitated by Assoc. Professor Fernando F. Padró (UniSQ), Australia</p>	<p>Quality nursing education: linking the curriculum to program assessment</p> <p>Facilitated Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF and Keri Nunn-Ellison, EdD, MSN/Ed, RN, CNE (ACEN), United States of America</p>

FROM 16.00 TO 16.30 HOURS

Coffee Break

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Panel Discussion

Greening higher education: Social responsibility and quality assurance at systemic and institutional level

Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Simona Lache** - Member of the Institutional Commission of ARACIS/ Vice-Rector at Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania; and INQAAHE Board Director

Panelists from UNESCO (Dr. Francesc Pedró), Tertiary Education Institution (Prof. Olusola Bandele, OYEWOLE), Quality Assurance Agencies (Renato Barnet, CNA Chile), Romanian Ministry of Education (Marioara DOBRESCU, PhD, Counsellor), and Student representative (Horia Oniță, ESU).

FROM 19.00 TO 00.00 HOURS

Gala Dinner

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FORUM DAY 2



FROM 9.00 TO 9.45 HOURS

Keynote

Keeping tertiary education functioning and improving in conflict-affected areas: resilience and development

Facilitated by **Dr. Francesc Pedró** - Director of the UNESCO Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (Venezuela)

FROM 9.45 TO 10.30 HOURS

Session 3 Keynote

Empowering education: fostering civic engagement

Facilitated by **Dr. Kevin Kinser** - Pennsylvania State University (United States of America)

FROM 10.30 TO 11.00 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 11.00 TO 12.30 HOURS

Parallel sessions

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Design-thinking workshop 	Design-thinking workshop 	Roundtable 	Roundtable 	Roundtable 
<p>How can quality assurance agencies promote civic engagement to have a greater impact on society?</p> <p>Facilitated by Sophie Guillet and Amélie Bensimon (Hcéres), France</p>	<p>From INQAAHE GGP to ISGs: how HEEACT translates International Goals into domestic higher education institutions' practical actions</p> <p>Facilitated by Prof. Dr. Chia-Yu Chang, Prof. Angela Yung-Chi Hou and Dr. Chun-Chi Chih (HEEACT and National Chengchi University), Chinese Taipei</p>	<p>Promoting civic engagement in higher education via the assessment and accreditation of tertiary institutions</p> <p>Facilitated by Prof. (Dr.) Ganesan Kannabiran and Dr. Vinita Sahu (NAAC), India</p>	<p>Ensuring inclusive and diverse teaching approaches within quality assurance protocols.</p> <p>Facilitated by Petrișor ȚUCĂ (National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest), Romania.</p>	<p>Program advisory committees supporting ready, informed and engaged students</p> <p>Facilitated by Karen Belfer, PhD and Sylvie Mainville, M.ed. (OCQAS), Canada</p> 

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FORUM DAY 2




FROM 12.30 TO 13.30 HOURS

Lunch

FROM 13.30 TO 14.15 HOURS

Session 4 Keynote

Qualifying lifelong Learning: fostering opportunities for all ages

Facilitated by **Professor Romiță IUCU, Ph.D.** - President of the Board of Trustees, University of Bucharest (Romania)

FROM 14.30 TO 16.00 HOURS

Parallel Sessions

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<p>Roundtable</p> 	<p>Roundtable</p> 	<p>Design-thinking workshop</p> 	<p>Roundtable</p> 
<p>Access, transfer and progression for learners and the role of quality assurance agencies</p> <p>Facilitated by Bryan Maguire (QQI), Ireland</p>	<p>Aligning upskilling and reskilling training programmes to the needs of the industry and staff</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr. Rabie'e Al-Rashdi, Sultanate of Oman</p>	<p>Bridging HEIs and the society for promoting the Lifelong Learning: a case in Japan</p> <p>Facilitated by Akinori Matsuzaka and Miharu Kato (JUAA), Japan</p>	<p>External quality assurance mechanisms to support the quality of blended and distance learning in tertiary education to foster learning opportunities for individuals of all ages. The Romanian approach</p> <p>Facilitated by Iordan Petrescu, Prof. CEng, PhD; Prof. Dr. Mircea NEAGOE; Alexandru CHIȘ, PhD. Assoc. Prof., and Florin MIHAL, PhD. Prof. (ARACIS), Romania</p>

FROM 16.00 TO 16.30 HOURS

Coffee Break

FROM 16.30 TO 17.00 HOURS

Forum Takeaways

Facilitated by **Vicki Stott**, CEO of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), INQAAHE Board Director and chair of the INQAAHE Forum 2024 Working Group

Closing Remarks

Facilitated by **Dr. Deb Adair** - CEO of Quality Matters (QM) and INQAAHE President

FROM 17.00 TO 18.00 HOURS

INQAAHE General Assembly Meeting #2 of 2024

End of day 2

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**SOCIAL EVENTS
HALF DAY**



- [Palace of Parliament Tour](#)
- [Old city Tour & visit to the National Museum of Art of Romania](#)
- [Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics \(ELI-NP\) Laser facility visit](#)
- [Visit to the campus and research centres of the National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest](#)



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