

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SAQAN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**“Strengthening and harmonising quality assurance in the SADC region and beyond through sharing experiences and good practices”**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Venue:** David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa, Livingstone, Zambia

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**24<sup>th</sup> September, SAQAN Executive Committee Meeting**

**Day One: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**SESSION 1: Opening Ceremony**

**Session Chair: Dr Litsabako Ntoi, SAQAN Executive Secretary**

Time	Activity	Facilitator
08:00-09:00	Registration	Conference Secretariat
09:00-09:30	Welcoming Remarks	Professor Kazhila Chinsemu, Director General, Higher Education Authority-Zambia
09:30-10:00	Opening Remarks	Dr Sylvia Demas, SAQAN President
10:00-10:30	Keynote Address	Hon. Douglas M. Syakalima, MP, Minister of Education- Zambia
10:30-11:00	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
11:00-11:30	Photo Session	Conference Secretariat
11:30-11:45	Goodwill Message	AfriQAN
11:45-12:00	Goodwill Message	INQAAHE

## SESSION 2: Plenary

**Session Chair: Prof Kazhila Chinsebu**, Director General, Higher Education Authority-Zambia

Time	Topic	Presenter
12:00-12:30	Implementation of African Standards and Guidelines in Higher Education: A case of Zimbabwe	<b>Kuzvinetsa P Dzvimbo, Hardson Kwandayi, Emmanuel Chabata</b>
12:30-13:00	Benchmarking the South African CHE's Standards with the African Standards and Guidelines	<b>Britta Zawada</b>
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	

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## SESSION 3: Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session (Room A)

Session Chair: Namibia

Parallel Session (Room B)

Session Chair: Zimbabwe

Time	Topic	Presenter	Topic	Presenter
14:00-14:30	The Future of Accreditation Processes in Higher Education: Integrating AI for Enhanced Quality Assurance	<b>Zvinodaishe Revesai</b>	Establishing Internal Units of Quality Assurance in HEIs: a worthwhile experience for enhancing quality culture	<b>Carlos Quenesse Mataruca</b>
14:30-15:00	Stakeholders' perceptions of the role of quality assurance in improving the efficiency of academic programmes in Namibia	<b>Sylvia Demas, Olumide Olasimbo Jaiyeoba &amp; Charles Makanyeza</b>	Leading the charge: the internal quality assurance system as a change agent	<b>Kirti Menon and Gloria Castrillón</b>
15:00-15:30	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>			
15:30-16:00	Evaluation of Quality Systems in Institutions of Higher Learning: A Literature Review	<b>Phineas Sebopelo</b>	Embedding Data Analytics In Quality Assurance In Higher Education To Enhance Efficacy: A Case Study of Lupane State University	<b>Hardson Kwandayi, Shynet Chivasa</b>
16:00-16:30	Contextualizing Quality Assurance in Higher Education	<b>Felix F. Musonda, Clifford M. Mwamba, Jaqueline Mulenga, Marian Mtonga, &amp; Overson Shumba</b>	Collaboration between the CHE and Professional bodies: Contextualising Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions in South Africa	<b>Sindi Masiteng</b>
<b>END OF DAY ONE</b>				

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## SESSION 4: Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session (Room A)

Session Chair: South Africa

Parallel Session (Room B)

Session Chair: Malawi

Time	Topic	Presenter	Topic	Presenter
08:30-09:00	Adapting a hybrid approach to quality improvement plans; strengthening Internal Quality Assurance: Lessons from a South African University of Technology.	<b>Gugu E. Mhlauli*</b> ; <b>Sindisiwe P. Mbhele**</b> ; <b>Makaula***</b>	Developing a Heritage-based Education 5.0 Quality Assurance Framework for Higher Education in Zimbabwe	<b>Vongai Mpofu</b>
09:00-09:30	Content Analysis of Good Practices of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education and Adoption Of A Risk-Based Approach To Mitigate Non-Adherence	<b>Hardson Kwandayi</b> , <b>Charles Muchovo</b> , <b>Sauro Matione</b>	Perceived Overlapping Functions of Namibia's External Quality Assurance Bodies and Their Effect on Higher Education Institutions	<b>Anneley Marita Willemse</b>
09:30-10:00	Transformation As Quality, And Quality as Transformation	<b>Whitfield Green</b>	Assessment Models in HEIs In Zambia: A Yardstick to Quality Assurance	<b>Daniel L. Mpolomoka</b> , <b>Mary Mandiringana</b> , <b>Pelekelo Kabundula</b> , <b>Viliza Silwamba</b> , <b>Edith Nachizya</b> , <b>Namukanga Benjamin</b> , <b>Nkowane Sichali</b> , <b>Cheyo &amp; Chrine Hapompwe</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>			

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SESSION 5: Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session (Room A)

Session Chair: Eswatini

Parallel Session (Room B)

Session Chair: Zambia

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Time	Topic	Presenter	Topic	Presenter
10:30-11:00	The Effectiveness of External Quality Assurance in Blended and Online Learning: A Case of Eswatini	<b>Batfobile Dlamini</b>	Professionalizing Quality Assurance in Higher Education as A Strategy to Enhance Its Implementation for Educational Excellence	<b>Hardson Kwandayi and Julius Tapera.</b>
11:00-11:30	Conceptual Framework for Quality Delivery of Open Distance Learning	<b>Evans Lifuka</b>	Zimbabwean universities staff and students' experiences of online teaching and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic	<b>G.T Hapanyengwi and R Chireshe</b>
11:30-12:00	Best Practices of Internal Quality Assurance of Blended and Online Programs	<b>Marian Mtonga, Jacqueline B. Mulenga, Felix F. Musonda. Clifford M. Mwamba &amp; Overson Shumba</b>	Towards A Harmonised Internal and External Quality Assurance Systems for Teacher Education In Zimbabwe: A Quality Enhancement Dialogue	<b>Konyana Shoorai</b>

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12:00-12:30	Standards In Language Units at A Language Institute In Zimbabwe: In-Search For Strategies For Enhancing The Internal Quality Assurance System	<b>Beatrice Taringa</b>	Strengthening Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Exploring the Role of Higher Education Studies	<b>Hardson Kwandayi, Solomon Mombeshora</b>
12:30-13:00	Contextualisation of Quality Assurance in Zimbabwe; a focus on programme accreditation	<b>Barbara Nhemachena</b>	Conceptualizing an internal quality assurance system in the context of the Quality Assurance Framework in a South African University.	<b>Siyanda Makaula</b>
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>			

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SESSION 6: Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session (Room A)

Session Chair: Mozambique

Parallel Session (Room B)

Session Chair: Lesotho

Time	Topic	Presenter	Topic	Presenter
14:00-14:30	Centrality of functional quality assurance structures in achieving optimum higher education systems: A case of the University of Zimbabwe	<b>Emmanuel Chabata and Ruth Gora</b>	Promoting Quality Assurance in HEIs: Addressing the Impact of Academic Workload On Health And Well-Being	<b>Daniel L. Mpolomoka, Clement Mubanga Chela, Marirajan Thiruppathi, Lameck Mwewa, Christine Phiri Mushibwe</b>
14:30-15:00	The Quality of The English Language Programs Accredited to Higher Education Authority for Job Creation in Three Zambian Universities.	<b>Nyimbili F, Mwiinga C. and Simabwachi M</b>	Navigating the New Norm: Internal Quality Assurance Strategies for Practical Online Programmes	<b>Ernestina Ansen</b>
15:00-15:30	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>			
15:30-16:00	Negotiating Binaries in Modes of Provision: A Higher Education Practice Standard for Blended and Online Learning	<b>Rob Stegmann, Jacqueline Batchelor, Heather Goode, Siyanda Makaula, Juliet Stoltenkamp, and Britta Zawada</b>		



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**SESSION 7: Closing Ceremony Chair:** Dr Litšabako Ntoi SAQAN Executive Secretary

Time	Topic	Presenter
16:00-16:15	Closing Remarks	Dr Hardson Kwandayi <b>SAQAN Interim Vice President</b>
16:15-16:30	Vote of Thanks	Prof Kazhila Chinsemu <b>Director General, Higher Education Authority-Zambia</b>
<b>END OF DAY TWO</b>		

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**SESSION 8: Plenary**

**Session Chair:** Dr Litšabako Ntoi, SAQAN Executive Secretary

Time	Topic	Presenter
08:30-10:30	SAQAN General Assembly	<b>SAQAN Secretariat</b>
10:30-11:00	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
11:00-17:00	Lunch and Excursion	<b>Higher Education Authority-Zambia</b>
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**Cocktail (Gala Dinner): 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**18:00 – 20:00hrs**

**Journal Launch During Gala Dinner**

**Session Chair:** Dr Litšabako Ntoi, SAQAN Executive Secretary

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>18:00 – 18:20</b>	Overview presentation on the Journal concept, progress and next steps	<b>Dr W. Green</b>
<b>18:20 – 18:30</b>	Message of support from SAQAN	<b>Dr S. Demas</b>
<b>18:30 – 18:40</b>	Message of support from the University of Johannesburg	<b>TBC</b>
<b>18:40 -18:50</b>	Message of support from CHE-SA and launch of First Call for Papers	<b>Dr B. Zawada</b>

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