



## **3<sup>rd</sup> SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT: 17 June 2016**

The Southern African Quality Assurance Network (SAQAN) is pleased to announce that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Southern African Regional Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education is being organised by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) in South Africa. Particulars of the conference are as follows:

Dates: **19 to 21 October 2016 (the third day, 21 October 2016, is for an excursion)**

Venue: **CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria** ([www.csiricc.co.za](http://www.csiricc.co.za))

Theme: **Quality Promotion and Capacity Development in Higher Education in Southern Africa: Concepts, Perspectives and Practices**

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Professionals who are involved or have interest in quality assurance and promotion in higher education are cordially invited to take part in the conference. The target group includes:

- Vice Chancellors and Deputy Vice Chancellors responsible for teaching and learning;
- Chief Executive Officers/Executive Directors of quality assurance bodies, national qualification authorities, and professional councils;
- Directors/Senior Managers in quality assurance bodies, national qualification authorities, and professional councils;
- Directors/Senior Managers for quality assurance and promotion in higher education institutions;
- Researchers in the field of quality assurance and promotion;
- Practitioners of quality assurance and promotion;
- Policy Developers and Regulators in the area of higher education; and
- Policy Analysts with interest on higher education

The conference will comprise plenary sessions, paper presentation sessions, sessions for posters and special interest groups, a conference dinner, SAQAN General Assembly, SAQAN Executive Committee meeting, and an excursion.

## KEY SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE

**Prof Chiedu Mafiana:** President of African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN), and Deputy Executive Secretary of the National University Commission (NUC) of Nigeria.

**Prof Goolam Mohamedbhai:** 2014 recipient of Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) – Africa and AfriQAN Distinguished Service to Quality Assurance in Higher Education in Africa awards; former Vice Chancellor of the University of Mauritius, Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities and President of the International Association of Universities.

**Prof Mohammed Salifu:** Executive Secretary of the National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE) in Ghana.

**Dr Tashmin Khamis:** President of East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN), Board Member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), and Director for Networks of Quality, Teaching and Learning at Aga Khan University based in Kenya.

**Prof Emmanuel Ngara:** President of the Southern African Quality Assurance Network (SAQAN) and Chief Executive Officer of the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZimCHE); formerly a diplomat who previously also held senior academic and management positions at the universities of Zimbabwe, Fort Hare, Natal and KwaZulu-Natal.

**Prof Narend Baijnath:** Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) in South Africa; formerly Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of South Africa, Deputy Vice Chancellor at the former Technikon South Africa, and member of the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) for eight years.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The main aim of the conference is to provide a platform for quality assurance and promotion practitioners and researchers in the region to share experiences and learn from one another about initiatives to create and entrench a culture of quality in higher education through quality promotion and capacity development. This is an opportunity for quality assurance and promotion professionals to share their experiences with peers in the field; disseminate the findings of their research to an audience that can meaningfully engage with the findings; and/or test their ideas with other intellectuals who have relevant insights.

Quality assurance professionals from southern Africa are therefore invited to submit paper and/or poster abstracts for consideration with a view towards making presentations at the conference.

Abstracts should be on topics that speak to the following streams (sub-themes) of the conference:

- **Stream 1:** Definitions, value, theories, conceptual approaches and perspectives of quality promotion and/or capacity development in higher education globally, and their implications to southern Africa;
- **Stream 2:** Quality promotion and/or capacity development priorities, needs and gaps in higher education in southern African;
- **Stream 3:** Past and current practices in quality promotion and/or capacity development in southern African; and

- **Stream 4:** Roles of regional and international networks in advancing quality promotion and capacity development: approaches, successes and limitations.

Each abstract should not be more than 300 words long; and should include a title, name(s) of author(s) and the affiliation(s), a list of 5 key words, and an email address of the corresponding author. Abstracts should be sent to the organising committee through the following email address: [Wadi.C@che.ac.za](mailto:Wadi.C@che.ac.za) (cc [Engelbrecht.M@che.ac.za](mailto:Engelbrecht.M@che.ac.za)). The deadline for the submission of abstracts has been extended to 22 July 2016, and the organising committee will confirm acceptance of abstracts by not later than 29 July 2016. Acceptance of paper and poster abstracts is contingent on registration for the conference and payment of registration fees.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Papers presented at the conference will be published jointly by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and SAQAN. Presenters will be allowed two months after the conference to revise their papers so as to incorporate inputs received at the conference. The revised papers will furthermore undergo a peer review process before being published.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference registration form can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Please follow submission instructions on the form after completing it in full.

## REGISTRATION FEES

### Early Registration: before 29 July 2016

- Delegates based in South Africa: R3 740
- Delegates based outside South Africa: 280 US Dollars

### Late Registration: 1 August to 30 September 2016

- Delegates based in South Africa: R4 400
- Delegates based outside South Africa: 330 US Dollars

Details of payment methods are on the application form.

## ACCOMMODATION OF DELEGATES

Delegates to the conference who need accommodation in Pretoria will have to make their own arrangements. The website of the CSIR International Convention Centre ([www.csiricc.co.za](http://www.csiricc.co.za)) has information about hotel, guest house and bed-and-breakfast accommodation within its vicinity.

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