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Vision/Mission

- APQN is a self-sustaining network of tertiary education related agencies and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and is the first point of reference for its members for the provision of expertise, advice, discussion and consultation on all matters relating to quality assurance within the tertiary education sector.  
- To enhance the knowledge and capability of agencies and individuals within the Asia and the Pacific region to provide quality education within their specific country tertiary education sector through a cooperative network platform.
APQN Background

- Establishment: 2003 in Hong Kong
- Incorporated as an Association: 2004, in the State of Victoria, Australia
- Membership in 2004: 59 members from 28 Countries and Territories in three categories namely Full Membership, Associate Membership and Institutional Membership
- Membership in 2013: 125 members from 32 Countries and Territories in three categories namely Full Membership, Associate Membership and Institutional Membership
- It is observed that institutional members are recently registered. More higher education institutions have become institutional members of APQN
Key Initiatives of APQN

- More than 50 workshops and seminars hosted in Australia, Cambodia, India, Vietnam, Laos, Fiji and China and other countries in the region with about 2000 participants including 177 sponsored
- 6 moderated online forums on various QA issues with more than 450 participants from 50 of its member agencies.
- Nine annual international conferences bringing together QA stakeholders in Asia and Pacific
- APQN Exchange Program- 12 exchanges in a year
- APQN Quality Awards to recognize good practices of QA bodies and experts, the first of it’s kind initiative.
- Mutual recognition of QA decisions project-India, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand
- Student participation in quality initiative
- Quality Hubs across Asia pacific- ONESQA, Thailand is the first Quality Hub of APQN in 2013.
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<td>APQN Best Internal QA Award</td>
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APQN cooperated with Senior Officials Working Group of the broader Asia Pacific initiative chaired by the government of Australia to develop the Framework for Higher Education Quality Assurance Principles in the Asia Pacific Region (Chiba Principle).
Framework for Higher Education Quality Assurance Principles in the Asia Pacific Region

A: Internal Quality Assurance

B: Quality Assessment

C: Quality Assurance Agencies

(Chiba Principles)
Alignment with Chiba Principles and APQN Criteria - proposal of Asia pacific Quality Assurance Register

• Chiba principles are considered as merely a starting point for enhancing quality assurance policy and practice. The principles provide a broad overview, however there is much detail under each principle that could be further developed to reflect the particular circumstances of each national system.

• In 2012 APQN launched initiative of external review of it’s members agencies with APQN Criteria and Chiba Principles as reference points.

• QAAC of UGC Srilanka became the first Member QA agency to undergo external review and benchmarked itself against APQN Criteria and Chiba Principles.

• Now APQN is in process of considering such alignment reviews across the region and to set up Asia Pacific Quality Assurance Register.
APQN Project on Reviewers’ Training Package-

• Project aimed at consolidating existing materials of various QAAs and use them to prepare a comprehensive training package which can then be made available to members electronically through the website or other electronic means.

• The Training Package now includes 7 Modules, namely:
  • *Module 1 - Overview of QA in higher education*
  • *Module 2 - QA Principles and Practices*
  • *Module 3 - IQA and Self Assessments*
  • *Module 4 - EQA and Peer Review*
  • *Module 5 - The Site Visit*
  • *Module 6 - Report Writing*
  • *Module 7 - Good Practices in QA*,

    followed by appendices, Reading material and Acknowledgement of sources.

We hope that this package would be a good open resource for all QAAs
APQN Training Package!
Collaboration with UNESCO for toolkit on QA of CBHE

APQN initiative for capacity building
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**Basic Information**

1. About Asia Pacific region
2. Contact details of QAAs and competent authorities concerning higher education in countries/ territories in the Asia Pacific region
3. Contact details of National Information Centres in the Asia Pacific region
4. Link to UNESCO Portal on higher education

1. Competent authorities to recognize/ permit operations of HEIs
2. HEIs recognized by competent authorities
3. Higher education programmes recognized by competent authorities
4. Information for students planning to study in the country
   - Visa requirements
   - Living costs
   - Language requirements

1. Approved name of institution and the sponsoring trust/society
2. Competent authority which permitted/ recognised HEI
3. Period of validity of registration and/or recognition
4. Registration / recognition/ certification numbers, if applicable
Decennial Agenda of APQN*

• Develop capacity of APQN members for new challenges like OERs and Borderless education

• Development of Asia Pacific Quality Assurance Register

• Asia Pacific Quality Information Portal on lines of NARIC

• A joint consortium with European bodies for Asia- Europe collaboration and exchange.

• APQN QA Certification for assessors and staff in collaboration with leading universities in Asia Pacific.
Decennial Agenda of APQN*

- Staff Exchange program within and outside region to promote mutual understanding of QA processes.
- APQN Quality label as Regional / international accreditation.
- Development of Quality Hubs across the region to benefit from experienced and resourceful APQN members.
- Taking Forward Chiba principles so as to move towards Asia pacific Higher education quality region.
- Developing APQN's Quality Resource centre that will undertake action Research projects and capacity building projects with the help of dedicated staff

*Adopted by APQN General Assembly on 8th April 2013 at Taipei as proposed by APQN President Dr Jagannath Patil
Possible collaboration with UNESCO

- Asia Pacific Quality Information Portal - a new initiative of APQN aims to collaborate with UNESCO initiative on strengthening NICs.
- APQN can work towards capacity building of National Information Centers in collaboration with its members QAAs in Asia Pacific.
Possible collaboration with UNESCO

• Asia Pacific Quality Register – A new initiative of APQN can collaborate with UNESCO initiative on promoting Asia and Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications

• APQN Quality Register can possibly work together with APARNET in promoting mutual recognition of qualifications based on convention and accreditation decisions of APQN member QAAs
Possible collaboration with UNESCO

- APQN can collaborate with UNESCO Asia Pacific Bureau to develop ‘Toolkit of Quality Assurance of OERs and MOOCs’
- This can either be stand alone Toolkit or revision of existing UNESCO- APQN toolkit for Regulating the Quality of CBHE to accommodate OERs and MOOCs.
Thank you!

Point of reference for the provision of expertise, advice, discussion and consultation on quality assurance in the Asia Pacific Region

www.apqn.org