



Ministry of Higher Education
Higher Education Development Program
Quality Assurance and Accreditation Directorate

Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework Launch Workshop
Report



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Summary:

The Quality Assurance and Accreditation workshop was organized on September 19 and 20, 2017 at Ministry of Higher Education. The purpose of the this two day workshop was to officially launch revised version of the QAA framework as well as orient 12 universities the will undergo external review in the 2nd phase of self-assessment and assessment by the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Directorate.

The event began with official inauguration of the QAA framework by the Minister, Dr. Abdul Latif Roshan, and Deputy Minister Abdul Tawab Balakarzai. It was followed by a series of series of sessions (i.e. presentations, discussions and questions and answers).

During the workshop, the revised framework, the SAR templates, the QAA process, the external review process and best practices were presented to the 12 new universities.

At the end of the workshop, the universities were requested to replicate such workshops at their universities in order improve awareness regarding quality assurance and accreditation.

The detailed agenda of the workshop as well as the workshop materials are attached in the Annex for further reference.

Participants:

The participants of the workshop included representatives of the following directorates and institutions.

1. H.E. Minister of Higher Education
2. H.E. Deputy Minister of Higher Education
3. Director and staff of QAAD
4. Director OMST
5. VC Academics and QAA Lead Kabul Medical University
6. VC Academics and QAA Lead Kabul Education University
7. VC Academics and QAA Lead Herat University
8. VC Academics and QAA Lead Takhar University
9. VC Academics and QAA Lead Nangarhar University
10. VC Academics and QAA Lead Sheikh Zayed University
11. VC Academics and QAA Lead Bakhtar University
12. VC Academics and QAA Lead Rana University
13. VC Academics and QAA Lead Ibne Sina University
14. VC Academics and QAA Lead Cheragh Medical University

15. VC Academics and QAA Lead Maryam University
16. VC Academics and QAA Lead Karwan University
17. Representatives of USWDP (Chief of Party, and Technical Team)
18. External Peer Reviewers (Kabul Medical, Nangarhar, KPU, SREU, KU)
19. IQA Lead of Kabul University, Balkh University

The Workshop:

The workshop was technically, and financially supported by OMST. It started with registration of the participants on Day one. The workshop started with the Minister speech, he emphasized on the importance of Quality Assurance and Accreditation as well as encouraged private and public universities to consider the accreditation framework standards in their strategic planning.

The workshop was followed by the Deputy Minister speech, who shared briefly with the participants regarding the process as well provided details regarding the pilot phase of the external review process and its results.

Director of OMST, shared details about the QAA component of HEDP and the support the program provides to Ministry of Higher Education and the Universities through this component. The OMST Director congratulated everyone on completion of the revision the QAA framework and identified this a big achievement for the MoHE.

The representative of USWDP also spoke at the workshop and shared his views on improvement of quality assurance and accreditation.

The QAA framework was officially inaugurated by H.E. Minister and Deputy Minister of Higher Education.



H.E. Minister Dr. Abdul Latif Roshan and H.E. Abdul Tawab Balakarzai inaugurating the QAA Framework

After the inauguration of the QAA framework, the sessions were carried by the presenters that were assigned by the HEDP and QAAD together.

One of the positive points that were highly appreciated by the workshop participants as well was assigning different presenters such as the external reviewers, IQA Leads, the HEDP staff and the QAAD staff.

The second day of the workshop was followed by a recap of the day one of the workshop. In the next sessions, the external review process was presented. Two external reviewers from pilot phase shared their experiences and provided with list of dos and don'ts to the participants specially the 12 universities undergoing external review in phase II.

Presentations regarding good practices, such as developing a mission and vision and planning based on Outcome Based Education were carried at the end of day two.

The workshop was officially closed by H.E. Deputy Minister Abdul Tawab Balakarzai.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Agenda



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Agenda

September 19-20, 2017

Venue: MoHE, Pohand Amin Hall (Room No.: 8)

Day 1 (September 19)

No	Session	Facilitator/Speaker	Time
1	Registration	HEDP Staff	8:30-9:00
2	Recitation of Holy Quran	Mr. Rahmatullah Kakar (HEDP)	9:00-9:05
3	Welcome and Introduction	QAAD	9:05 – 9:10
4	Welcome Remarks	H.E. Minister Dr. Abdul Latif Roshan	9:10 – 9:20
5	Introductory Remarks Importance and Benefits of Accreditation for Higher Education Institutions	H.E. Deputy Minister Abdul Tawab Balakarzai	9:20 – 9:30
6	Role of HEDP in Development QAA in MOHE	Mr. Noor Ahmad Darwish Director of HEDP	9:30-9:40
7	The Focus on Quality in Higher Education	Dr. Wahid Omar Chief of Party USWDP	9:40-9:50
8	Official Inauguration and Distribution of New framework and handbooks by H.E. Minister and D.M.	Mr. Ahmad Jawed Samsor Senior QAA Manager HEDP	9:50-10:00
9	Tea Break		10:00-10:20
10	Quality Assurance and Accreditation Achievements, and Timeline of Future Activities	Mr. Ahmad Jawed Samsor Senior QAA Manager HEDP	10:20-10:40
11	Discussion		10:40-11:00
12	Overview of Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Afghanistan Q&A Session	Prof. Haji Mohammad Naimi Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation	11:00-11:30
13	Overview of Quality Assurance Framework Criteria 1-5	Mr. Ghulam Yahyah Ahmadi, QAA Manager USWDP	11:30-12:00
Lunch			12:00-1:00
14	Overview of Quality Assurance Framework Criteria 6-11	Mr. Ahmad Reshad Jamalyar, IQA Lead Balkh University	01:00-10:30
15	Discussion on the Framework	Mr. Abdul Warrak Mohammadi, QAAD Member	1:300-2:00
16	Introduction of Institutional handbook and accreditation process	Mr. Fazel Wasit, IQA Lead Kabul University	02:00- 2:30
17	Wrap Up	Prof. Haji Mohammad Naimi	02:30-02:40

Day 2 (September 20)

No	Session	Facilitator/Speaker	Time
1	Registration	HEDP Staff	8:30-9:00
2	Recap of previous day	Prof. Haji Mohammad Naimi, QAAD Director	9:00-9:15
3	Self-Assessment Report Writing Self-Assessment Report	Ahmad Reshad Jamalyar, IQA Lead Balkh University	9:15-09:40
4	Discussion, How to write a good self-assessment report	Waheed Afghan, IQA Lead Kardan University	9:40-10:00
5	External Peer Review Process Overview	Ahmad Jawed Samsor, Senior QAA Manager HEDP	10:00-10:20
6	Tea break		10:20-10:40
7	Experience of External Peer Reviewers from Pilot Phase	Mr. Shamsurahman Adel (Nanagarhar University), Dr. Abdul Manan Paigham (KMU), External Peer Reviewers	10:40-11:10
8	Q and A session		11:10-11:40
9	Departmental Review Process and Achievements of Kandahar University	Prof. Abdul Wahed Wasiq, IQA Lead Kandahar University	11:40-12:00
10	Good Practices: Mission and Vision	Prof. Emal Shekeb QAAD Board member; Prof. Haji Mohammad Naimi, QAAD Director	12:00-12:20
11	Lunch		12:20-1:20
12	Role of Peer Reviewers in Accreditation Process	Prof. Shafiq Mashal, QAA Board Member and External Peer Reviewer	01:20-01:50
13	Good Practices, OBE and SCL	Mr. Ehsan Habibi, Senior Teaching and Learning Manager HEDP	01:50-2:20
14	Discussion and Q&A	Mr. Ehsan Habibi and Mr. Ahmad Jawed Samsor	2:20-2:50
15	Closing Remarks	H.E Deputy Minister Abdul Tawab Balakarzai	2:50-3:00
10	Group Photo	HEDP Staff and Directorate of Communication	3:00-3:15

Annex 2: Photos from Workshop



Opening Speech by H.E. Minister of Higher Education



External Peer Reviewer from KMU presenting his experiences from Pilot Phase



Q&A Session at the workshop closing



Group Photo on Day 2 of the Workshop