

## THE QA-ISLAMIC STRATEGIC PLAN 2014 – 2019

The Association of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Islamic World (QA-Islamic) was formally established on May 4, 2011 in an effort to embrace a common language of quality in higher education and forge closer ties between the countries of the Islamic World.

QA-Islamic was established to promote and enhance quality of higher education in the countries of the Islamic World.

In achieving this purpose, QA-Islamic aims at implementing the following goals:

- i. to enhance the capacity of quality assurance agencies in the countries of the Islamic World,
- ii. to facilitate collaboration and exchanges of best practices, experiences and expertise among quality assurance agencies of the Islamic World; and
- iii. to encourage cooperation with regional and international quality assurance organizations.

To fulfill the above purpose, the QA-Islamic Strategic Plan 2013 – 2015 has been prepared with a focus on four priorities, namely, structural, advocacy, developmental and networking.

### STRUCTURAL PRIORITIES

SUBPRIORITIES	INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
<b>To formalize the set-up of QA-Islamic</b>	Registering QA-Islamic as a legal nonprofit association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Secretariat will gather the information on the procedures of registering QA-Islamic as a legal nonprofit association.</li><li>• The Secretariat will write formally to the identified authority on its intention.</li></ul>
<b>To strengthen the governance and management of QA-Islamic</b>	Outlining the source and managing of funding and finance for QA-Islamic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Executive Board will appoint a Keeper for the management of funding and finance of QA-Islamic.</li><li>• The Secretariat will identify the available source of funding.</li><li>• The Secretariat will identify the procedure to apply for the available funds.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Roundtable will consider the introducing of annual fees for QA-Islamic membership.</li> <li>• The appointed Keeper will prepare the budget based on the yearly planned activities.</li> <li>• The appointed Keeper will prepare and present the annual financial report to the Roundtable.</li> </ul>
	Defining the benefits of Full and Associate membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Board will identify and determine the benefits of Full and Associate membership.</li> </ul>
	Establishing standing and ad-hoc working groups, as and when appropriate, to undertake specific tasks on the governance and management of QA-Islamic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Board will identify specific tasks on the governance and management of QA-Islamic e.g. projects on membership drive and fundraising.</li> <li>• The Executive Board will establish standing and ad-hoc working groups based on needs.</li> </ul>
<b>To expand and manage the membership of QA-Islamic</b>	Extending the membership of QA-Islamic to more countries of the Islamic World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will identify the potential QA-Islamic members amongst countries of the Islamic World.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will provide membership application form and publish it on the QA-Islamic website.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will disseminate invitation letters to potential QA-Islamic members through diplomatic channels.</li> <li>• The QA-Islamic appointed working groups will carry out joint activities with other regional quality networks such as the International</li> </ul>

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		<p>Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) and African Quality Assurance Network (AfriQAN), as an effort to further promote QA-Islamic membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The QA-Islamic appointed working groups will plan and implement outreach activities regionally.</li> </ul>
	Establishing a Register of QA-Islamic Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will prepare and disseminate the QA-Islamic Data Gathering Form and Questionnaire for Countries of the Islamic World.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will gather and analyze the QA-Islamic Data Gathering Form and Questionnaire for Countries of the Islamic World.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will establish the Register of QA-Islamic Members.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will make the Register accessible to the QA-Islamic members on the QA-Islamic website.</li> </ul>

### ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

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<p><b>To provide assistance on quality assurance of higher education based on needs of QA-Islamic members</b></p>	Analyzing and addressing the needs of QA-Islamic members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will survey and analyze the needs of QA-Islamic members.</li> <li>• The Executive Board will address the different needs of each member country in the area of quality assurance of higher education.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Board will establish ad-hoc working groups, as and when appropriate.</li> <li>• The QA-Islamic appointed working groups shall develop and conduct activities and programmes.</li> <li>• The QA-Islamic appointed working groups shall submit and report the findings of the activities and programmes, as and when appropriate.</li> <li>• QA-Islamic will provide other support services on quality assurance to QA-Islamic members from time to time.</li> </ul>

**DEVELOPMENTAL PRIORITIES**

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<p><b>To develop and implement capacity building programmes</b></p>	<p>Implementing capacity building programmes amongst QA-Islamic member countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Board will establish an ad-hoc working group to develop a conceptual framework for capacity building programmes based on the identified needs.</li> <li>• The Executive Board will determine potential hosts, participants and experts.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will connect the Host with the participants.</li> <li>• The Secretariat and the Host will produce the capacity building programme materials.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will gather the completed evaluation forms of the capacity building programmes from the participants.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>To promote collaboration and exchanges of best practices, experiences and expertise among the members of QA-Islamic</b></p>	<p>Organizing seminars, workshops and QA-Islamic Seminar and Roundtable Meeting (QA-Islamic SRTM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will prepare the proposals for seminars, workshops and QA-Islamic SRTM on quality assurance of higher education.</li> <li>• The Executive Board will determine potential hosts, participants and experts.</li> <li>• The Secretariat and the Host will produce the programme materials.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will post the presented papers on the QA-Islamic website.</li> </ul>
	<p>Developing a Database of Quality Assurance Reviewers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will gather information on the quality assurance reviewers from QA-Islamic members.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will develop a Database of Quality Assurance Reviewers.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will make it accessible to the QA-Islamic members on the QA-Islamic website.</li> </ul>
	<p>Developing a Database of Good Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will gather information on the good practices of quality assurance from QA-Islamic members.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will develop a Database of Good Practices.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will make it accessible to QA-Islamic members on the QA-Islamic website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>To strengthen the role of the QA-Islamic website as a tool for discussion and</b></p>	<p>Collecting, sharing and disseminating information about members and development in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will develop and maintain the QA-Islamic official website</li> <li>• The Secretariat will promote and post articles contributed by the QA-Islamic members.</li> </ul>

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<b>information sharing</b>	quality assurance of higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will provide QA-Islamic members access to documents and reference materials e.g. minutes, proceedings and publications on the QA-Islamic website.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will announce the upcoming events and activities of QA-Islamic and other related networks.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will provide links to relevant websites and publications.</li> <li>• The Secretariat will provide medium of exchange accessible to all members on the QA-Islamic website e.g. online forums.</li> </ul>

**NETWORKING PRIORITIES**

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<b>To promote cooperation with regional and international organizations in areas of mutual interest</b>	Collaborating with organizations and quality assurance networks in areas of mutual interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QA-Islamic will liaise, communicate and collaborate with other organizations and quality assurance networks.</li> <li>• QA-Islamic will promote inter-regional dialogues and exchanges of information.</li> <li>• QA-Islamic will develop and strengthen its links with other quality assurance regional networks.</li> </ul>