

## WELCOME

CANQATE works to promote capacity building among countries and institutions of higher education and to facilitate regional discourses on policy and research in the fields of quality assurance and quality enhancement whilst engaging policy makers, researchers, evaluators, administrators and faculty in professional development

## VISION

A Centre of Excellence in Tertiary Education Quality Assurance with a strong membership base that influences Tertiary Education in the Caribbean

## OBJECTIVES

- Promote and assist in the implementation of best practices in quality assurance (QA) in tertiary education;
- Provide up-to-date information on QA issues for Caribbean agencies/networks/ tertiary institutions and organizations;
- Ensure mutual recognition among QA agencies in the Caribbean;
- Support QA agencies in identifying funding to assist in their activities;
- Advocate for regional bodies in regional and international forums;
- Work with other professional bodies on matters of QA and accreditation;
- Support and advise CARICOM and other Caribbean regional bodies on matters pertaining to a regional framework for QA;

- Develop a cadre of professionals in the field of QA;
- Encourage and support research in the field of QA;
- Network regionally and internationally with similar organizations.

## STRATEGIC GOALS 2009-2012

### Goal 1

**Increase and sustain membership growth through:**

1. The Establishment of vibrant operational Country Core Groups; and
2. The Imaging and promotion of the organization to relevant professional, educational and other bodies

### Goal 2

**Secure support from regional and other stakeholders by:**

1. Meeting with government officials in different territories
2. Inviting Heads of Governments, Ministers and their advisors, heads of professional bodies and other influential leaders to present papers, keynote addresses etc. at the Annual Conferences; and
3. Securing observer status for attendance meetings of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) – CARICOM and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

### Goal 3

**Pursue avenues to secure CANQATE's financial viability and sustainability by:**

1. Seeking funding from potential sources such as government, international and private sector donors;
2. Providing on-line advertising for sponsors and others through CANQATE's web portal; and
3. Charging fees for membership, conferences, workshops and other services.

### Goal 4

**Establish an Effective and Efficient Secretariat by:**

1. Endeavouring to build a financially sustainable Secretariat with the operational systems to facilitate effective management and continuous improvement that is representative of a centre of excellence;
2. Improving our technological systems for outreach to the membership, including support to all Country Core Groups in the region.

### Goal 5

**Facilitate commitment to Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) – Institutions and Agencies by:**

1. Promoting a Quality Culture which embraces the principles of CQI;
2. Enabling training and development for professionals in CQI; and
3. Recognizing “best practices” in Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Enhancement (QE).

## Goal 6

### Be a Centre for Research and Development:

1. Encouraging research and development of policies and practices in QA and QE within the region; and
2. Seeking opportunities to provide region-wide consultancies to improve the policies and practices in all areas relevant to CANQATE's mission.
3. Disseminating valuable research materials on policies and practices in QA and QE within the tertiary education sector to stakeholders regionally and extra-regionally.

### 2009-2010 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Development of six (6) strategic goals
2. CANQATE partnered with the UNESO/ World Bank Global Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity (GIQAC) to provide capacity-building for its membership. The following activities were achieved:
  - Upgraded the CANQATE website
  - Conducted a Baseline Study for Peer Review Training
  - Strengthened the Clearinghouse facility with the engagement of a Part-time Administrative Assistant
  - Provided development and networking opportunities (e.g. scholarships to attend the 2010 INQAAHE and CANQATE Conferences; and the meeting of the national External Quality Assurance Agencies); and
  - Undertook a Review of CANQATE-GIQAC Projects.

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