



Caribbean Area Network for
Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education

CANQATE – THE WAY FORWARD

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STRENGTHS

- Recognized within the region as the major professional body for QA capacity building for External Quality Assurance Agencies (EQAAs) and Tertiary Educational Institutions (TEIs);
- Hosted successfully its annual conferences and other capacity-building activities; and
- Provided financial assistance to membership towards developmental and networking opportunities over the past two years.

STRENGTHS

- ✘ Built and sustained relations between national regional EQAAs and TEIs;
- ✘ Sustained relations with international bodies and donor agencies such as the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies for Higher Education (INQAAHE), UNESCO and the Global Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity (GIQAC) World Bank and with regional networks;
- ✘ Successful in obtaining donor funding to push its mandate for capacity building
- ✘ History of committed and competent members on the Board of Management

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Political Level

- ✘ Secure Support from regional and other stakeholders – e.g. CARICOM and respective governments

- ✘ Establish relations with professional bodies e.g. Caribbean Authority on Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) and Caribbean Accreditation Council on Engineering and Technology (CACET)

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Organizational

- ✘ Establish and sustain Core Groups for membership growth and QA advancement;
- ✘ Utilize the Information Communication Technology for outreach to the membership, including support to the Core Groups;
- ✘ Seek funding from potential sources e.g. UNESCO, GIQAC/World Bank, government and private sector to secure financial sustainability;

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Organizational cont'd..

- ✘ Recreate the Constitution to meet the needs of a dynamic organization
- ✘ Establish a Permanent Secretariat
- ✘ Implement effective and efficient operational procedures

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Institutional

- ✘ Promote the implementation of best practices in QA within EQAAs and TEIs – Quality Awards;
- ✘ Assist with the implementation of best practices – consultancies, internships/attachments, workshops;

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Institutional cont'd..

- ✘ Implement an Awards mechanism for the production of regional case studies and research;
- ✘ Publish a periodic Caribbean Quality Assurance Journal
- ✘ Develop a database of peer reviewers and consultants

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Institutional cont'd..

- ✘ Implement a Clearinghouse facility to be a repository of information on QA policies, procedures and practices globally;
- ✘ Create and sustain a practice of QA through consultancies to governments, public and private sector organizations

GET ON “BOARD”

- ✘ Board of Management
- ✘ Working Committees
- ✘ Special Project Committees e.g. Project Monitoring Committee, Training Committee
- ✘ Offer of services through e.g. consultancies, mentoring/coaching, internships/attachments
- ✘ Pushing the QA mandate in your territories – establishing or joining Country Core Groups
- ✘ Financial and Non-Financial and Other Support
- ✘ Other (as deemed fit)

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?