



# 22<sup>nd</sup> CANQATE. ANNUAL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Call for Abstracts

The Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE) invites abstracts for its 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL MEETING to be held in Guyana from November 3-5, 2026.

Submissions are invited from researchers, educators, leaders, curriculum developers, quality assurance specialists, and other key stakeholders involved in teaching and learning.

**Theme:** *Education for Impact: Quality Assurance as a Catalyst for Social and Economic Transformation*

### Sub-Theme 1: Reimagining Quality Assurance for the Future of Learning

**Focus:** Moving quality assurance beyond compliance to transformation.

#### Topics

- From compliance to continuous quality enhancement: Building agile quality cultures.
- Quality assurance for AI-enabled, personalised, and competency-based learning.
- Micro-credentials, digital badges, and the future of trusted qualifications.
- Measuring learner impact rather than institutional inputs.
- Quality assurance for lifelong learning in an era of rapid technological change.

## **Sub-Theme 2: Quality Assurance as a Driver of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and National Competitiveness**

**Focus:** Positioning quality assurance as an economic development strategy.

### **Topics**

- Quality assurance as a catalyst for innovation ecosystems.
- Future-proofing graduates for the AI economy and green industries.
- Integrating entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation into quality standards.
- Strengthening industry, government, and academia partnerships through quality frameworks.
- Building global competitive education systems from small-state perspectives.

## **Sub-Theme 3: Building Intelligent, Resilient, and Sustainable Education Systems**

**Focus:** Preparing institutions for disruption and long-term resilience.

### **Topics**

- Artificial Intelligence and predictive analytics in quality assurance.
- Quality assurance for climate-resilient and crisis-responsive education.
- Digital transformation and smart accreditation systems.
- Cybersecurity, ethics, and trust in digital education.
- Evidence-informed decision-making through educational data ecosystems.

## **Sub-Theme 4: Trust, Leadership, and Global Recognition in Higher Education**

**Focus:** Establishing trust as the currency of quality in an interconnected world.

### **Topics**

- Leadership for transformational quality assurance.
- International recognition of qualifications in a borderless education landscape.
- Quality assurance for transnational, hybrid, and cross-border education.
- Student voice, stakeholder engagement, and co-creation of quality.
- Ethical governance and accountability in the age of AI.

**Other areas related to the Conference theme are welcome.**

## Abstract

- a. The author should identify the theme and sub-theme under which the topic falls
- b. Abstract length: 350 words maximum.
- c. The abstract should contain
  - i. The title of the proposed paper
  - ii. The motivation/problem statement/rationale
  - iii. The conceptual/theoretical framework; or the methodology and methods used, sampling techniques used
  - iv. The findings/results
  - v. Conclusion/implications
  - vi. Keywords
- d. Font: Times New Roman, size 12, in MS Word

### **Abstract Submission and Evaluation Process**

The abstract should not exceed 350 words in length and will be evaluated for:

- Relevance, significance and currency to the Conference Theme and sub-themes: Linking topic to the conference theme and to the field of education, social and economic transformation
- Topic: Originality and significance of choice of problem, importance of issues
- Contribution to Quality Assurance: Quality assurance importance, theoretical or practical contribution/ application
- Coherence, clarity, and focus of the Abstract

Abstracts should be accompanied by the author's/authors' full name, institutional and/or work affiliation (if applicable), academic degree or profession, contact email address, and telephone or mobile number.

Selected papers will be included in the digital book of abstracts for the Conference.

**Abstracts should be emailed to:** [info@nac.gov.gy](mailto:info@nac.gov.gy)

### **Conference Format**

The Conference will open a range of opportunities for presenters to delve deeper into these themes and issues through concurrent sessions aligned with the subthemes.

### **Conference Registration**

Please note that by submitting a proposal, all authors accept that, if selected, it is their responsibility to register for the Conference. Further details will be available on the CANQATE website.

### **Important Dates**

Abstract Submission: August 17 – September 09, 2026

Abstract Notification: September 21, 2026

Circulation of electronic copy of the Book of Abstracts: October 29, 2026