



22nd CANQATE. ANNUAL CONFERENCE — & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING —

Call for Abstracts

The Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE) invites abstracts for its 22nd 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

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 Deadline: September 23, 2026

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