



The Sixth International Arab Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (IACQA'2016)

Sudan University of Science and Technology - Republic of Sudan

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Call for Papers

The Sixth International Arab Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (IACQA'2016) is a scientific refereed conference specialized in quality assurance in higher education. It is held annually in one of the Arab universities, and Zarqa University in Jordan has been chosen to be the Permanent Secretariat Headquarters since 2011. All the IACQA agencies belong to the Association of Arab Universities.

The first conference was held at Zarqa University, Jordan in 2011, the 2nd at Gulf University, Bahrain in 2012, the 3rd conference at Al-Zaytoonah University, Jordan in 2013, the 4th at Zarqa University, Jordan 2014, the 5th at University of Sharjah, UAE 2015 and the 6th will be held at SUST, Sudan 2016.

Sudan University of Science and Technology

SUST is one of the oldest universities in the country. It was established in 1950 under the name of Khartoum Institute, which had a number of departments of engineering, fine arts and business. In 1976, some other technical institutes were attached to it under the name of Technological Colleges Institute. In 1990, when the higher education revolution started, it was promoted to SUST. Its distinction springs from quality and quantity excellence in the engineering and IT specialties. In a decade, the number of students and programmes multiplied ten times. SUST enjoys good cultural and scholarly relations with various institutions abroad, granting it international prominence. Furthermore, it set future plans and developed quality performance in several Arab universities in order to carry out the UNDP programme in 2002. Its 2008 Computer Science programme at the Faculty of Science, Psychology programme at the Faculty of Education and the Electrical and Electronic Engineering programmes at the Faculty of Engineering were assessed as Applied. In 2010, the AARU Institutional Evaluation was carried out there as the first experience. In the period 2014-2015, a number of professors of Arab universities were qualified as external assessors for the QA Council at the AARU. That provided training for experts in evaluation and QA of higher education institutions, focusing on several standards such as raising the level of the faculty members' performance and developing the administrative context. SUST consists of 20 faculties, each with a mission and vision to accomplish, as well as a number of departments ranging between one and eleven. There are also institutes and research centres, offering Bachelor and Master programmes. During its progress, an SUST graduate is distinguished for being equipped with good knowledge and application skills, which makes him favoured by internal and external markets.

Conference Topics

1. Mechanisms for Applying Higher Education QA Standards:

- Higher education institutions
- Academic programmes
- Research and community service
- Mechanisms to develop quality standards of postgraduate studies and research
- Distance learning
- E-learning

2. Quality Management in Higher Education:

- Role of QA deanships and units
- QA systems application experiences
- Methodologies of institutions' self-study
- Methodologies of programmes' self-study

3. Governance of Higher Education Institutions:

- Strategic planning
- Strategic plan

4. Assessment of Higher Education QA Models

5. University Rankings:

- Foreseeing Arab universities' future within international rankings
- Indications of Arab universities' rankings

6. Performance Assessment Indicators

Interested researchers may submit their papers in Arabic or English. The maximum number of pages is 15, including all diagrams, illustrations, tables and references. Papers shall be addressed to the General Secretariat of the conference email at iacqa@iacqa.org, or uploaded on the Electronic Conferences Management System at the website www.iacqa.org/openconf. Papers shall be typed in Ms Word 2003. The submitted papers will be duly refereed by specialists in the research field. Finally, accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings book.

Conference Awards

Each of the best three papers shall be awarded \$500 + an honour certificate.

Important Dates

Submission of papers deadline: 30/10/2015.

Notification of acceptance: 30/11/2015.

Camera-ready submission deadline: 15/12/2015.

Registration deadline: 1/1/2016.

Workshops: 9/2/2016.

Conference period: 10-11/2/2016.

Registration fees

- ❖ \$250 for participation with a paper.
- ❖ \$250 for participation without a paper.
- ❖ \$350 for participation with a paper + attending the workshops.
- ❖ \$200 for attending the workshops.
- ❖ \$400 for attending the conference and workshops.

(Participants shall pay for hotel accommodation and travel.)

Registration fees cover:

1. Conference bag
2. Conference proceedings book
3. Lunch

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