

# Harmonising Quality Assurance Policies and Practice in the Region

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As a culture of quality and quality assurance begins to germinate in the region, the opportunity is now ripe to advance the conversation around how quality assurance policies and practices can be more congruence for the collective benefit of the region. In this Webinar, I will outline CANQATE's role in promoting greater harmonisation of quality assurance policies and practices through a Harmonisation Programme that aims to develop an overarching *Regional Quality Assurance Framework* for tertiary education in the region. Through the Harmonisation Programme, CANQATE will play an enhanced role in promoting synergy and harmonisation between regional EQAAs, taking a leadership role in developing and advocating for a common legislative model, shared services, and harmonised policies, and criteria. The Harmonisation Programme is also based on training and technical capacity building of regional QA professionals in EQAAs and tertiary institutions, and external evaluators charged with the responsibility of reviewing institutions and programmes. Public education and advocacy targeting policymakers, sector leaders and the public on the importance, key processes and functions of tertiary education quality assurance will also be an important component of the Harmonisation Programme.