



Conference Reforming the Higher Education Quality Assurance System: Results and Steps Forward

December 14-15, 2017

The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi
Address: 29 Shota Rustaveli Ave.

On December 14-15 the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement is conducting a conference “Reforming the Higher Education Quality Assurance System: Results and Steps Forward”. The conference is carried with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science within the project “Study in Georgia”. The conference aims to summarize the first phase of the higher education quality assurance reform that is being carried out in line with the requirement of the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015) and the Association Agenda between the European Union and Georgia. The conference will review the results of the institutional and programme evaluations conducted according to the revised QA standards and procedures, also the next steps of the reform implementation and opportunities of further enhancement of HEIs’ performance will be discussed.

The conference will bring together the representatives of higher education institutions, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, partner governmental and non-governmental organizations, international partners, students, employers and other stakeholders.

| 1st Day, Thursday, December 14, Grand Royal Ballroom, B1 Floor | |
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| 09:30-10:00 | Registration /Welcome Tea-Coffee |
| 10:00-10:15 | Opening of the Conference Tamar Sanikidze – Director of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement Aleksandre Tevzadze – Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia Caty Dukyaerts – Vice-president of ENQA, Head of the Executive Unit of AEQES Mariam Jashi - Chair of the Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Parliament of Georgia Vakhtang Makharoblishvili - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs |
| 10:15-10:45 | Higher Education Quality Assurance System Reform - Overview Tamar Sanikidze – Director of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement |
| 10:45-11:30 | Developments in External Quality Assurance System and Highlights of the ESG 2015 Caty Dukyaerts – Vice-president of ENQA, Head of the Executive Unit of AEQES |
| 11:30-12:15 | Matching the Higher Education Qualifications with Labour Market Needs Horacy Debowski – ETF expert, Warsaw School of Economics |
| 12:15-12:30 | Q&A session |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-14:00 | Pilot Institutional Evaluations: Preliminary Results Keti Tsozniashvili –Head of Authorization Division for HEIs |
| 14:00-15:00 | Pilot Institutional Evaluations: Lessons learned Panel Discussion: Giga Zedania - Rector of Ilia State University Lika Glonti - Coordinator of Erasmus+ Georgia, Authorization Expert at NCEQE Irma Grdzeldze - Head of Quality Assurance Service at Akaki Tsereteli State University, Authorization |

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| | <p>Expert at NCEQE Ani Gvritishvili – Student of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Authorization Expert at NCEQE Nikoloz Kavelashvili – Board Member of the National Bank of Georgia, Authorization Expert (Employer) at NCEQE Moderator: Ketii Tsotniashvili - Head of Authorization Division for HEIs</p> | |
| 15:00-15:10 | Q&A session | |
| 15:10-15:30 | Coffee Break - G Floor | |
| 15:30-16:00 | <p>Challenges and Opportunities of Georgian Higher Education Institutions Giorgi Sharvashidze- Rector of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</p> | |
| 16:00-16:40 | <p>Quality Assurance as a Tool for Development of Higher Education Institutions Ken Walsh - Dean of the SDSU - Georgia</p> | |
| 16:40-17:20 | <p>Improving the Quality of Medical Education and WFME Requirements Janet Grant - Special Adviser to the President, World Federation for Medical Education</p> | |
| 17:20-17:35 | Q&A session | |
| 17:35-17:45 | Wrap up of the First Day | |
| 2nd Day, Friday, December 15 | | |
| Two parallel sessions | <p>Doctoral Education (Grand Royal Ballroom, B1 Floor)</p> | <p>Medical Education (Meeting Room 8, II Floor)</p> |
| 10:00-10:40 | <p>Doctoral Education and Research Activities of Georgian Universities: State of Play and Opportunities for Development Marine Chitashvili – Director of the Center for Social Sciences, Professor at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University</p> | <p>How to Prepare for the Institutional Evaluation with Revised QA Standards and WFME Requirements? Rima Beriashvili – Vice Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University</p> |
| 10:40-11:20 | <p>Fostering Quality Culture in Doctoral Education Alexander Hasgall - Head of the EUA Council for Doctoral Education</p> | <p>Revised Benchmarks of Medical Programmes Gaiane Simonia – Head Medical Education, Research and Strategic Development Department at Tbilisi State Medical University</p> |
| 11:20-11:30 | Q&A session | <p>Panel Chair: Janet Grant Special Adviser to the President, World Federation for Medical Education</p> |
| 11:30-11:50 | Coffee Break - G Floor | |
| 11:50-12:20 | <p>Results of Programme Evaluations with Revised QA Standards and Procedures Maia Gelashvili – Head Academic Programme Accreditation Division</p> | |
| 12:20-13:30 | <p>Results of Programme Evaluations: Lessons Learned Panel Discussion: Irine Darchia - Head of Quality Assurance Service at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Nino Zhvania - Head of Quality Assurance Service at Ilia State University Elene Jibladze – Associate Professor at Ilia State University, Accreditation Expert at NCEQE Giorgi Kurdiani - PhD student at Tbilisi State Academy of Art, Accreditation (student) Expert at NCEQE Nino Bogveradze – Advocate of Kordzadze Advocate Bureau, Member of Georgian Lawyers Association; Accreditation (employer) Expert at NCEQE Giorgi Dgebuadze - Scientific Worker of Comparative and Transnational Criminal Law Institute and Assistant Professor at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Accreditation Expert at NCEQE Moderator: Lasha Margishvili - Head of Higher Education Quality Assurance Department</p> | |
| 13:30-13:50 | QA session | |
| 13:50-14:00 | Wrap up and Closing of the Conference | |
| 14:00-15:00 | Lunch | |