



## 2023 ASEAN Quality Assurance Forum Assuring Quality in ASEAN Higher Education's Diverse Learning Environments

Hosted by Politeknik Negeri Bandung (hybrid mode)

Bandung, Indonesia

6-7 December 2023

### CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Introduction

The ASEAN-QA Forum is an annual gathering organized by the ASEAN Quality Assurance Association (ASEAN-QAA) that serves as a platform for quality assurance practitioners and stakeholders to exchange and network on issues related to quality assurance in higher education institutions (HEIs) in ASEAN and beyond.

This year, the ASEAN-QAA and its partners are inviting higher education professionals, practitioners and researchers as well as stakeholders to share their practices, experiences, research and findings related to the main theme and the sub-themes found below.

The first Forum was held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 7-8 November 2019 when the ASEAN-QAA, an association initiated by alumni of the ASEAN-QA Project, was launched. The ASEAN-QA project partners coming from Southeast Asia and Europe, namely the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN), the ASEAN University Network (AUN), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), the University of Potsdam, and the Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED) were all represented in that maiden Forum.

#### About the ASEAN-QA Forum

The ASEAN-QA Forum brings together HEIs (e.g., leadership, QA managers and students) and various external stakeholders such as representatives from politics, ministries, QA agencies, and employers, in an effort to learn from each other's practices, discuss current and future issues of quality assurance and related fields. By doing so, the Forum aims to find solutions, connect HEIs and stakeholders, and contribute to building trust between individuals and organisations. The ASEAN-QA Forum is a platform for HEIs and stakeholders of QA to build a community of practice based on dialogue and exchange.

## Target Groups

All interested organisations and individuals are welcome to attend the Forum which will be in hybrid format. The Forum targets, but is not limited to, the following groups:

- Presidents and Vice-Presidents, Rectors and Pro-Rectors, Vice-Chancellors and Deputy Vice-Chancellors from HEIs
- Directors of quality assurance and related fields from HEIs
- QA staff and managers from central units and faculties/departments
- Students and lecturers active or interested in the field of QA
- Political and ministerial representatives in the field of higher education
- Representatives from external QA and evaluation agencies
- Researchers of higher education and QA
- Representatives of employers such as associations active in the field of QA in HE

## Main Theme and Call for Contributions for ASEAN-QA Forum 2023

We are announcing the call for contributions dealing with quality assurance practice, policy and research in the below fields. The main theme of the Forum is “***Assuring Quality in ASEAN Higher Education’s Diverse Learning Environments***”. With the current generation of learners, the advent of artificial intelligence, breakthroughs in educational technologies that impact on teaching-learning, and the disruptions happening in our milieu, we all recognize the need to rethink our systems and mechanisms in assuring the quality of our programs and services. This also recognizes the ever-present diversity in ASEAN higher education institutions.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Consortia, individuals, organisations, networks and researchers may submit contributions on the tracks below to join the discussions during the Forum. All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the accepted abstracts will be included in the Forum program.

### 1. AI and its impact on teaching and learning

This covers teaching-learning policies, strategies and practices that factor the role of artificial intelligence (AI). This also focuses on how academic staff may now rethink their delivery of instruction and assessment strategies considering the advent of AI like chat GPT.

### 2. Managing quality of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programs

This focuses on QA systems and regulatory environments for ODL programs – perspectives from program management, students and student support, and academic staff’s continuing development programs.

### **3. Educational practices learned from the pandemic**

This deals with keeping educational practices gained from the pandemic and taking advantage of lessons learned in managing different learning environments, addressing the needs of the new generations of learners, opening opportunities for diverse and adult learners, and linking these to internationalisation and multicultural competencies development.

### **4. Accreditation systems in ASEAN Higher Education**

This is about the benefits and challenges, new developments, and the future of the different accreditation systems in ASEAN higher education institutions (HEIs) based on the standpoint of the accrediting agencies and the HEIs.

### **5. Digitalisation of QA systems and processes for higher education**

This includes good practices and innovation in data collection and management to monitor and evaluate quality of programs and services, to support external quality assurance programs, and to keep up with technology demands in diverse learning environments.

## **Abstract Guidelines**

The abstract should:

- a. fit to one of the tracks of the ASEAN-QA Forum
- b. include all the names of the authors with affiliation and email addresses
- c. include a short-bio of the author/s
- d. have a maximum of 500 words (text only, without references, figures or tables)
- e. indicate 3-5 keywords
- f. be written in clear succinct English
- g. include a list of references written in APA 7th edition format
- h. be in MS Word and use Arial 12 points, 1 ½ spacing, normal margins (see template here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qNzYEu7tvLL1kNzy876O6hdwLtCZZ\\_Ch/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100269002621636405670&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qNzYEu7tvLL1kNzy876O6hdwLtCZZ_Ch/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100269002621636405670&rtpof=true&sd=true))
- i. be submitted to <https://forms.gle/5Uvvs3FeF5G31kaD9>

Abstracts should be submitted to <https://forms.gle/5Uvvs3FeF5G31kaD9> until 23 September 2023. The abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee. Applicants will be informed by 7 October 2023 if their proposal has been accepted and if amendments need to be done.

Applicants should be available for the ASEAN-QA Forum, either online or onsite, on 6-7 December 2023. **Registration to the Forum is free** since the host institution Politeknik Negeri Bandung has generously made sponsorships available. Further registration details will follow.

## CALL FOR OPEN FORUM (UNCONFERENCE) TOPICS

The Open Forum (Unconference) session is an exciting exchange of good practices and experiences among participants. This is a unique feature of the ASEAN-QA Forum that serves as a venue for practitioners and colleagues to engage in further discussions with the purpose of learning from each other. Participants can propose their Open Forum topics relating to the theme “**Assuring Quality in ASEAN Higher Education’s Diverse Learning Environments**”. They may also want to explore interesting issues from the five tracks mentioned earlier to come up with their unconference topics.

Proposed topics will then be the basis to organise thematic discussion spaces for the interested participants during the Open Forum session.

Please submit your suggestions for the Open Forum topics here:  
<https://forms.gle/5Uvvs3FeF5G31kaD9>

## IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract and unconference topics submission:	23 September 2023
Notification of abstract acceptance:	07 October 2023
Submission of final abstracts:	21 October 2023
Deadline for confirmation of attendance in the Forum:	28 October 2023
ASEAN-QA Forum date:	6-7 December 2023

Please feel free to disseminate this information to your colleagues and your networks.

If you have any queries, please contact us at [forum@asean-qa.org](mailto:forum@asean-qa.org).

We are looking forward to your contributions and to meet you at the Forum in December!

Best regards, on behalf of ASEAN-QA Online Forum 2023 Team

Sincerely yours,



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