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“The Africa we Want” ... Four simple words that lead the Continent to adopt a dream to promote significant changes and serious transformations. Lead by the African Union and supported by the EU, the continent embarked on huge projects to fulfil this dream.

This had its implications on educational programs in all nations. The Pan-African Quality Assurance Framework (PAQAF) became the overarching framework under which several other initiatives were undertaken. This had a great effect on the educational landscape in Africa. One of these most important initiatives was the development of the African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ASG-QA) as one of the arms of PAQAF. Under the HAQAA initiative, these standards and guidelines were developed to create a locally relevant and highly competitive Higher Education in Africa.

The standards were developed to provide a common framework and understanding of Quality Assurance in Higher Education which will help create mutual trust and facilitate recognition between the African nations while promoting transparency and accountability. In addition, this will encourage and facilitate mobility between the nations. These standards were developed to create a harmonized educational system in Africa where the standards are set at a flexible non-exhaustive level to allow for diversity yet still maintain a level of comparability.

The adoption of ASG-QA will ensure quality higher education provision; and ensure that the qualifications obtained by students and their experience of higher education remains consonant with the programme requirements, institutional mission and the objectives of higher education. Moreover, these standards were developed to be applied by higher educational institutions all around the continent, regardless of the type of education or the mode of delivery.

In this Course we will learn about the development of the ASG-QA, their scope, the stages of development, their aims and purposes, methodologies, scope and content. We will also discuss the challenges and the way forward towards the development. One of the ways of implementation has been the HAQAA 2 initiative.

The HAQAA 2 initiative will be implemented to assure the development of the ASG-QA and assist in the implementation of other PAQAF instruments namely the Continental Agency for Quality Assurance. This Agency will also help to promote the ASG-QA and support their implementation. It is the belief that the implementation of the ASG will guarantee the fulfilment of the dream of the “Africa we want” and the development of a competitive higher education milieu in the Continent. It will also guarantee trust, transparency and mobility between the Higher Educational Institutions in Africa and quality programs and qualifications.