



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Over the past few years, the African Council for Distance Education - Quality Assurance & Accreditation Agency (ACDE- QAAA) has developed a quality assurance framework for Open and Distance Learning (ODeL) provision in Africa, which includes a comprehensive quality assurance toolkit. Quality Assurance of ODeL systems have become even more imperative owing to the dictates of COVID -19 pandemic. Looking ahead no university can survive without technology mediated or enhanced learning and quality assurance of ODeL system crucial to its success. The ACDE Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency is introducing an institutional certification process that works with various national regulatory bodies to accredit institutions in ODeL across Africa. ACDE trained and certified quality assurance experts are listed by the ACDE for external assessment after institutions undergo and submit self-assessment reports.

A virtual pre-conference workshop designed to familiarize participants to the ACDE-QAAA Quality Assurance Toolkit will be organized on 27 September, 2021. Individuals who wish to be listed by the ACDE will have to undergo a 3-day intensive training on quality assessments and audits in higher education and be certified.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on trends in higher education generally, and in ODL in particular;
- Identify challenges faced in higher education in Africa and how institutions can respond to them;
- Familiarize participants with the ACDE-QAAA Toolkit and how it can be used to enhance quality; and
- Enhance capacity of participants to deliver high quality Open, Distance and eLearning (ODeL) programmes.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- A common understanding of quality and quality assurance
- Appreciating the value of the Toolkit given the rigorous development & validation processes followed
- Better understanding of the quality criteria
- Increased capacity of participants to implement criteria to further enhance quality
- Better appreciation of the value of quality enhancement through self- reviews

You are invited to register for the Pre-Conference and General Conference with the following links:

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