

6<sup>th</sup>

# International Conference of Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE) and Annual General Meeting (AGM)



April 13-15, 2026



at Baqai Medical University  
Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan



## THEME:

**Catalyzing Global Citizenship: The Strategic Role of  
Quality Assurance in Internationalizing Higher Education**

## Organized by:

Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE)

## In Collaboration With:

1. Khyber Medical University, Peshawar - **Diamond Category**
2. Iqra University, Karachi - **Gold Category**
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12. The Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University of Technology and Skill Development Khairpur Mirs - **Silver Category**
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## Background

The Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE) was founded during the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education," held on December 18–19, 2017, at Khyber Medical University. The Quality Enhancement Cell of KMU proposed PNQAHE as a platform to connect over 250 universities across Pakistan.



**Meritorious Prof. Dr Zia Ul Haq (SI)**  
Former President of PNQAHE  
Executive Director HEC, Vice Chancellor, KMU

The PNQAHE Secretariat was inaugurated on October 27, 2020, by Mushtaq Ghani, Speaker of the Provincial Assembly, under the leadership of **Prof. Dr. Zia-ul-Haq (SI)** (Former President of PNQAHE). Since then, PNQAHE has organized international conferences across Pakistan, including at the University of Lahore, Shah Abdul Latif University, Jinnah Convention Centre, and Forman Christian College University. More than 2,000 participants have been equipped by international experts with advanced techniques in quality assurance through pre-conference workshops.



**Dr. Syeda Asiyah Bukhari**  
President of PNQAHE (Director QEC)  
Khyber Medical University

In 2019, PNQAHE became a regional partner of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), promoting its activities on international platforms. It is actively engaged in INQAAHE and UNESCO's second Global Study, and further collaborative activities with international networks are in the pipeline.



**Inauguration of PNQAHE**  
By Speaker Provincial Assembly

To advance quality assurance, PNQAHE launched Pakistan's first dedicated journal, the Research Journal of PNQAHE, which is now in its fourth volume. The journal is led by Editor-in-Chief Anca Prisacariu (Switzerland) and is supported by an international review board comprising more than 25 reviewers.



**Susanna Karakhanyan**  
Advisor of PNQAHE  
(Former President, INQAAHE)

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) appreciates the progressive activities of PNQAHE, and joint future initiatives are expected soon, with advisory support from national higher education leaders, including **Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi**, Former Executive Director of HEC, and **Mr. Nasir Shah**, Director General QAA, along with his team.



**Anca Prisacariu**  
Quality Assurance Director  
American Institute of Applied sciences in Switzerland



5<sup>th</sup> International Conference Workshops

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

1. Policy Frameworks and Cross-Border Quality Assurance for Global Engagement

2. Access, Equity, and Inclusion through Quality-Driven Internationalization

3. Global Competence and Learning Outcomes for Citizenship and Sustainability

4. Digital Transformation and Virtual Internationalization

5. Leadership and Governance for Quality, Equity, and Institutional Resilience

6. Student and Stakeholder Engagement in Quality and Global Learning

7. Sustainable and Strategic Internationalization for Long-Term Global Impact

## WHO CAN ATTEND

- Directors, Deputy Directors, and Staff of Quality Enhancement Cells
- Faculty members of HEIS
- Members of Accreditation Councils
- Representatives of Quality Assurance Agencies and Networks
- Students of Universities/HEIs

## TIMELINE & DATES

Activity	Dates
Registration of Conference Starts	January, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Registration of Workshops Starts	January, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Deadline for Registration of Conference	March, 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Pre-Conference Workshops	April, 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
International Conference	April, 14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026

**Note: Approved papers will be published in Journal of PNQAHE with the consent of the Author**



5<sup>th</sup> International Conference Workshops

## International Guest Speakers

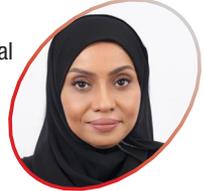
**Stig Arne Skjerven:** Chair (2023–2027) of UNESCO's Global Convention on recognition of qualifications. Formerly led Norway's foreign qualification recognition, chaired ENIC Bureau, and serves on INQAAHE's Recognition Committee. Expert in quality assurance and higher-education capacity building.



**Dr. Cato Rolea:** A senior leader in international education and digital transformation with over 10 years' experience in UK higher education. Has built 200+ global partnerships, led large-scale digitisation of student mobility, and driven AI and data strategies for major public-sector contracts, applying innovation to recruitment, student experience, and operational efficiency.



**Dr. Samya Awadh Al Shanfari:** Executive Director of Quality and Institutional Performance at Muscat University, in higher education leadership and quality assurance. She holds a PhD from the University of Edinburgh and leads national accreditation, audit, and reform initiatives.



**Prof. Dr. Ramazan Bayindir:** Vice President and Professor at Gazi University, specializing in renewable energy, microgrids, and smart grids. He has over 350 publications and extensive leadership experience in higher education quality assurance. He served as Vice-Rector (2020–2024) and is a THEQC Council Member.



**Mr. Simone Ravaioli:** An internationally recognized expert in digital credentials, learning mobility, and edtech policy. As Director of Global Academic Innovation at Instructure, he leads strategic initiatives advancing learner-centric recognition systems and global credential portability.



**Prof. Dr. Selva Staub:** Specializes in Quality assurance and accreditation in higher education, serving as an evaluator for YÖKAK, FIBAA, STAR and YÖDAK. She provides consultancy on accreditation to various institutions, contributes to accreditation processes, and teaches at Mus Alparslan University.



**Dr. Bassam AlHamad:** A leading expert in accreditation and QA, having evaluated over 100 programs and trained 10,000 professionals. He is a member of INQAAHE, ANQAHE and AIFED, and has consulted for multiple international bodies.



**Daniel Lanz:** A regular contributor to departmental program assessment, he brings a practitioner's perspective to Quality Assurance, focusing on how assessment can adapt to the shifts in global technology and the rise of Generative AI.



**Prof. Dr. Olgun Çiçek:** A higher-education quality assurance expert with over 30 years of international experience, currently serving as Board Director of INQAHE. He is also President of IQA and contributes globally as an accreditation advisor and reviewer.



## National Guest Speakers

**Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi:** Chairman, Knowledge Streams Pvt. Ltd, and Director EdTech at TMC Pvt. Ltd, Former Executive Director, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. Dr. Sohail Naqvi is a distinguished academic and higher-education leader who led major reforms in Pakistan's university sector and has extensive international teaching and research experience. He currently contributes to higher-education policy, innovation, and institutional development.



**Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi (T.I.):** Is the Chairperson of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (SHEC), actively fostering academic-industry linkages, sustainable partnerships, and the integration of AI in education. He holds a leadership role in improving higher education standards across Sindh.



**Mr. Nasir Shah:** Director General, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. Mr. Nasir Shah is a senior higher-education professional with over 15 years of experience in quality assurance, academic governance, and regulatory frameworks for higher-education institutions.



**Prof. Dr. Nayer Fardows:** Quality assurance expert and academic leader; Registrar and Director QA, Forman Christian College University, Lahore. He has more than 35 years of leadership experience in higher education and is a certified Quality Assurance Lead Auditor from Moody International (UK).



**Dr. Muhammad Abdul Wahid Usmani:** Director of the QEC at Jinnah Sindh Medical University, is a senior higher-education quality assurance specialist with over 20 years of experience, and has trained QA professionals nationwide through Higher Education Commission (Pakistan) and Sindh Higher Education Commission.



## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### MORNING (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)

S.No	Workshop Title	Resource Person
1	AI-Ready Quality Assurance in Practice: Governance, Prompting Patterns, Evidence Controls, and Policy Design	Dr. Cato Rolea
2	Recognition in Practice: Building Trustworthy Systems through Quality Assurance	Dr. Stig Arne Skjerven
3	Student & Stakeholder Engagement for Quality Assurance: A Bologna–HEC Aligned Model for Pakistan	Prof. Dr. Selva Staub & Prof. Dr. Ramazan Bayndir
4	The Psychology of Institutional Quality: A Leadership Diagnostic Lab.	Dr. Samya Awadh Al Shanfari

### Afternoon (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

S.No	Workshop Title	Resource Person
1	Breaking Quality Assurance Barriers through Stakeholder Engagement: From Engagement to Strategic Management	Dr. Bassam AlHamad
2	Micro-credentials and Digital-credentials	Mr. Simone Ravaioli
3	Beyond the Bot: Navigating the Ethics and Quality of Digital Transformation	Mr. Daniel Lanz

### Evening (4:30 pm - 6:00 pm)

1	PSG-2023: Advancing Context-Sensitive, Maturity-Based Regulation for Sustainable Quality and Institutional Ownership	Mr. Nasir Shah, Director General, HEC
2	Strategic Planning in Higher Education: From Vision to Measurable Impact	Dr. Abdul Wahid Usmani

## REGISTRATION FEE

S.No	Subject	Faculty/Staff (PKR)	PNOAHE Members (PKR)	Group Members (Max=5) (PKR)	International Participants (USD)	Online conference participation fee
1	Conference	10,000	6,000	7,000 (per Participant)	100 \$	10,000
2	Pre-conference Workshop by International Experts (Morning & Evening)	3,500	3,000	3,500 (per Participant)	50\$	3500

**Note: Workshops, Conference meals, Stationery and Dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 will be covered in the registration fee.**

## Baqai Medical University, Karachi

Started from a first ever private medical college in 1986-87, Baqai Medical University (BMU), established and chartered in 1996 stands as Pakistan's pioneer in Community-Oriented Medical Education (COME). The university's academic infrastructure comprises 13 constituent institutions and three teaching hospitals offering more than 50 undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs in medical sciences, pharmacy, public health, and allied disciplines. With a strong focus on applied research i.e form ideas to invoice, community healthcare, and clinical training through its teaching hospitals, the university continues to promote academic excellence, innovation, and social accountability in medical education resulting in 40 registered patents.

**Address: Baqai Medical University, 51, Deh Tor, Super Highway, Gadap Road, Karachi.**

## International Conference Activity

### April 13, 2026; Pre-Conference Workshops

Registration of the workshops	Morning workshops	Afternoon workshops	Evening workshops
8:00-9:00 AM	9:00-12:00 PM	1:00-4:00 PM	4:30-6:00 PM

### April 14, 2026; International Conference

Registration of the conference	Inaugural and Plenary session	Lunch & Prayer break	Abstracts Presentation	Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Cultural show & Dinner
8:00-9:00 AM	9:00-1:00 PM	1:00-2:00 PM	2:00-4:00 PM	4:30-5:30 PM	7:00-9:30 PM

### April 15, 2026; International Conference

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8:00-9:00 AM	9:00-1:00 PM	1:00-2:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00-7:00 PM

## ACCOMODATION

Accomodation details are available on webiste  
<https://pnqahe.org/conference>

## Online Registration For Conference & Workshop



Conference Registration



Workshop Registration



PNQAHE Website

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## Venue

**Baqai Medical University, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan**