



9th To 12th September 2024
Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi Kenya

Participation of the University of
Health Science, Somalia

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) annually holds a forum for academicians and quality assurance units on issues relevant to promoting quality assurance matters in the region and enhancing international cooperation, integration, harmonization and networking.

The East African Higher Education Quality Assurance (EAQAN), established in 2012, annually holds a platform in which people engaged in quality assurance come together to discuss areas of common interest and share ideas and experiences. So far 12 forums have been held and this platform was the 13th and took place in Nairobi, Kenya from the 9th to 12th September 2024.

The University of Health Science, Bossaso, joined the IUCEA this year and a representative from the university, Prof. AM Osman, participated in the 13th forum of EAQAN.

The main objectives of the forum were: 1) Promote academic excellence through cooperation between universities in East Africa and Africa and between universities and industry. 2) Increase accessibility and inclusivity of Higher Education through Innovative Quality Assurance Practices. 3) Discuss and share experiences on harmonization and integration of higher education through the credit transfer system and mobility of staff and students. 4) Explore and discuss the role of digital technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in higher education.

The themes were put in the form of presentations and panels, and then the participants discussed and exchanged ideas on each theme. The important conclusions included to harmonize the credit transfer system to facilitate student mobility in East African Universities; promoting, and intensifying digital technology in higher education. Prof. Osman took part in the panel, discussing the role of technology and artificial intelligence in higher education.

Emphasis was put on emerging technologies, like AI, to enhance teaching and learning; the key barriers universities face in scaling up technology; enhancing learning opportunities for all students and skills and competencies that graduates need to succeed in an AI-driven future.

Finally, from 9:00-15:00 on the 12th day the EAQAN participants met with the Erasmus-NA DAAD Germany (EU-Higher Education Cooperation between Germany and Eastern Africa). The German group made presentations on Erasmus+ funding opportunities with African countries, Capacity building in higher education and Erasmus+ International credit mobility. In conclusion, the forum was well-managed and successful.





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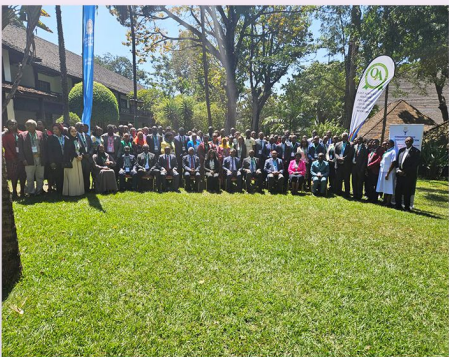
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