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Programme

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Session Abstract

The session will highlight major HE reform priorities in Uzbekistan and discuss lessons learnt from initial pilots of University Governance and Quality Standards Draft Codes as a result of Uzbekistan-UK partnership work to strengthen capacity and pilot new co-created regulatory approaches to university governance and quality assurance.

Session Title

Ensuring excellence in university governance and quality assurance: lessons learnt and next steps

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Session Objectives

A central characteristic of the Higher Education reforms is the granting of autonomy to higher education institutions. Critical elements of achieving this are effective governance and quality assurance. The session will discuss key priorities for higher education sector in Uzbekistan, present the outcomes and lessons learnt from initial pilots of University Governance and Quality Standards Draft Codes as a result of Uzbekistan-UK partnership work to strengthen capacity and pilot new co-created approaches. The session will explore how institutions can measure the effectiveness of their continuous improvement initiatives around quality

assurance and university governance and how they create a culture that encourages feedback and innovation. It will also discuss the role of professional development in supporting continuous improvement. Presenters will explore the benefits of collaborative work in university governance and quality assurance to higher education institutions in Uzbekistan, discuss how this is enhancing ongoing reform and contributes to internationalisation and TNE development.

Session Outcomes

The session will enable participants to learn more about HE reform priorities in Uzbekistan and impact sought through thorough analyses of the context and needs, joint-up approaches to co-create new regulatory approaches and innovative ways to develop capacity to bring about changes.

Pre-session Activity

We suggest that participants reflect in advance of the session on how university governance and quality assurance are addressed in their institutions. Two working groups under the Ministry of HE, Science and Innovations are established in September-October 2023 to establish the baseline and produce a plan and frameworks to co-create Good Governance and Quality Codes and guidelines in collaboration with Advance HE and QAA.

Pre-reading

[Effective Governance | Advance HE \(advance-he.ac.uk\)](https://advance-he.ac.uk)
[Quality Code \(qaa.ac.uk\)](https://qaa.ac.uk)
[Developments to the Quality Code \(qaa.ac.uk\)](https://qaa.ac.uk);