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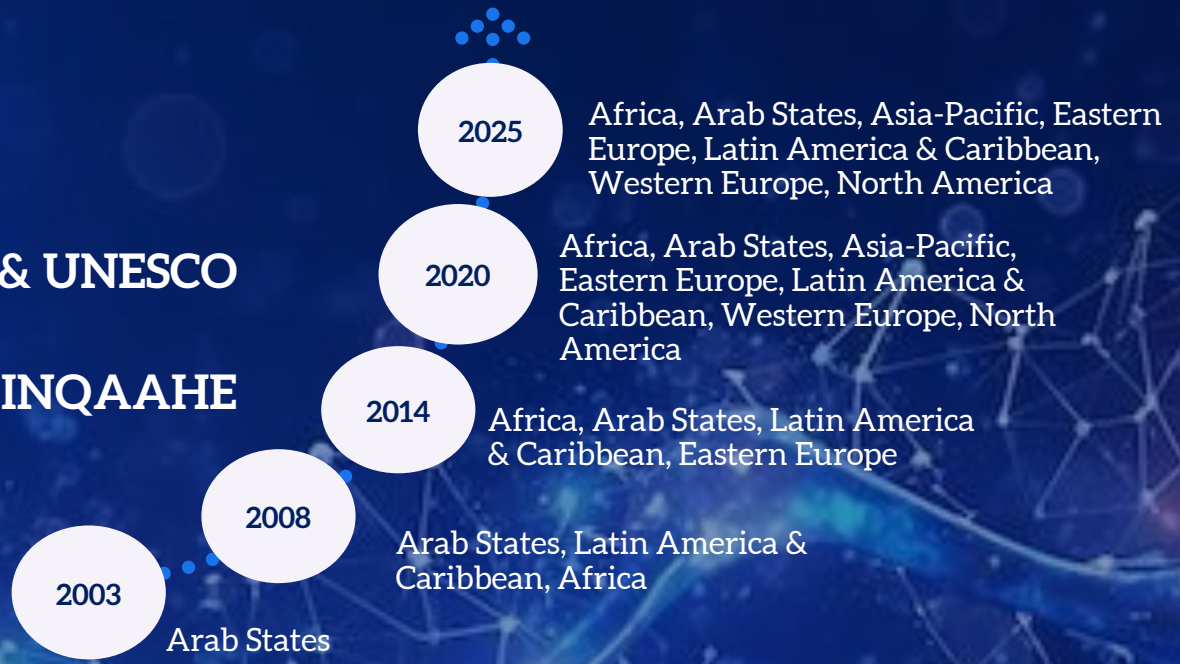
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2nd Global Trends

1st Global Trends
Mixed-method
approach

Scoping Studies:
Survey based

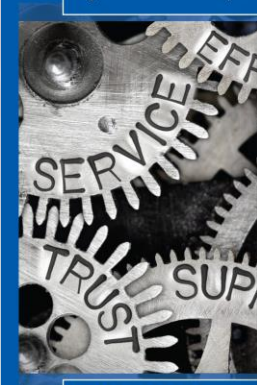
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Internal QA

External QA

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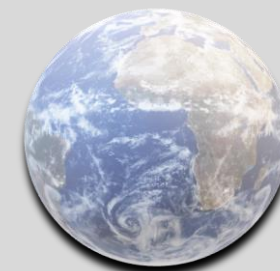
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***Regional and global engagement, on voluntary basis,
with a noble mission to contribute to the regional and
global TE quality cause***

~ 30

**Regional and international organizations, including
UNESCO IESALC Higher Education Office**

~ 80

Quality assurance and tertiary education experts

37

Authors and co-authors

The Methodology

Data collection spanned from 2023-2024

Literature Review & Document Analysis

UN directives
Regional frameworks of QA and QF
Relevant research
Reports from international and regional organizations dealing with tertiary education and QA

Baseline Data

Collected from 196 countries from diverse sources, sometimes through personal contacts with national regulators
Number of TEIs, QA bodies, recognized QA bodies, NQFs, signatories to UN Regional and Global Conventions

Case Studies

Some regions also carried out case studies to delve deeper into unique practices



Surveys

Surveys addressed to TEIs and QA bodies
Administered in seven languages
989 responses from TEIs
241 responses from QA bodies
99 countries represented

Focus Group Discussions

34 focus groups were conducted: 17 with EQABs and 17 with TEIs
82 countries across 7 regions
277 participants: EQA (130) and IQA of TEIs (147) participated in the focus groups
Focus groups were conducted in three languages: English, Spanish, French

*Organization of the book:
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Part I: the Global Trends

**5: UNESCO:
SDG& RCs**

4: IQA

3: EQA

**2: Global
Mega-
Trends**

1: Intro

2021-2025

Part II:

Regional Trends

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America

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LAC

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Europe:
EE & WE

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Asia-
Pacific

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Arab
States

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Africa

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2021-2025

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NETWORKS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE BODIES IN TERTIARY EDUCATION

AfriQAN: The African Quality Assurance Network

ANQAHE: Arab Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

AQAAIW/IQA: Association of QA Agencies in the Islamic World

AQAN: ASEAN Quality Assurance Network

APQN: Asia-Pacific Quality Assurance Network

ASPA: Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

AUN-QA: ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance

CANQATE: Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education

CAMES: The African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education

CEENQA: Central and East European QA Network

CHEA: Council for Higher Education Accreditation

EAQAN: The East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network

EASPA: European Alliance for Subject-Specific and Professional Accreditation and Quality Assurance

ENQA: European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education

ECA: European Consortium of Accreditation

EQANIE: European Quality Assurance Network for Informatics Education

ENAE: The European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education

RAFANAQ: Le Réseau Africain Francophone des Agences Nationales d'Assurance Qualité

RIACES: La Red Iberoamericana para el Aseguramiento de la Calidad en la Educación Superior

SAQAN: South African Quality Assurance Network

SIACES: The Ibero-American Quality Assurance System of Higher Education

NETWORKS/ASSOCIATIONS OF TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

AAU: Association of African Universities

AArU: Association of Arab Universities

AUN: ASEAN University Network

CRUP: Network of private universities in LAC

EUA: European University Association

CONAHEC: Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration

FIMPES: Network of private universities in Mexico

PNQAHE: Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education

REALCUP: Network of private universities in LAC

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