Innovative Quality Assurance: Highlights from Egypt

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Presentation Outline

- Understanding HE:
 - Facts and figures
 - Challenges
 - Country priorities
- Introducing NAQAAE
- Responsive Quality Assurance
 - Internationalization
 - Standards-Based Reform
 - Digitalization
- Concluding Comments
 - Next Steps



Introduction



Understanding Higher Education





Higher Education ... The History



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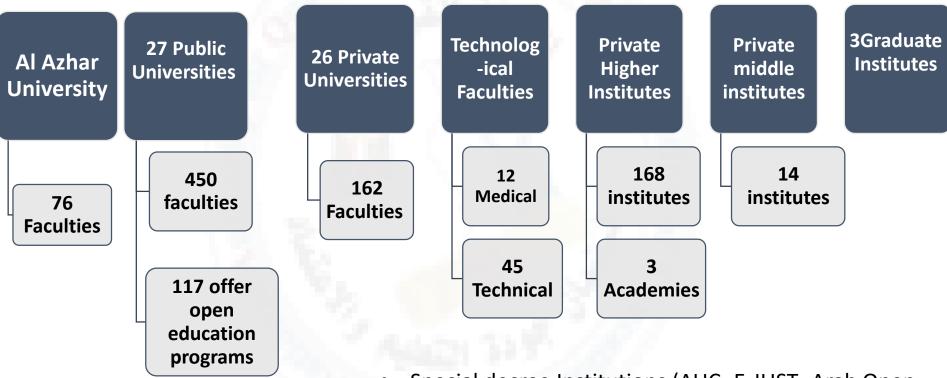
Although it did not gain university status till 1961, Al-Azhar University (970 A.D.) one oldest mosques in Cairo, is still considered one of the World's oldest Universities



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Higher Education Institutions



founded in Egypt

 Special decree Institutions (AUC- E-JUST- Arab Open University – Arab Academy-Zowail University)

Recently 6 International Branch Campuses were

ALL IN THE STATE

Source: Based on the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR)

Higher Education Institutions

Future University 2006

University of Canada 2019

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Coventry University 2020

Cairo University 1905

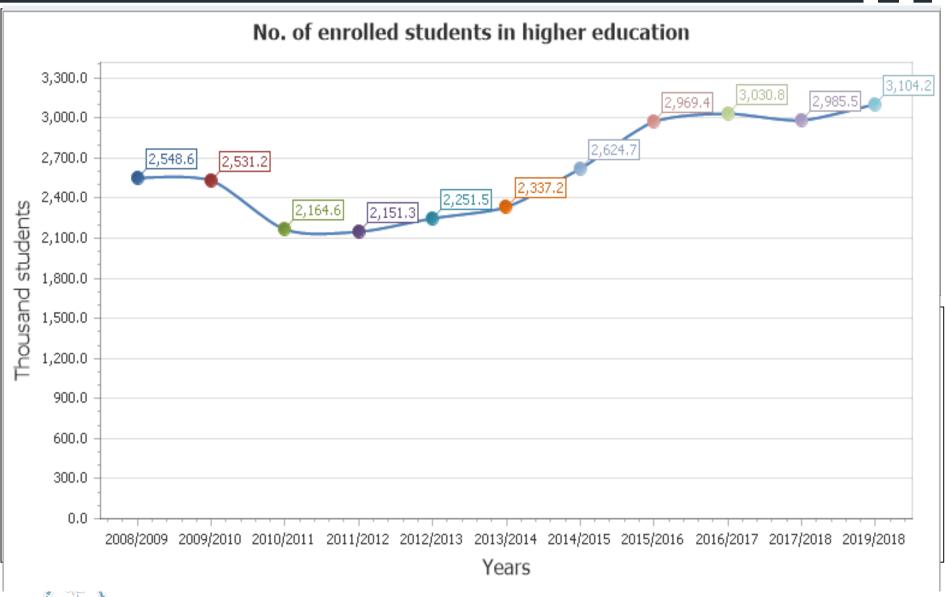
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University in Cairo 1919

Higher Education Facts and Figures



Source: Central Agency for Population Mobility and Statistics (CAPMAS) the primary source for official statistics for Egypt(2019)

Challenges Facing Higher Education

- Increasing nos. of students (2.4 m. by 2030) challenging the quality of teaching and learning
- Adapting to technological change and transformation
- Diversified educational providers challenging Quality and Equity
- Mismatch between education outcomes and market needs
- Lack of interest in vocational education
- Funding and research
- Rising Expectations (Students and Society)







Priorities of Higher Education



- Investing in the Higher Education Industry
- International student recruitment
- Increase the enrollment rate in HEIs



Hold all institutions to high quality standards (80% Accredited Institutions by 2030)



Pursuit for International Recognition





Fulfill Sustainable development goals (eco friendly)



Responsive Quality Assurance



NAQAAE ... The Who, The What , The How



Establishment of NAQAAE

The National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education "NAQAAE" was established by the issuing of Law No. 82 for the Year 2006 and its executive regulations organized by its Bylaws issued in 2007



Mission and Vision

Our Mission

To develop the quality of education and ensure its continuous improvement. To accredit educational institutions based on national, impartial and transparent standards that conform with international standards



Our Vision

A leading quality assurance and accreditation body that is recognized, nationally and internationally, and an essential partner in the path of educational reform in Egypt



What we do

- Setting and Maintaining Standards
- Comprehensive evaluation of educational institutions
- Capacity Building (training and technical support)
- Dissemination of the culture of Quality
- Building trust in Egyptian graduates
- Ensuring a quality education to all learners



How We Function

Independence & Accountability

NAQAAE is characterized by its Independence:

Reports to the Prime Minister and the Egyptian Parliament (No Fear nor Favor)

NAQAAE is held accountable:

Public disclosure and dissemination of information through its web site and reports





We Stepped up to the Challenge

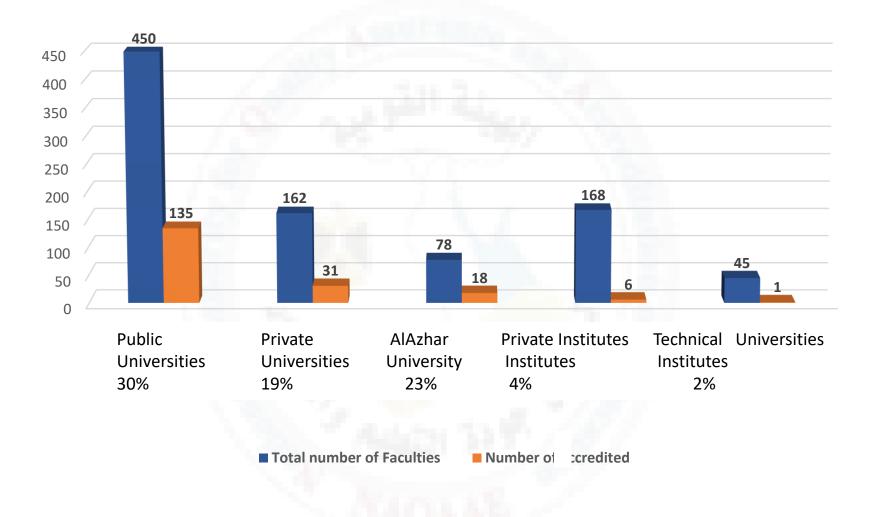


Responding to Challenges and Change

- NAQAAE assumed the role of a proactive flexible agent of change
- NAQAAE situated itself as a partner of real educational reform in Egypt
- Conducting more site visits
- Adopting standards-based reform
- Focused on International recognition
- Digitalization of the process of Accreditation
- Started focusing on specialized programs
- Focusing on the quality education and student life
- Looking at Re-accreditation and Risk-based approach to accreditation



Increased HEI Accreditation





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International Recognition

- QA networks membership (ANQAHE, AFRIQAN, QA Islamic, AUF)
- Partnership, Cooperation and MOUs
 - CHEA CIQG AQAS ABET ACPE AERES (France) AUF
- Active partner in the HAQA initiative and the establishment of ASG-QA
- WFME recognition
- HAQA pilot project review
- Joint Accreditation







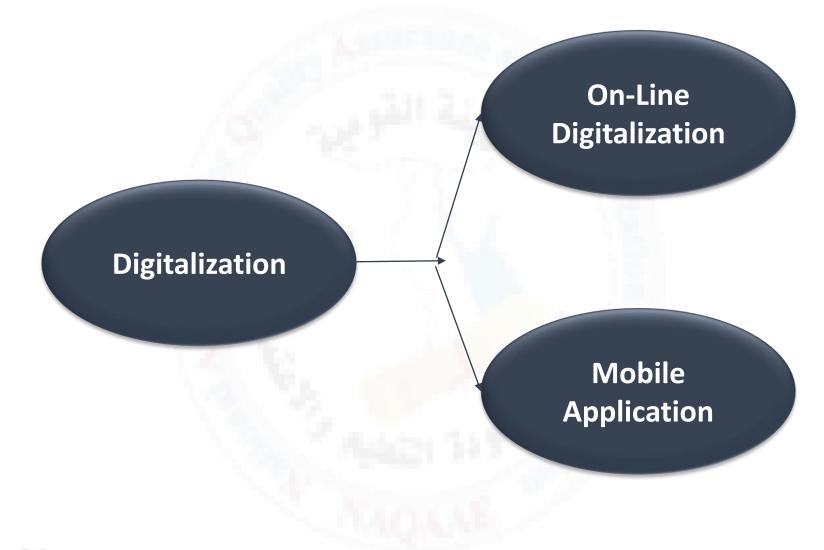
Steps Towards Reform



- Established and Implemented NQF-Egypt
- Revising and Developing National Academic Reference Standards (Level descriptors of NQF)
- Promoting Competency Based Learning
- Developed Competency Based Standards for several Sectors (Medicine- Pharmacy- Nursing – Engineering)
- Wide stakeholder engagement in development, consultation and feedback
- Reviewed and Developed Quality frameworks
- Encompass standards that reflect and achieve the UNESCO SDG 4
- Employability, Entrepreneurship, Life-long learning are key elements in the standards
- Encouraging specialized Program Accreditation



Digitalization of the Accreditation Process





Digitalization ... the Why ... the how







- Mistakes, breach of conduct during Site visits
- Corruption and misconduct from some institutions
- Growing concern regarding NAQAAE review visits, reports and decisions.
- Loopholes in the accreditation system
- Time management and lack of timely reporting
- Data base updating inconsistent
- Much paper work (Not Eco Friendly)
- Adapting to technological demands and transformation
- Responding to Innovation
- This was coupled and encouraged by the government promoting digitalization

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Digitalization ... the Why ... the how

We developed the system with the following underlying principles

- Transparency
- Reliability
- Consistency, Validity and Fairness (of decisions)
- Robust visits and reports
- Facilitate benchmarking and reporting
- Simplify reviewers' tasks
- Protecting the environment (reduce paper work)
- Eliminate redundancy
- Facilitate report revision
- Combat fraud
- Decrease human intervention



NAQAAE Online Accreditation

Role of HEIs

HEI submits an online application.

Once accepted HEIs pay online

HEIs upload and submit all documents on line.

HEI responds to team composition online.

HEI is allowed to upload supporting documents but not allowed to submit any different documents

HEI reviews report and responds to factual data error (only) online

Decision received online

Role of NAQAAE

Application reviewed Acceptance on line

Portal opened to allow for on line submission of documents

Team composition is sent to the HEI

Team reviews the documents and can ask for extra documents

Portal is opened once again for loading extra documents

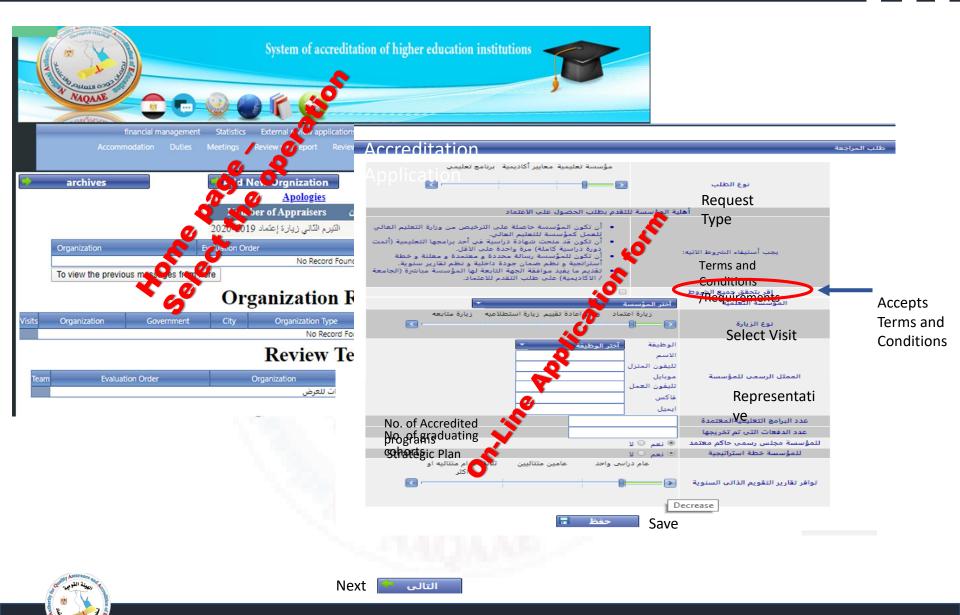
Pre-visit report uploaded and reviewed by Accreditation Department.

Report is written and complied and reviewed on line

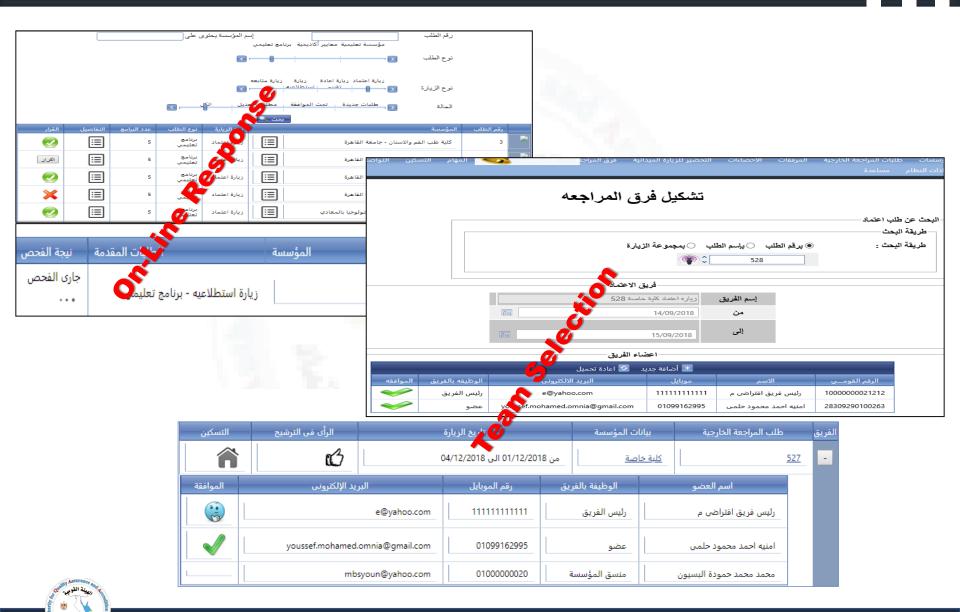
Report is finalized and reviewed by Board Decision posted online



NAQAAE Online Accreditation



Review of the Application Status



Uploading and Downloading Documents

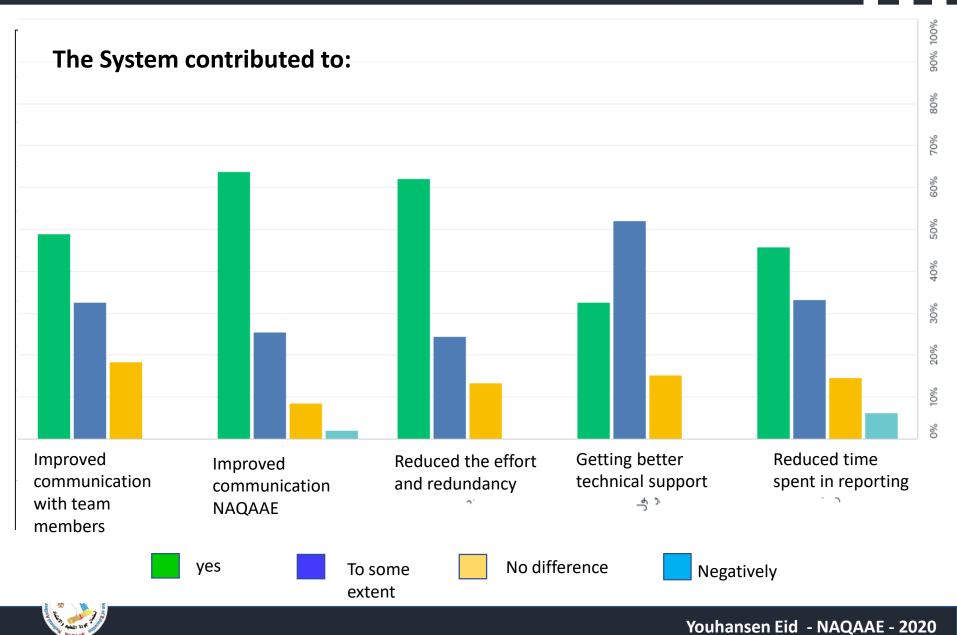




On-Line Reports

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Evaluation of the System



Final Points about the System

- The system was developed in-house with NAQAAE IT department.
- We rely on our own servers and technical people to manage it together with Accreditation Department.
- Currently the system is in Arabic but we are developing it to work bilingual.
- We offer several workshops and training to HEIs and reviewers and technical support.
- There is continuous changes and amendments to the process and to the reports so that it can be more user-friendly, and to address all the issues that are facing the reviewers, or the HEIs.



Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Resistance (reviewers and institutions)
- Unreliable internet connections sometimes
- It can be time consuming (at times)
- Need to adopt new technologies (Security, Cloud technology, systems, servers and the like)
- Only in Arabic

Opportunities

- Work is made easier
- Less paper work (Environmental friendly)
- More reliable results
- Benchmarking made easier



What Next

Automated Smart Campus

Campus automation = optimum operation

- Find a systematic method to define/describe/code a specific process/KPI
- 1. Identify key features for any process/KPI
- 2. List the typical values for each feature
- 3. Apply the **mapping** system to each process/KPI
- Find correlation (difference).
 Related Processes/KPIs will have similar definition/description/code
- Here comes the concept of a *footprint*

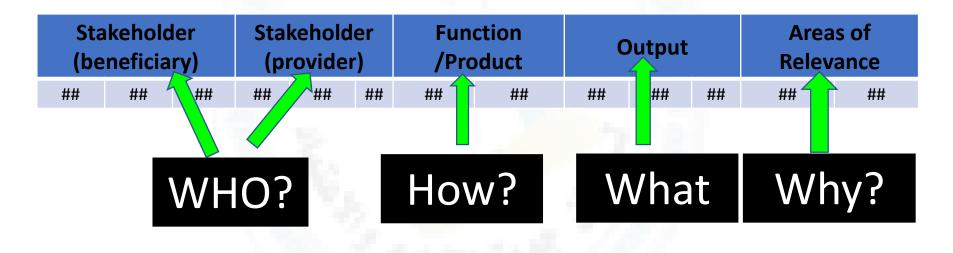






What Next: ASRP

Footprint





Source: Erasmus+KA2 ASRP 598575-Epp-1-2018-1-EG-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

Next Steps: ASRP

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	X8	Academic Authorities						
	Х9	Academic community (Peer universities)						
	ХА	Community at large						

IO : all internal stakeholders, FO, SO, AO



Next Steps: ASRP

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17 Planning (strategic, executive, policies)



Next Steps: ASRP

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2. The mission of the institution is clear and reflects its educational and research roles and its community responsibility in line with the societal expectations from higher education institutions. The mission should contribute to the achievement of the university's Mission.	HIO	HX0	##	HLO	##	##	SIO	SXO	##	##	##	##	G3	G4	G1	##	C4
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 The strategic objectives of the institution are clearly defined, measurable, and are based on the environmental analysis and achievable in the time span of the plan. 	HIO	HX0	##	HLO	##	##	SIO	SX0	##	##	##	##	G4	G5	N2	##	##
6. The institution has periodic reports to monitor and evaluate the progress of the implementation plans according to the schedule and the achievement of the target performance levels.	HL1	##	##	HL2	HL3	##	SIO	##	11	##	##	##	G5	G7	R5	##	##
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To Conclude



Concluding Comments

- We are setting the pace for HEI to digitize all their work
- Improve and upgrade the current system
- Better data management
- Becoming more sensitive and focus on our learners
- Link between Higher education institutions data-base and NAQAAE system to update data and highlight the challenges/drawbacks (Erasmus+ project)
- Decision based on dynamic + concise + "brief" dashboards





And Finally ...

• Over the last few days we've been talking about Quality and Higher

Education ... what is does ... what it doesn't ... the purpose ... who

benefits ... How it helps shape the economy ...

- And we will keep on discussing and talking for many weeks, months and years to come ...
- But what we must not forget is that we are in this business for

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