UNESCO Regional Conference on Quality Assurance of Higher Education in Asia-Pacific

Communication about Quality Assurance: External Quality Assurance

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Communication about Quality

• Communication about Standards and Guidelines

• Communication with all stakeholders

• Communication with Partner Agencies

• FHEC Message is consistent
Challenges

• Acceptance
  – NKOTB
  – FHEC – 7 years
  – HEIs – 132 years

• Perceived as an Enabler rather than Regulator
  – “working with them rather than against them”
  – Respect their history and knowledge

• Improving relationship
Achievements

• 1\textsuperscript{st} Agency accredited by APQN (2015)
• Industry – Academia Collaboration (2015)
• Hosting of APQN and INQAAHE Conferences (2016)
• HEI Collaboration (Peer Learning) (2017)
• FHEIP (MFAT (NZ) – 2016)
• Review of FQF (2017)
Looking Forward

• HEI Provider Monitoring Framework (2017 and full rollout from 2018)
  – QA Monitoring
  – Finance Monitoring
  – Compliance

• Industry Stakeholder Forums
  – Industry Specific standards

• Increase scope of HE Legislation

• Increased cooperation / collaboration between HEIs

• Cooperation with other National and Regional Agencies
Thank you

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