Dear Colleagues,

Launched by UNESCO as a series of cyclical scoping studies on external quality assurance, INQAAHE inherited this decade long tradition in 2018 by turning it into its flagship project – Global Trends in Tertiary Education Quality Assurance: Internal and External QA.

As its flagship project, INQAAHE has committed to deliver the Global Trends on a cyclical basis and by closely collaborating with regional QA networks, university associations and lead tertiary education experts.

The I Global Study, <u>published in 2020 by Brill|Sense</u>, proved to set firm grounds for understanding trends, challenges, identifying opportunities, hence building an empirical historical base for quality assurance in tertiary education globally and benefiting education communities. The II Global Study, launched last year, is planned to be published as a book in 2025 – an open source to ensure wider and deeper benefits.

With this survey, we launch data collection for the II Global Study. The survey is addressed both to external quality assurance providers and internal quality assurance of tertiary education institutions. The survey is multilingual, allowing each respondent to pick their preferred language from English, French, Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Portuguese.

Thus, we kindly ask you for your invaluable contribution to the II Global Study by completing the survey which can be found here: (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EQAPs). It should take you about 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire. We would appreciate very much if you could complete the questionnaire by **17th of November 2023**.

Your contribution is vital to the success of the Global Study which has proven to benefit the global community of tertiary education policymakers, international organizations (e.g., UNESCO), tertiary education leaders, quality assurance professionals, students and faculty and tertiary education community at large. One of the key benefits is the resultant recommendations of the study, that feed into prospective investments for each and every region.

The INQAAHE II Global Study group commits to keeping all your responses confidential. Since all the responses will be aggregated, you will not be identified as an individual or organisation, unless you want your role to be highlighted.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the following: secretariat@inqaahe.org. We have a dedicated team who will be responding your inquiries in due manner.

We thank you in advance for your contributions to the enhancement of tertiary education and QA globally and regionally.

Best,

PS: By taking part in this survey, you agree that you:

- Grant us permission to use the survey data to produce a report based on the data you provide under the survey.
- We warrant that your data will not be disclosed by us to third parties, in a manner that it will identify you personally unless you have agreed to do so.
- Within a maximum of two years after you have completed the survey, your name will be disconnected from the response data.