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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/AAP-2026/OPS/2025-26/28.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 read with sub-section (3) of Section 11 and Section 28 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Statutory Operational Governance and Annual Execution Directives framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), on the recommendation of the Executive Operations Board and with the formal assent of the Supreme Governing Council, hereby solemnly promulgates, approves, and notifies **The 2026 Annual Action Plan: Four Evolved Operational Pillars** along with its following constituent functional divisions, strategic implementation frameworks, and sectoral execution mechanisms specified herein below:—

- (1) **Pillar I (Global Accreditation Standards Modernisation) — Transnational Curriculum & Programmatic Audit Division;**
- (2) **Pillar I (Global Accreditation Standards Modernisation) — STEM, Healthcare & Professional Competency Evaluation Wing;**
- (3) **Pillar II (Digital Transformation & AI Integration) — Enterprise AI Quality Assurance & Automated Audit Analytics Bureau;**
- (4) **Pillar II (Digital Transformation & AI Integration) — Transnational Blockchain Credentialing & Tamper-Proof Verification Hub;**
- (5) **Pillar III (Assessor Capacity & Global Workforce Mobility) — International Peer Reviewer Certification & Master class Academy;**
- (6) **Pillar III (Assessor Capacity & Global Workforce Mobility) — Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MLA) Cross-Border Mobility Directorate;**
- (7) **Pillar IV (Institutional Governance, ESG & Crisis Resilience) — Net-Zero Campus Standards, Carbon Audit & Sustainability Directorate;**
- (8) **Pillar IV (Institutional Governance, ESG & Crisis Resilience) — Fiduciary Solvency Oversight & Emergency Reserve Monitoring Cell;**
- (9) **Joint Operational Quality Control, Ethics Surveillance & Stakeholder Protection Tribunal;**
- (10) **Supreme Executive Council of Regional Directors, Annual Operational Monitoring & Governance Secretariat.**

as the mandatory statutory operating blueprint, executive implementation framework, and performance benchmark binding upon all constituent bodies, regional directorates, accredited universities, and candidate institutions with immediate effect.

1. Statutory Mandates of the Four Evolved Operational Pillars

The implementation of the 2026 Annual Action Plan shall be anchored upon the four evolved statutory pillars, governed by the following regulatory covenants, performance parameters, and institutional obligations, namely:—

- (1) Pillar I & II Directives (Standards Modernisation & AI-Driven Digital Systems):— That all accredited institutions shall align their evaluation frameworks with the updated 2026 Global Benchmarks and integrate the IQAB Digital Verification Gateway on or before Wednesday, 26th November, 2025, ensuring verifiable AI ethics and immutable credential validation;
- (2) Pillar III & IV Directives (Assessor Capacity & Institutional ESG Resilience):— That member universities shall mandatorily deploy certified lead assessors, implement continuous peer-review mechanisms, and enforce the ESG Carbon Neutrality Protocol across all campus operations with effect from the 2026 academic calendar;
- (3) Institutional Action Plan Implementation & Operational Bylaws:— That all accredited entities, regional directorates, and candidate colleges shall enact formal operational measures in their governance statutes on or before Wednesday, 26th November, 2025 to:
 - (i) designate an Institutional Annual Action Plan Lead Coordinator to interface directly with the IQAB Operations Directorate on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025;
 - (ii) incorporate the Four Operational Pillars into the Annual Institutional Operating Budget and Quality Assurance Manual;
 - (iii) Submit verifiable Quarterly Progress Milestones against prescribed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs);
 - (iv) Enact digital tamper-proof student transcript and certificate issuance mechanisms on or before Wednesday, 10th December, 2025;
 - (v) Participate mandatorily in the Annual Global Assessor Conclave and Strategic Calibration Master classes.

2. Operational Oversight, Monitoring & Compliance Enforcement

- (1) Real-Time Operational Audit & Continuous Monitoring:— That the Executive Operations Directorate shall exercise continuous digital surveillance and conduct unannounced programmatic inspections to ensure full adherence to the 2026 Action Plan across all jurisdictions.
- (2) Consequences of Operational Default:— That any constituent entity failing to execute the mandatory milestones of the Four Operational Pillars shall be subject to immediate operational remediation notices, provisional rating downgrades, and forfeiture of MLA reciprocal recognition privileges.

SCHEDULE

Mandatory Execution Timelines & Key Operational Milestones For The 2026 Annual Action Plan (Four Evolved Pillars)

The following Key Operational Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days) shall be legally binding upon all accredited institutions, operational wings, and regional directorates:—

Item No.	Operational Milestone & Action Plan Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
AAP-01	Official Gazette Promulgation of 2026 Annual Action Plan (Four Evolved Pillars)	19 Oct 2025	Executive Director of Operations, IQAB
AAP-02	Institutional Coordinator Nominations & Pillar Implementation Setup	29 Oct 2025	Member Universities / Chief Quality Officers
AAP-03	Submission of Institutional 2026 Operational Roadmaps & Resource Plans	26 Nov 2025	Heads of Institutions / Vice-Chancellors
AAP-04	Deployment of Pillar II AI-Driven Digital Quality Audit Platform	10 Dec 2025	Directorate of Information Systems
AAP-05	Mid-Term Operational Execution Review & Inter-Agency Coordination Conclave	09 Feb 2026	Operational Oversight Council
AAP-06	Publication of Pillar III Certified Lead Assessor Master Roll & Directory	16 Mar 2026	Global Assessor Academy Senate
AAP-07	Pillar IV Mid-Year ESG Campus Decarbonisation & Solvency Assessment Audits	06 May 2026	Directorate of Environmental Standards
AAP-08	Comprehensive Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Action Plan Conformance Reviews	01 Jul 2026	IQAB Board of Lead Operational Assessors
AAP-09	Submission of Annual Operational Compliance Dossiers & Performance Reports	12 Aug 2026	Chief Quality & Operations Officers
AAP-10	Official Gazette Promulgation of 2026 Operational Achievements & Orders	30 Sep 2026	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Operational Execution Governance & Sovereign Authentication

The 2026 Annual Action Plan: Four Evolved Operational Pillars herein notified shall constitute the official execution charter of the International Quality and Accreditation Board for the 2026 operational year. All institutional evaluations, rating decisions, and programmatic audits shall be strictly governed by these four pillars.

Regards,



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