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*Programme*

*Session 2*

### **Session Abstract**

The session will highlight major HE reform priorities in Uzbekistan and discuss initial reports on Uzbekistan-UK partnership work to understand the needs and ambitions, strengthen capacity and pilot of a new co-created regulatory approaches to university governance and quality assurance.

### **Session Title**

**Ensuring excellence in university governance and quality assurance: case studies in good practice**

### **Session Organiser**

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### **Session Participants**

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### **Session Objectives**

A central characteristic of the Higher Education reforms is the granting of autonomy to higher education institutions. This presents an opportunity for policy choices on how best to regulate the sector to deliver the priorities set out in a manner which provides stakeholder confidence and accountability. Critical elements of achieving this will be effective governance and quality assurance. The session will discuss initial reports on Uzbekistan-UK partnership work to understand the needs and ambitions, strengthen capacity and pilot of a new co-created regulatory approaches.

### **Session Outcomes**

The session will enable participants to learn more about HE reform priorities in Uzbekistan and impact sought through thorough analyses of the context and needs and joint-up approaches to co-create new regulatory approaches.

### **Pre-sessional Activity**

We suggest that participants reflect in advance of the session on how university governance and quality assurance are addressed in their institutions. Prior to the conference a survey engaging all HEIS will be run in collaboration with Advance HE.

Two working groups under the Ministry of HE, Science and Innovations are established in September-October 2023 to establish the baseline and produce a plan and frameworks to co-create Good Governance and Quality Codes and guidelines in collaboration with Advance HE and QAA.

### **Pre-reading**

[Effective Governance | Advance HE \(advance-he.ac.uk\)](https://advance-he.ac.uk)

[Quality Code \(qaa.ac.uk\)](https://qaa.ac.uk)

[Developments to the Quality Code \(qaa.ac.uk\)](https://qaa.ac.uk);