

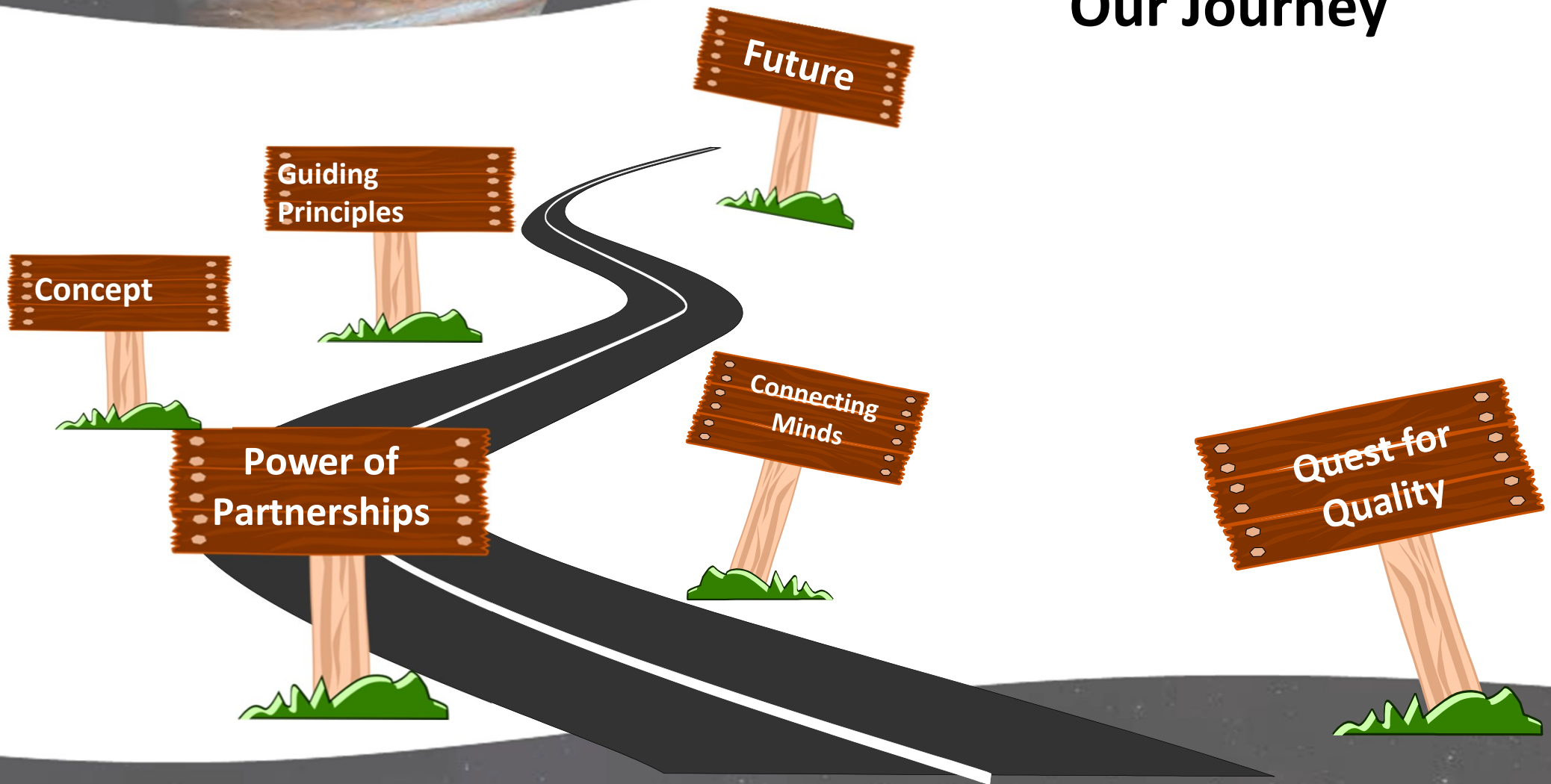
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# QUALITY BEYOND BOUNDRIES GROUP

# Our Journey





# What led to the formation of QBBG?

- Growth in internationalization of higher education
- Increased student mobility
- Multiple layers of accreditation and quality assurance
- Drive to increase the quality of TNE provision
- Reducing burden and increasing efficiency





# The Power of Partnerships

**Bilateral** agreements in place across agencies.

Move to **multi-lateral partnership** approach.

Move from simply cooperating with each other to a more **comprehensive understanding** of common standards across the **member agencies** and **form a zone of trust**.

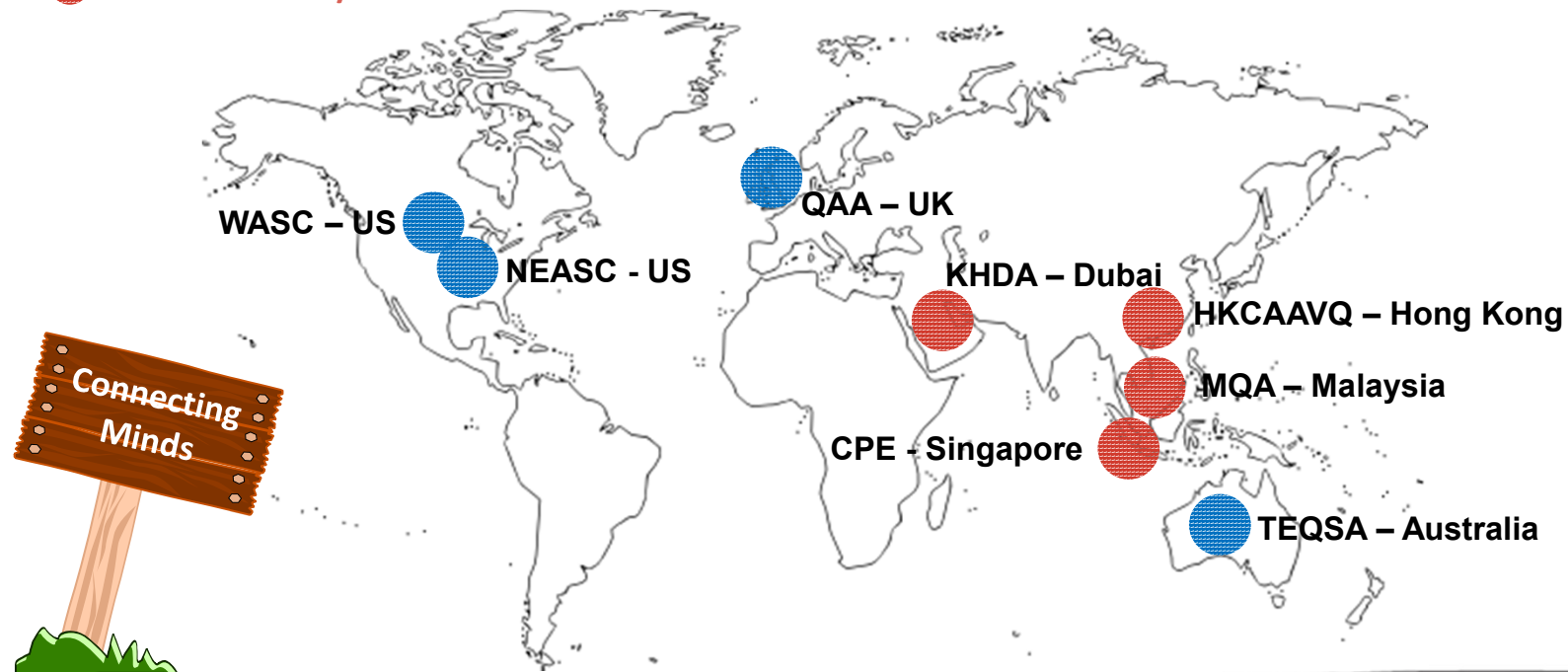




# The Power of Partnerships

● Provider Countries

● Host Countries/Cities

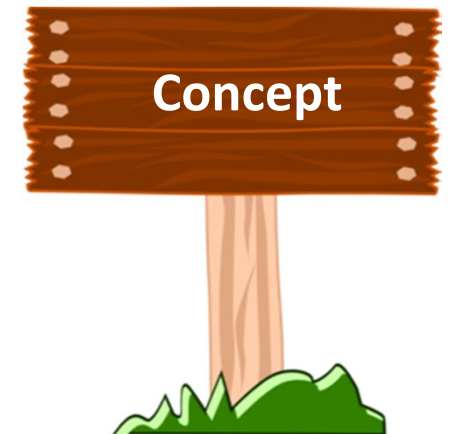




## QBBG : Vision

### *Vision:*

- A trusting alliance of international quality assurance agencies implementing a collaborative and innovative future for transnational quality assurance to ensure that today's global students are tomorrow's global citizens.





# QBBG : Objectives

A platform for QA agencies to **Connect, Collaborate** and **Communicate** on global challenges of Quality Assurance in TNE to address:

- Student mobility and degree recognition
- Data provision for informed decision making
- New global university structure
- Tackle real QA challenges through collaboration
- Increase efficiency and reduce burden





## QBBG : Story so far...

Dubai-  
Inaugural  
meeting

**A Dubai initiative;** brings together selected members of the QA bodies from Provider and Host countries/city-states to begin a dialogue in March 2014.

QBB Group  
formed in  
London

**Dialogue continues;** looking at concrete ways in which existing cooperation could be taken further to facilitate the QA of TNE provision. Formal adoption of QBB Group.

Club of Hubs  
meet in  
Malaysia

**Hub Workshop;** discussion on the common challenges for HE hubs with representatives from IBCs in Malaysia. 3 pillars – Connect, Collaborate and Communicate

QBBG connect  
in Dubai

**Student Voice;** direct contribution from students on their experience in transnational higher education







## QBBG : Comparative Study

**Significant differences in practice between the QA agencies however common themes:**

- Responsibility lies fully with the home.
- Programme equivalency requirement with adaptation to content within local context.
- Identified the need to collaborate and share information on a regular basis.



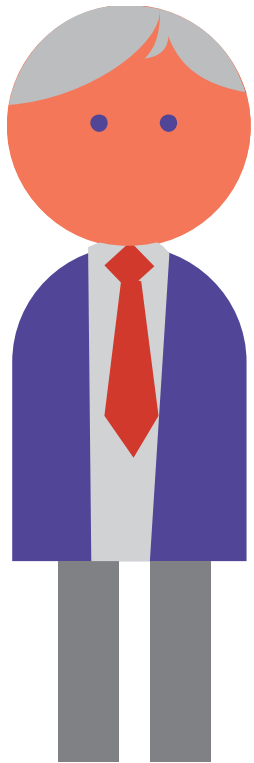


# QBBG : Aspirations for the Future

- Improve **trust** and increase **communication** through bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
- **sharing information** to enhance quality
- enabling **student mobility** and **recognition of degrees**
- inventing **next best practice** for an interconnected higher education sector without boundaries

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Future



**Thank you**

