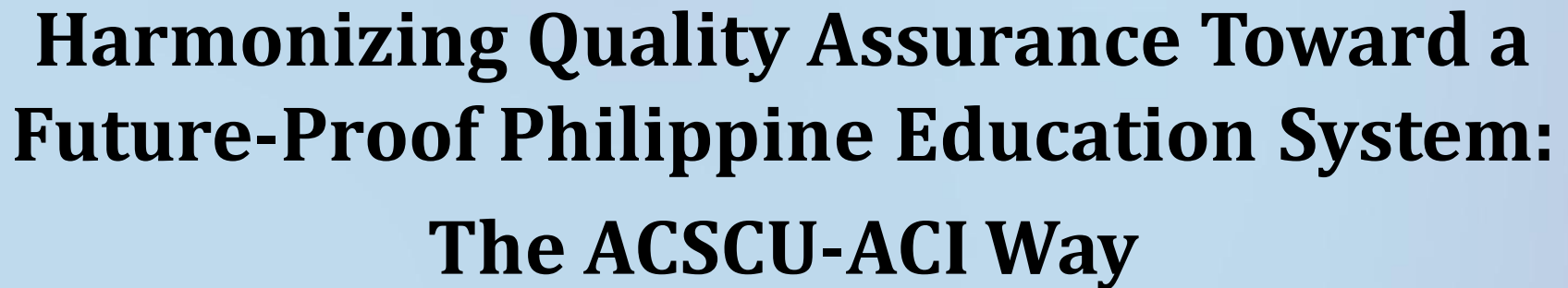
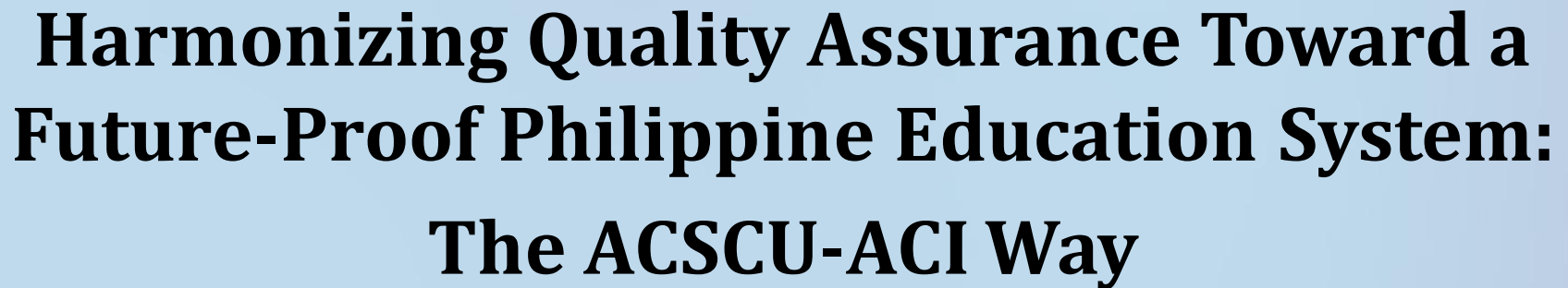


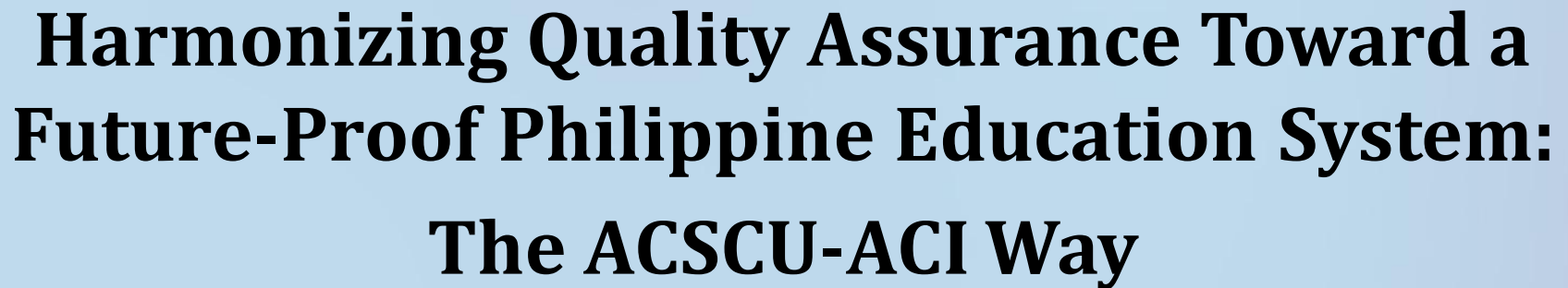
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Timeless Truth: Committing Our Plans to the Lord

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and He will establish your plans.”*

Proverbs 16:3



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Genuine **progress** and **reform** --
especially in education – are not
merely about policies, structures, or
systems, but about **purpose**.



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When we commit our work to the Lord:

- Our efforts find direction
- Our challenges become opportunities
- Our actions gain meaning that endures beyond us



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“Changing the Narrative of Philippine Education by Making Reforms Work”

True Reform requires:

- Shared purpose
- Enduring collaborations



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“Harmonizing Quality Assurance in the Philippines”

- Shared Reforms - rooted in values
- Collaboration – the heart of harmonization
- Changing the narrative – from compliance to transformation
- Goal – Effective and Transformative QA



“Harmonizing Quality Assurance Toward a Future-Proof Philippine Education System: The ACSCU-ACI Way”



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The ACSCU-ACI Way

Contributing to the National Effort:

- Through **systems** that uphold both excellence and integrity
- Through a **vision** that builds a **future-proof** framework for quality assurance in Philippine Education



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Future-Proof Education and the ACSCU-ACI Commitment

- Future-proof means:
 - * Keeping education strong and relevant amid change
 - * Building institutions that adapt with faith and purpose
- ACSCU-ACI continuing commitment:
 - * uphold quality and integrity
 - * guide schools to stay resilient, values-driven, and ready for the future.



Our Journey of Faith and Purpose

- 1. What ACSCU-ACI has done**
- 2. What ACSU-ACI is doing now**
- 3. What ACSCU-ACI will continue to do in the years ahead**



PART 1

What ACSCU-ACI Has Done: Building on a Strong Foundation (Faithful Beginnings)



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Faithful Beginnings

- Journeyed with the Association of Christian Schools and Colleges (ACSC)
- Established faith-based quality standards that nurture character, integrity, and mission
- Affirmed that accreditation is not a mere compliance exercise – it is a ministry



Historical Milestone

- 1976 - ACSC formed a Committee on Accreditation to develop the first evaluation tools
- Planted the seed for what we now know as ACSCU-ACI
- Helped establish the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines or FAAP with PAASCU and PACUCOA



The ACSCU-ACI Distinctive

- The smallest, among CHED, DepEd, and FAAP recognized agencies - but this is our strength.
- Our size lets us be personal – to mentor, walk closely with schools
- We nurture communities of faith and service
- For ACSCU-ACI, quality is measured by transformation, not numbers



Small in Size, Wide in Reach -- Guiding Every Step

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PART 2

What ACSCU-ACI Is Doing: Embracing Harmonization

(Faith in Action)



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The Call for Harmonization

Harmonization has become more than just a policy term, it's a call for unity –

A call to work together for shared standards, shared goals, and shared trust



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• **ACSCU-ACIs Commitment**

In 2024, the push for harmonization among EQAAs grew stronger and more collaborative

ACSCU-ACI responded with enthusiasm and commitment

We said “Yes!” - to walk together, learn together, and grow together



Affirming Shared Vision

- Affirming a shared vision for a principles-based QA system aligned with the 7S Framework & ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF)
- Harmonization is not just about alignment – it's about unity and shared accountability for excellence



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Christian Identity at the Heart

**One thing never changes:
Our Christian identity**



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PART 3

What ACSCU-ACI Will Do:

Strengthening Unity and Impact Toward a Future-Proof Philippine Education System

(Faith Guiding the Future)



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The Future-Proof Initiatives

- 1. Alignment and Global Relevance**
- 2. Strengthening Collaboration Across Institutions**
- 3. AI Integration with Discernment**
- 4. Commitment in the Industry 5.0 Era**
- 5. Enhancing our Systems**



1. Alignment and Global Relevance

- We will continue to align with the ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework or AQAF and the 7S Framework, support our member schools in contributing to the SDGs, and encourage participation in global recognition platforms
- Our standards will remain context-sensitive yet globally attuned.



ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF)

- Developed by the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)
- Serves as a regional guide for harmonizing QA systems across Southeast Asia



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Global Impact and Recognition

Help member schools contribute to national and UN SDGs – focusing on quality education, innovation, and strong institutions

Encourage participation in global recognition platforms such as WURI, EduRank, QS, ISO, and similar frameworks



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2. Strengthening Collaboration Across Institutions

- Collaboration across institutions cannot happen in isolation - it thrives through shared vision, trust and joint action.
- ACSCU-ACI will continue to work hand in hand with our QA partners to strengthen coherence, comparability, and excellence across quality assurance systems



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1. CHED and DepEd – Policy and standards
2. FAAP/NNQAA – Certifying body for accreditation levels
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3. AI Integration with Discernment

Used wisely, AI will help institutions:

- Draft reports more **efficiently** and consistently
- Promote **accuracy** in documentation;
- Support **under-resourced institutions** in preparing and presenting evidence



Areas Where Discernment is Needed

1. **Accuracy** - verifying information rather than blindly trusting what AI produces;
2. **Context and Authenticity** - remembering that AI can process data, but cannot capture the human story and an institution's mission;
3. **Confidentiality** - ensuring sensitive information is protected; and
4. **Equity** - recognizing that not all schools will have equal access to AI tools and training.



ACSCU-ACI's Commitment to Responsible AI Use

ACSCU-ACI will therefore commits to:

- Capacity-building and professional development of accreditors to exercise due diligence and discernment when validating AI assisted reports.
- Encouraging them to look beyond polished language to see if content truly reflects institutional reality.
- Upholding transparency, confidentiality, and fairness in all accreditation processes.



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Integrating Technology with Wisdom

- Artificial Intelligence can enhance efficiency, but it must always serve human values, mission, and discernment
- At ACSCU-ACI, technology is a partner in service, never a replacement for human judgment and spiritual insight.



4. Commitment in the Industry 5.0 Era

Industry 5.0

- Goes beyond automation.
- It puts people back at the center of innovation
- Technology should enhance, not replace, human creativity, empathy, and moral purpose
- It's about Human–AI collaboration guided by values and wisdom



The Mission of ACSCU-ACI

The mission of ACSCU-ACI, as an accrediting body:

- We are guardians of human-centered excellence
- We ensure that as institutions embrace digital change, they stay anchored in Christian principles and human dignity



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The True Measure of Quality

- In Industry 5.0, machines can process information – but only people can build relationships, show compassion, and discern truth
- For ACSCU-ACI, true quality is not measured by data alone, but how much education shapes character and uplifts humanity



5. Enhancing our Systems

- We are moving forward with concrete steps to reinforce our internal capacity and sustainability



Key Actions to Enhance our Systems

- Adopting Hyflex Accreditation
- Developing new instruments
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Conditions for Sustaining our Initiatives

- 1. Sustained capacity building for accreditors**
- 2. Digital and infrastructure readiness among institutions**
- 3. Coherent policy alignment among regulatory bodies**
- 4. Continuing spirit of collaboration among all EQAAs**



Our Guiding Compass

- Quality with Compassion
- Excellence with Humility
- Reforms with Conviction and Purpose



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Faith that Guides our Journey

From Faithful Beginnings
To Faith in Action
To Faith Guiding Our Future

One truth endures:

Every step of ACSCU-ACI's Journey has been, is,
and will continue to be guided by faith and
strengthened through collaboration, not
competition



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Harmonization: Our Shared Journey

- Harmonization is more than a policy shift: it is our shared journey of:
 - * faith
 - * collaboration
 - * transformation



Vision Forward

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

Colossians 3:23



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Faith in our Daily Work

May this remind us:

- In everything we do
- In every accreditation visit,
- in every reform

**We serve not just our schools,
not just our nation
But the Lord Himself.**



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Faith Guiding the Future

May this inspire us:

- **To harmonize our efforts with faith, excellence, and integrity, as we continue building a future-proof Philippine education system that glorifies God in every endeavor**





Thank you and God Bless!



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