



NQF IN TIMES OF UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE

WORKSHOP "RETHINKING THE GEORGIAN NQF: WAY FORWARD"

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NQF ARE HERE TO STAY ... BUT HOW?

NQF:

- ✓ Global development: 150 countries; several regional / transnational frameworks (EQF, SADCQF, ASEAN RF...)
- "4th generation" NQF...evolving purposes, changing contexts, lessons from previous experiences
- ✓ <u>Benefits:</u> although not yet many consistent evaluations, there is evidence of NQF's contribution to modernise aspects of education and training systems
- Potential not fully tapped: visibility and use by labour market, citizens at large



NQF...ROLES, POTENTIAL, BENEFITS...

NQF: more than a classification?

Validate nonformal & informal learning Promoting stakeholder collaboration

Trigger institutional reforms

NQF: multipurpose tools?

Integrate qualifications international, private

Make higher VET visible

Promote a holistic approach to qualifications

NQFs as facilitators of change?

Support cross-border mobility





NQF: MAKING A DIFFERENCE, STILL MIXED RESULTS

Benefits:

- ✓ Learning outcomes orientation
- Greater clarity of panorama of qualifications map
- + transparency, comparability, trust; facilitate recognition qualif.
- ✓ Stakeholders' involvement
- Visibility of learning from different contexts / forms
- NQF instruments: digital databases open for users (national, international platforms)
- ✓ Information on skills and qualifications for end-users: digital platforms, interoperability

Weaknesses / mixed status:

- LO consistent application
- Qualifications other sectors, non-formal
- ✓ Visibility for end-users
- Communication

NQF CANNOT BE STATIC ... ANALYSE, MONITOR THEM

What was the original purpose of NQF? Do we need to adjust the original purposes? Redefine governance? Redesign links with wider ET system? How can we make more of what works and address what is

Does it add value by addressing the original purposes?

How to systematically gather and analyse information to monitor and support the development of the NQF?

missing?

For whom does it work; for whon does it not work?



ENABLERS OF NQF IMPACT...

Institutional robustness: NQF mandate as a policy steering and reform tool **NQF** impact Value & visibility for citizens

Governance: interstakeholder (LM, E&T)





FUTURE SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

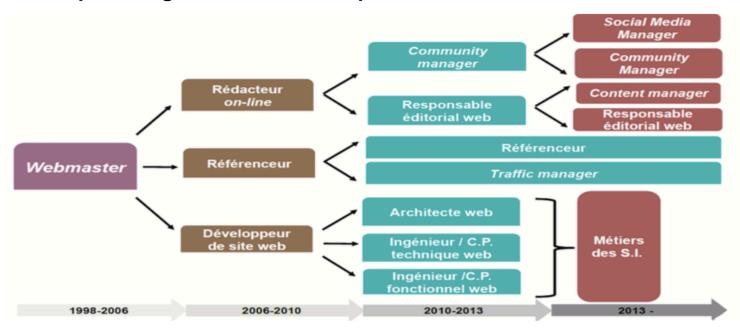
- ✓ Automatable tasks in occupations greater role of non-automatable tasks (skills)? Symbiosis human workers with AI?
- ✓ Greening of tasks skills
- New tasks and skills
- ✓ Skills vs qualifications
- ✓ New forms of acquiring skills and certifying them
- Multiplication, diversification of training offer: reskilling, upskilling
- ✓ From schooling era to lifelong learning era





Transformation/differentiation of the content of occupations

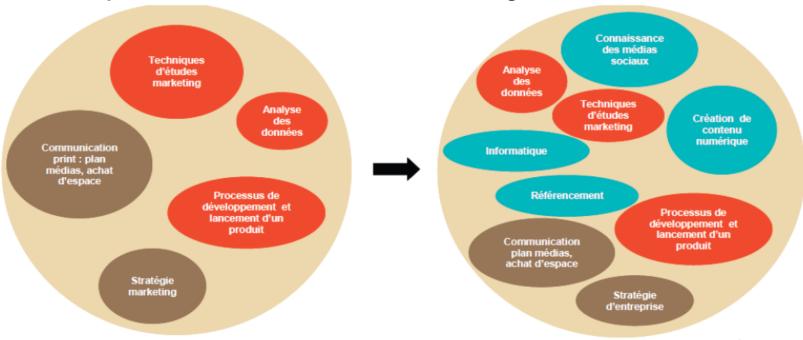
Example: Fragmentation of occupation « webmaster »





...And of the skills by occupations

Exemple: Evolution of skills of »Brand manager »

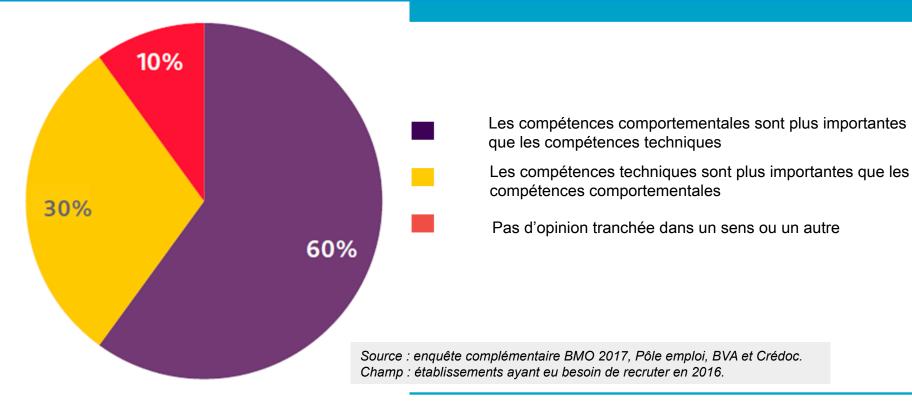


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Growing importance of transversal skills?





NQF TO EVOLVE FURTHER?

- ✓ Skills are the future in the changing context of work, dominated by uncertainty, tech-social implications of the digital revolution, automatisation and greening of the economy and occupations.
- Qualifications systems and frameworks need to embrace the diversity of emerging learning modalities, of skills developed and certified throughout life and of novel techniques to manage qualifications.
- ✓ Are education and qualifications systems prepared to support such change? To embrace and include qualifications of different types, MOOCs, LLL





Thank you!

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