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## Developing the African Continental Qualifications 1<sup>st</sup> Peer Learning Webinar 2 July 2020 Session 1





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Agenda Of Webinar: different time zones

2/July - Time:

- 11.00-13.10 (Cabo Verde time);
- 12.00-14.10 (Dakar);
- 13.00-15.10 (Morocco, Central Africa);
- 14.00-16.10 (Brussels, South Africa, Mozambique);
- 15.00-17.10 (East Africa);
- 16.00-18.10 (Mauritius, Seychelles)

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# Agenda of Webinar

Time (CET)	Session	Speaker
14.00-14.10 (CET)	Opening. Introduction to working methods of Webinar. Objectives of programme. Main themes.	AUC ACQF project team (ETF)
14.10-14.40 (CET)	Kenyan National Qualifications Framework: contributing to reforms, quality and coherence.	Dr Eusebius MUKHWANA Director of Kenya National Qualifications Agency
14.40-15.10 (CET)	European Qualifications Framework (EQF): learnings from 12 years implementation. New Europass.	Mr Koen NOMDEN Team Leader for Skills and Qualifications Recognition Tools European Commission
15.10-15.40 (CET)	Slovenian National Qualifications Framework and online qualifications database	Ms Urška MARENTIČ Deputy Director Centre for Professional Education (NQF coordinating body)
15.40-16.00 (CET)	Comments Discussion, questions	Dr Jeffy Mukora, CNAQ Mozambique Dr Mohammed Slassi, Branches Observatory Morocco Participants
16.00-16.10 (CET)	Main take-aways, questions for next Webinar.	AUC-ETF 4

African Union policy context of ACQF

- 1) Agenda 2063: 10-Years Implementation Plan, Aspiration 1, Goal 2: "Common continental education qualification system is in place"
- 2) Free Movement Protocol, Art 18
- 3) AfCFTA (Free Trade)— Art 10 on Mutual Recognition of Protocol on Trade in Services (recognition education and experience, harmonization
- 4) CESA 16-25, Strategic Objective 4 c) and d);
- 5) PAQAF: Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework
- 6) Sector Strategies: ex. Tourism
- 7) Addis Convention Recognition of Qualifications

# **ACQF** Vision

### **VISION FOR THE ACQF**



Enhance comparability, quality and transparency of qualifications from all sub-sectors and levels of education and training and support people's lifelong learningoutcomes;



Facilitate recognition of diplomas and certificates, and mobility of learners and workers;



Work in complementarity with national and regional qualifications frameworks, and support the creation of a common African education space;



Promote cooperation and alignment between qualifications frameworks (national, regional) in Africa and worldwide.

#### ACQF:

- <u>Overarching framework against which national and regional</u> frameworks and level descriptors - can be calibrated.
- <u>Referencing</u> qualifications framework NQFs reference to ACQF following criteria and procedures. Use of ACQF levels in qualifications documents.
- <u>Catalyst</u> to develop national frameworks
- <u>Reference</u> for comparison with other international frameworks

#### The ACQF will be:



qualifications of all levels and sub-systems of education and training







to stakeholders' contribution; good practice from Africa and the world

The ACQF is vital to the processes that contribute to create an African education space:

- Advance the implementation of CESA 2016-2025
- Harmonise higher education in Africa and implement the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)
- Implement the AUTVET Strategy to FosterYouth Employment

# Project: Developing the ACQF

Timeline: 2019-2022

<u>Funding</u>: EU Pan-Africa – Programme Skills for Youth Employability. Contribution to SIFA

Partners: AUC, EU, GIZ, ETF

<u>AUC</u>: political lead;

**<u>GIZ</u>**: project coordination; financial administration

ETF (a specialised Agency of the EU): content and thematic steering, analysis, capacity development

Main components ACQF Development process

Dialogue, consultation, information, AU used and the making **1. Evidence: mapping study** 

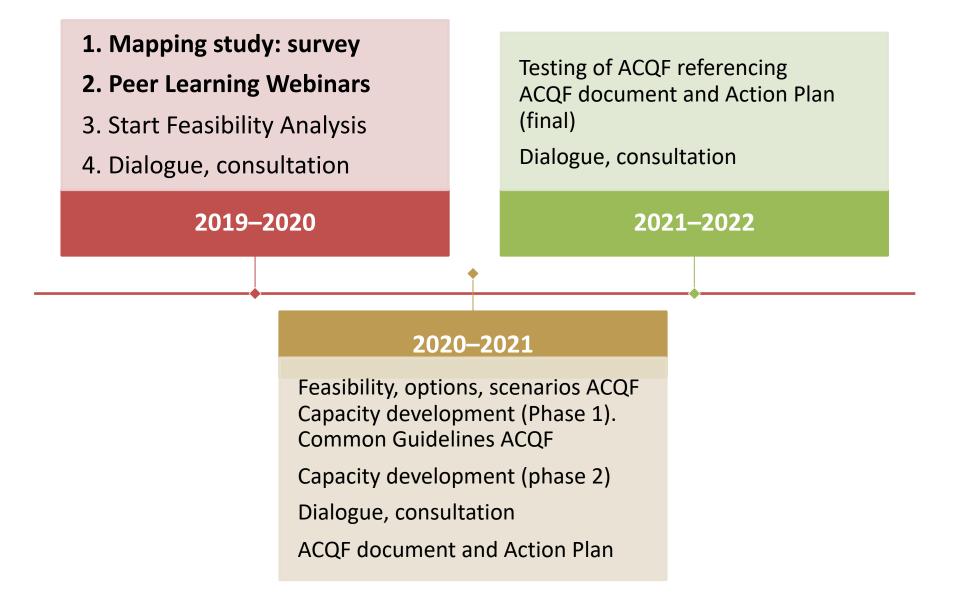
2. Capacity development, buy-in: peer learning, training, practical application

3. Feasibility analysis: ACQF options

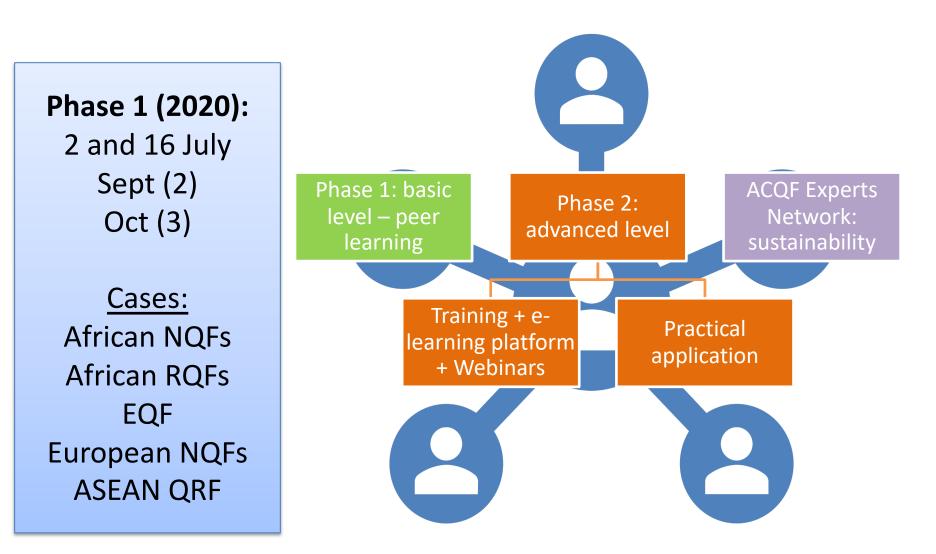
4. Draft policy-technical ACQF document and Action Plan

5. Technical annexes ACQF: Common Guidelines

# Roadmap ACQF 2019-2022



# **ACQF Capacity development**



# **Qualifications and Qualifications frameworks**

Qualifications: means a formal outcome of an assessment and validation process which is obtained when a competent authority determines that an individual has achieved learning outcomes to given standards;



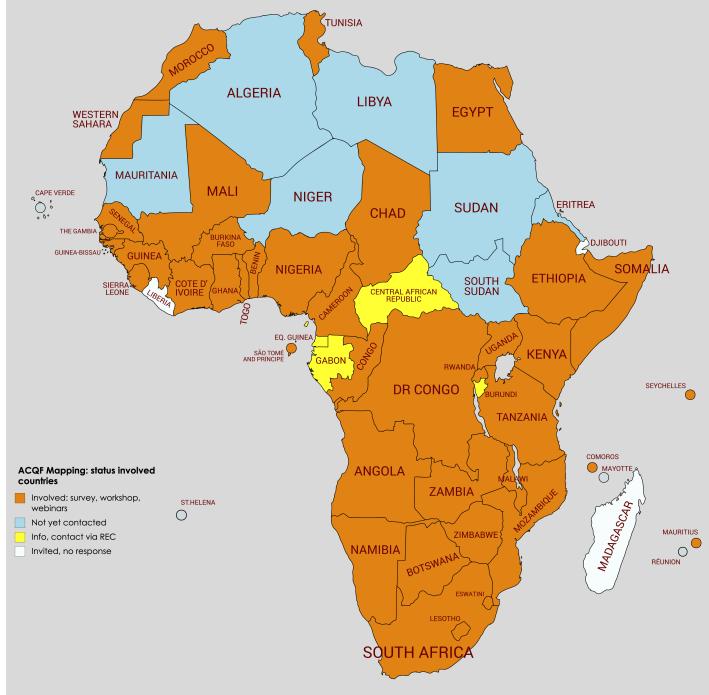
National qualifications framework: means a policy and instrument for the development and classification of qualifications according to a set of criteria for specified levels of learning achieved, which aims at integrating and coordinating national qualifications subsystems and improve the transparency, access, progression and quality of qualifications in relation to the labour market and civil society; Regional Qualifications Framework

## **Regional Qualifications Framework**

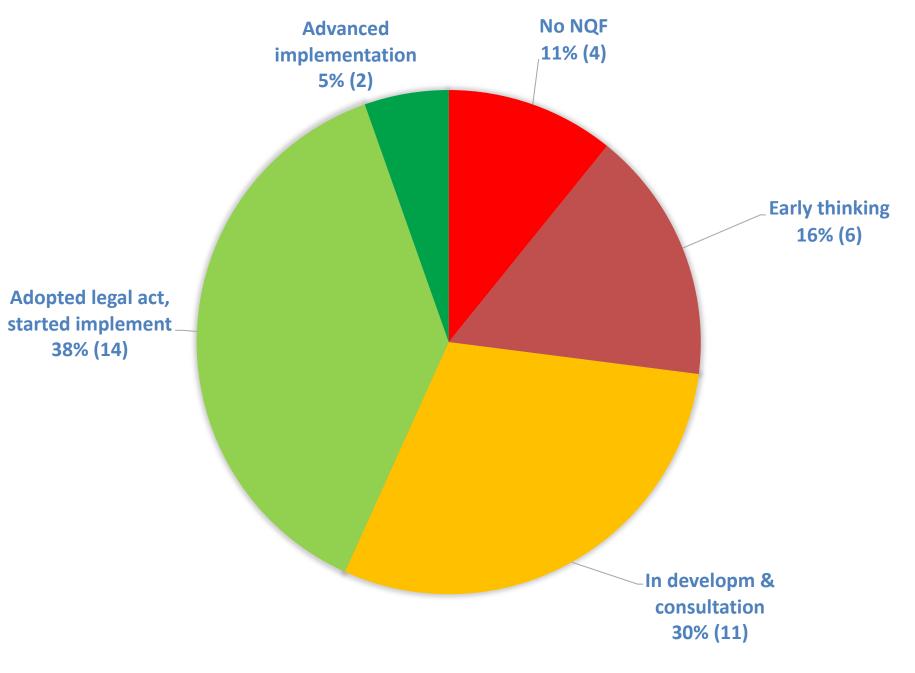
A broad structure of levels of learning outcomes that is agreed by countries in a geographical region. A means of enabling one national framework of qualifications to relate to another and, subsequently, for a qualification in one country to be <u>compared</u> to a qualification from another country.

- Overarching framework
- Meta-framework
- Referencing framework

ACQF Mapping: country coverage



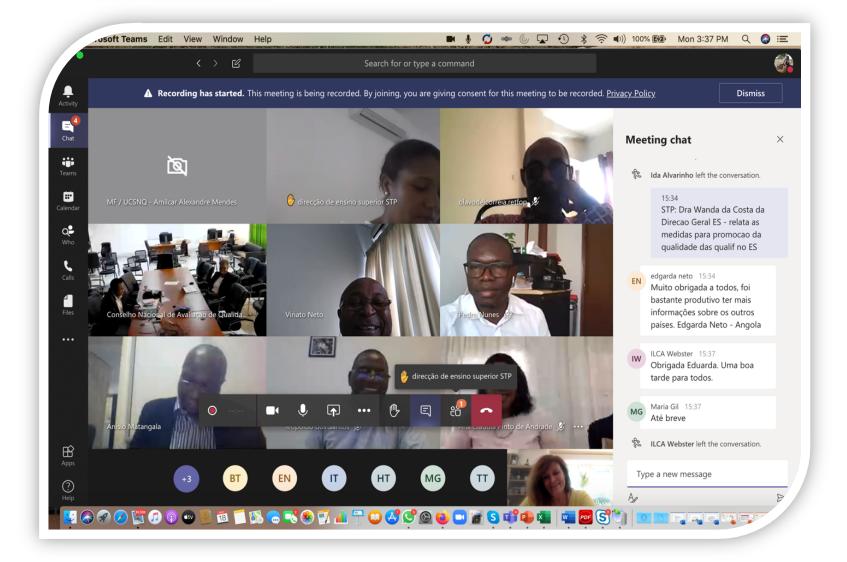
#### ACQF MAPPING STUDY - NQFS IN AFRICA (37 COUNTRIES)







## Discussion at ACQF WEBINARS 2020...



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