

A QUALIFIED WORLD:

A GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF REGIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS





MAPPING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN REGIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS (RQFS)

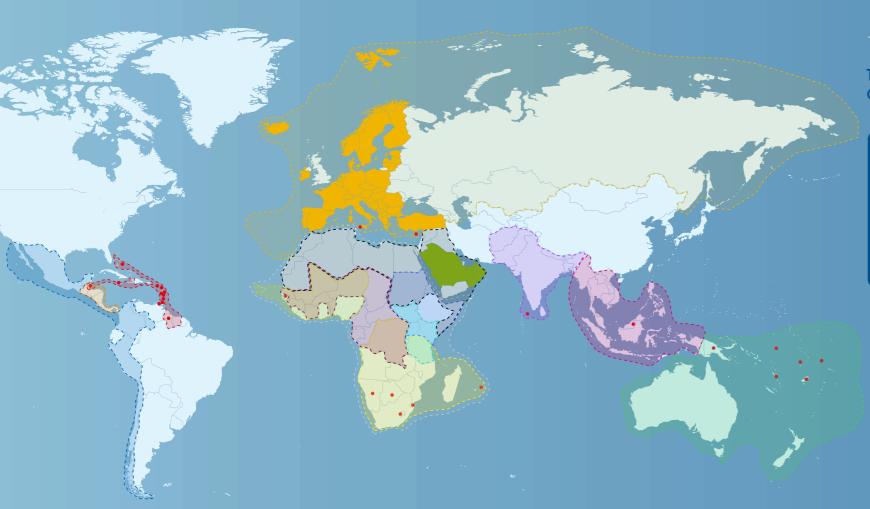


WHAT IS AN RQF?



WHAT ARE RQFS GOOD FOR?

- Building confidence in their universality
- Referencing and aligning local qualifications with those in other countries
- RQF equivalency can serve as a passport to international mobility



THERE IS LITTLE INFORMATION ONLINE ABOUT THESE INITIATIVES. **OUR STUDY: BASED ON INTERVIEWS.**

RQFs are diverse. Some attempt to harmonise quality assurance and develop common qualifications or common registers. Some aim to share common programmes, particularly among groups of small countries. Climate change is a popular topic in

All RQFs agree on providing common solutions for developing, registering and assuring qualifications.

RQFs work on the basis of levels. The highest level indicates the most complex skills and knowledge acquired.



Different stages of development across RQFs:



Online programmes:



Challenges in developing RQFs:

- fickle donor funding

17 RQFS AROUND THE WORLD.

- European Qualification Framework [EQF]
- Qualifications Frameworks in the European Higher Education Area [QFEHEA]
- African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)
- Arab Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (AQF: ANQAHE Model)
- ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF)
- CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)
- Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement supérieur (CAMES)
- ECOWAS Regional Qualifications Framework of West Africa [FCOWAS]
- East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Eastern Africa
- Marco de cualificaciones Alianza del Pacífico (Pacific Alliance) (MCAP)
- Marco de Cualificaciones para la Educación superior centroamericana
- Pacific Register of Qualifications and Standards/ Transnational Qualifications Framework for Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF)
- Southern African Development Community (SADC) Qualifications Framework
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Regional Qualifications Framework
 - the Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (TQF VUSSC)
- Gulf Qualifications Framework (GQF)

Qualifications are essential and diverse. But levels can be confusing. The key is cooperation.