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QUALIFICATION AT A TIME



ATTENDEES OF THE 6TH ACQF CONTINENTAL FORUM HELD IN MAURITIUS FROM 30TH SEPTEMBER - 2ND OCTOBER, 2025

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Port Louis, Mauritius,
30 September 2025 –
The 6th African
Continental
Qualifications
Framework (ACQF)
Continental Forum
opened today in
Mauritius under the

theme “Building Future-
Ready Qualifications
Systems for Africa.”

Dr. Alice Kande, CEO of the
Kenya National
Qualifications Authority
(KNQA) and ACQF Troika
President, leads the opening
ceremony of the 6th ACQF
Continental Forum Opening
in Mauritius.



*Dr. Kaviraj Sharma Sukon,
Minister of Tertiary Education,
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Honourable Dr. Kaviraj Sharma Sukon, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research of Mauritius, and Prof. R. Mohee, Commissioner of the Higher Education Commission – Mauritius, delivered keynote addresses emphasizing the significance of a harmonized Qualifications Framework for African Countries for learning and labour mobility across the continent. This Forum's key focus areas are strengthening continental collaboration, addressing academic fraud, promoting the Global Academic Integrity Network (GAIN), and unpacking national micro-credentials frameworks. Its main objective is sustaining and strengthening the ACQF and its Qualifications Credentials Platform (QCP).

Also present in the forum are ACQF Troika presidency members Ms. Nadia Star, CEO of the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), and Ms. Mercy Ngoma, Director General of the Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA), together with representatives from UNESCO, the European Training Foundation (ETF), national qualifications agencies, and delegations from across Africa.

Running until 2 October, the Forum is expected to generate actionable recommendations for building credible and future-ready qualifications systems across the continent.



EAC AND ACQF-II STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON HARMONISATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS MOBILITY

Arusha, Tanzania – The East African Community (EAC), in partnership with the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF-II), has intensified efforts to harmonise qualifications and enhance skills mobility across the region. The initiative aims to support education, training, and labour mobility in line with both the EAC integration agenda and the African Union’s Agenda 2063. The EAC, a regional intergovernmental organisation comprising eight Partner States –Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, and Tanzania– has set ambitious goals to harmonise curricula, examinations, certification, and accreditation of education and training systems with regional and continental priorities

EAC Secretary General said the initiative is critical for unlocking opportunities under the EAC Common Market Protocol, which provides for the free movement of labour, services, capital, goods, and persons. “Harmonising qualifications will make it easier for East Africans to study, work, and thrive across borders,” he noted.

The move builds on the 2023 EAC TVET Harmonisation Strategy, which calls for a Regional TVET Qualifications Framework, common curriculum guidelines, mobility frameworks for students and staff, and stronger links with the private sector. The EAC Secretariat is finalising these instruments for presentation to the 20th Sectoral Council on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, and Sports.

At the continental level, the ACQF-II project (2023–2026), coordinated by the African Union with technical support from the European Training Foundation (ETF), supports all 55 AU member states to develop transparent and trusted qualifications systems.

The joint meeting will review progress on national qualifications frameworks (NQFs) and TVET reforms in Partner States, update the draft EAC qualifications framework, and explore joint activities such as peer learning, capacity building, and technical cooperation.

By aligning regional and continental qualifications systems, EAC and ACQF-II aim to boost employability, enhance comparability of skills, and strengthen Africa’s integration agenda under the AU’s Agenda 2063.