

ZAMBIA NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK - Lessons & Experiences



Presented by: Fidelis Cheelo

**Forum of Institutions of National Qualifications
Frameworks**

MEMLING HOTEL - KINSHASA

Presentation Outline

**Zambia NQF
Legal
Framework**

**Main Features
of the Zambia
NQF**

**Main
achievements of
the Zambia
NQF**

**Developments
and Triggers
to NQF
Changes**

Zambia NQF Legal Framework

- ❖ **The Zambia NQF is managed by the Zambia Qualifications Authority, a statutory body under the Ministry of Education**

Zambia Qualifications Authority Act No. 13 of 2011

Statutory Instrument No.4 of 2018



Main Features of the Zambia Qualifications Framework (ZQF)



The ZQF is a TEN Level Framework, divided into three (3) distinct sub-Frameworks:

- * General Education (Primary School – Senior Secondary)
- * Trades and Occupations Sub-Framework (TEVET)
- * Higher Education sub-Framework

Main Features of the Zambia Qualifications Framework (ZQF)

KEY OBJECTIVES



Integration

- To create a single integrated national framework for learning achievements

Access, Mobility and Progression

- To facilitate access to, and mobility and progression within education, training and career paths

Quality


- To enhance the quality of education and training

Employment

- To promote education, training and employment opportunities

Qualifications Levels and Types

Zambia Qualifications Framework

ZQF Level	General Education		Trades and Occupations	Higher Education
10				Doctorate Degree
9				Master's Degree
8				Post -Graduate Diploma
7				Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
				Bachelor's Degree (Ordinary)
6				Diploma
5				Level 5 Certificate
4	Level 4 Certificate			
3		Level 3 Certificate		
2	B	Senior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 12)		
	A	Junior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 9)		
1	Primary Education Certificate (Grade 7)			
Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance Bodies established by Acts of Parliament in Zambia			
Qualifications	The Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA Act No.13 of 2011)			

Main Governance Institutions of the ZQF

Zambia Qualifications Authority Coordinates the outputs of Appropriate Authorities

Higher Education
(Universities, Colleges,
Institutes)

- Higher Education Authority (HEA) (Higher Education Act No 4, 2013 & Amendment Act No. 23 of 2021)

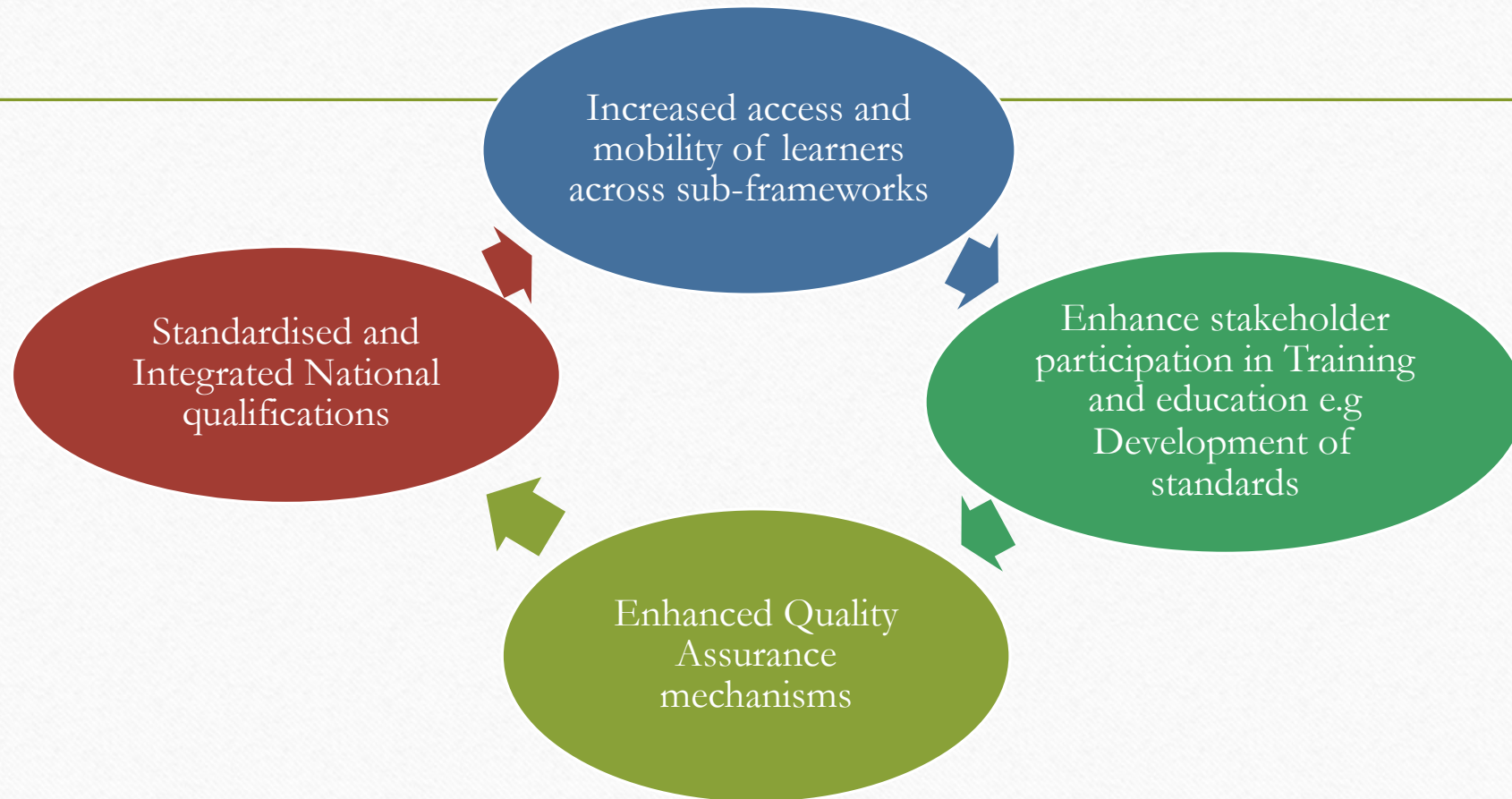
TEVET (Trades &
Occupations)

- Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) (TEVET Act No. 13 of 1998)

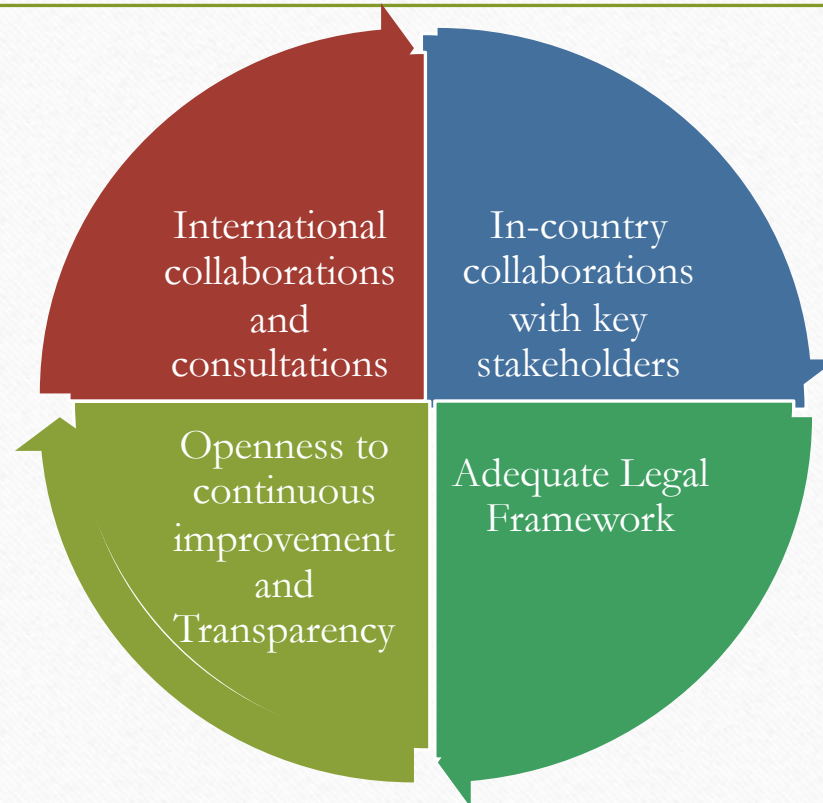
General Education
(Primary – Secondary)

- Ministry of Education - Standards Department (Education Act , 2011)

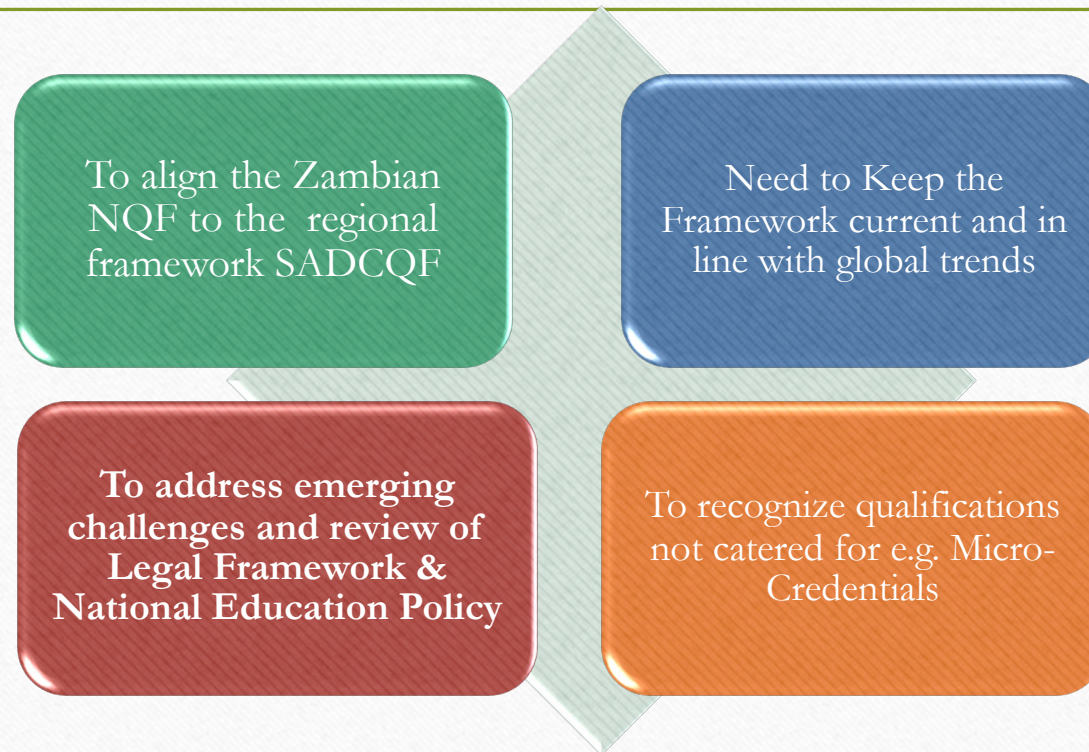
Main achievements of the ZQF



Conditions for success of NQF



Developments & Triggers to NQF Changes



ZQF Review and Reform Areas





Thank You