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## Session 6a

# The South African NQF

THE RECOGNITION FUNCTION,  
CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES



# ABOUT SAQA



THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA) IS A STATUTORY BODY, ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF THE SAQA ACT (NO. 58 OF 1995) AND CONTINUING IN TERMS OF THE NQF ACT (NO. 67 OF 2008) AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

## THE NQF ACT MANDATES SAQA TO



DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NQF)



ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NQF



CO-ORDINATE THE SUB-FRAMEWORKS OF THE NQF



Based in Pretoria, South Africa

# SOUTH AFRICAN NQF

*The NQF is a comprehensive system approved by the Minister for the classification, registration, publication and articulation of quality assured national qualifications.*

The NQF is a conceptual 'ladder' of increasing cognitive complexity that enables evaluations of parity for registered qualifications across its three sub-frameworks and global frameworks

Professional bodies and designations are registered on a separate register of the MIS

## NQF LEVELS

DOCTORAL DEGREE DOCTORAL DEGREE (PROFESSIONAL)	10	-
MASTER'S DEGREE MASTER'S DEGREE (PROFESSIONAL)	9	-
BACHELOR HONOURS DEGREE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA BACHELOR'S DEGREE	8	SPECIALISED OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA
BACHELOR'S DEGREE ADVANCED DIPLOMA	7	ADVANCED OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA
DIPLOMA ADVANCED CERTIFICATE	6	OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA
HIGHER CERTIFICATE	5	HIGHER OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE
NATIONAL CERTIFICATE	4	NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE
INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE	3	INTERMEDIATE OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE
ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE	2	ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE
GENERAL CERTIFICATE	1	GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE

HIGHER EDUCATION  
QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK



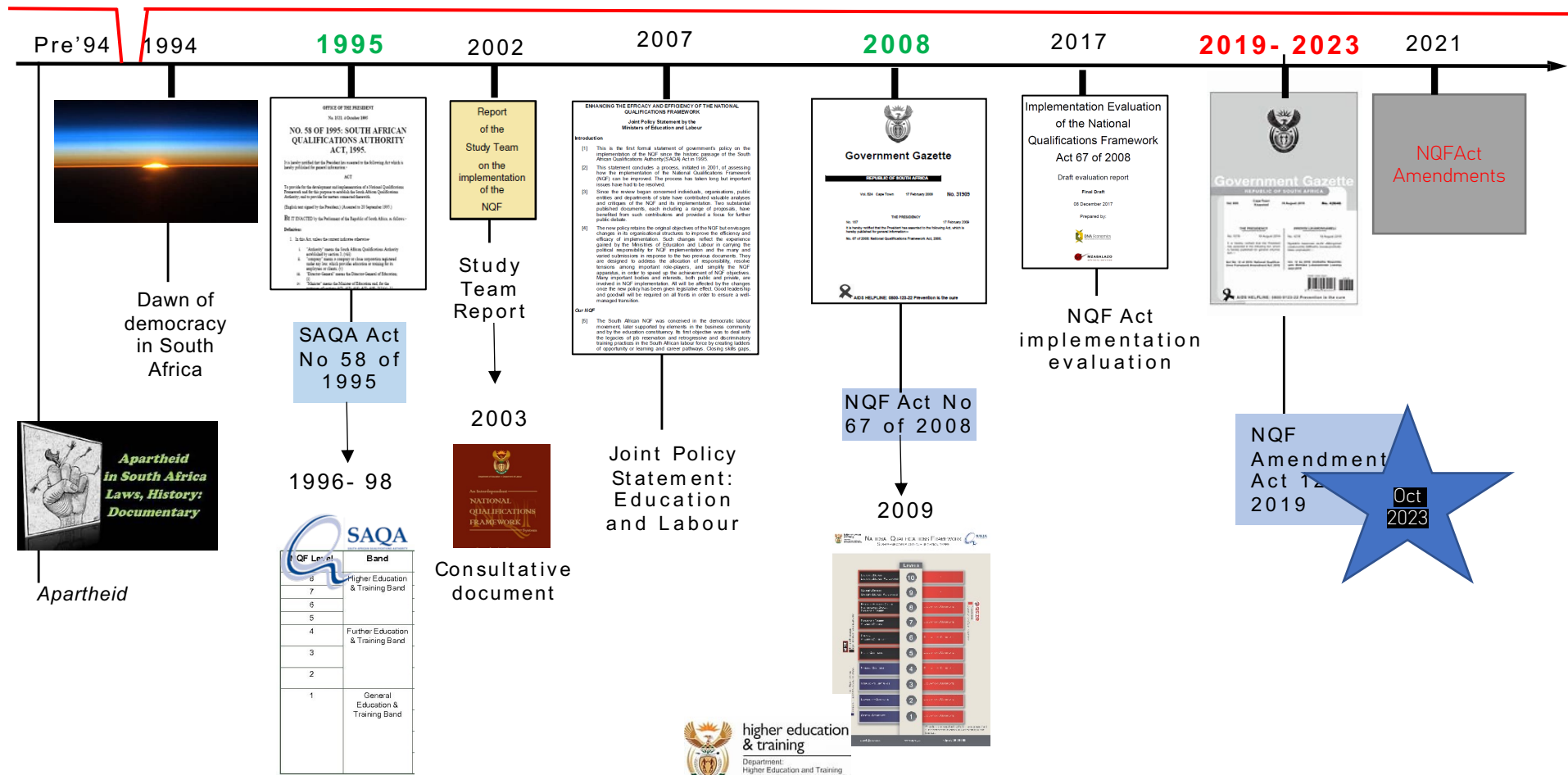
OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS  
SUB-FRAMEWORK

GENERAL FURTHER  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK



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# The evolving South African NQF



Searchable database of all qualifications and part qualifications, both registered and expired

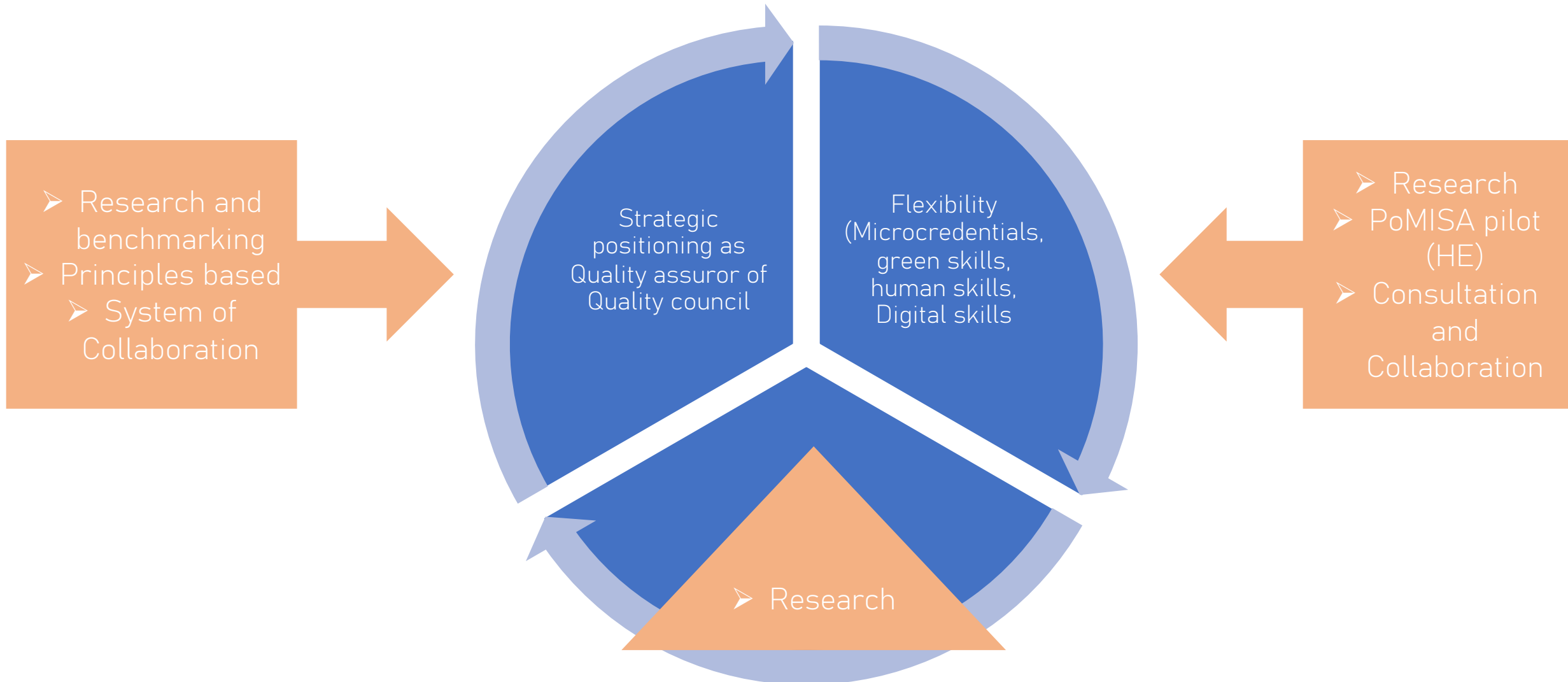
Database of national qualification achievements approx. 23 million, 125 thousand RPL achievements and 1.3 million designations

Achievements

Legislation framing authentic qualifications as registered on NQF

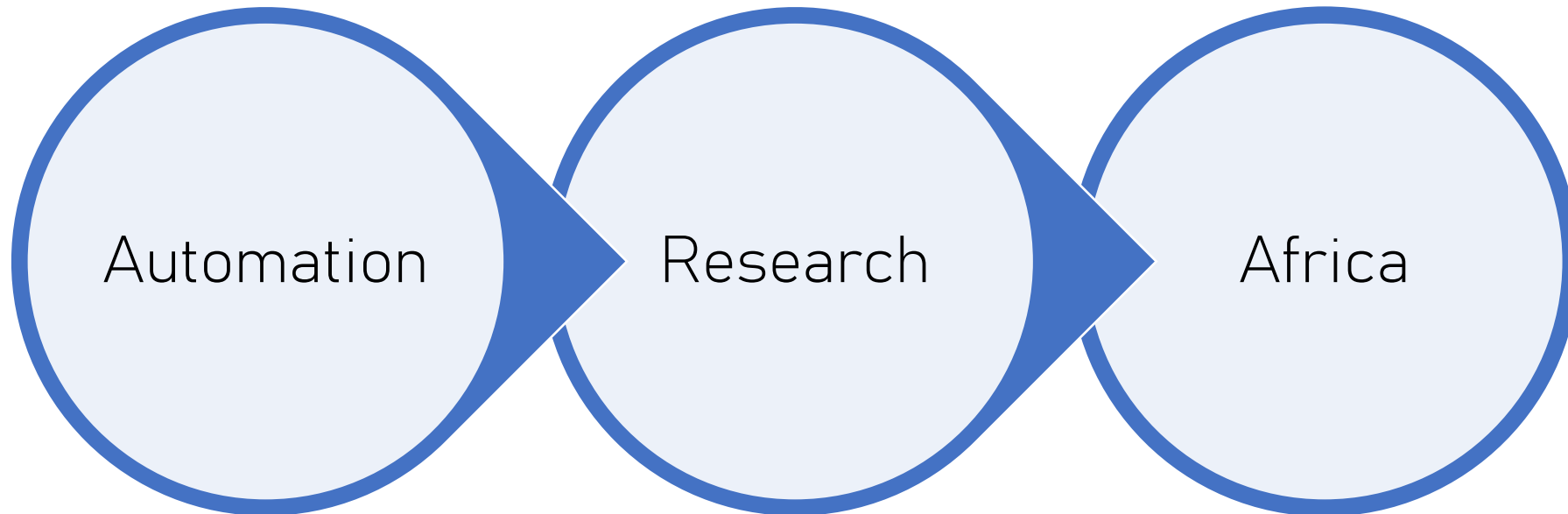
Introduction of Misrepresentation legislation

# Emerging demands and priorities and how we intend to address them



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## 3 main priorities for change for the next years?



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## How can NQF's contribute to digital and green skills

Review regulation (less is more)

Provide exemplars to capacitate

Record achievements

Ongoing research and benchmarking



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