



Session 9

The Maputo Workshop

**Theme: Making Qualifications
Operational in a Changing World (Part III)**

**SIERRA LEONE: NQF Capacity building
New hopes and Next steps for the NQF**

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Participants

1. Ministry of Technical and Higher Education
2. Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education
3. Ministry of Labour and Social Security
4. National Council for Technical Vocational and other Academic Awards
5. TVET Institutions
6. Tertiary Education Commission
7. Teaching Service Commission
8. Universities (Public and Private)
9. Government Technical Institutes
10. Industry
11. Other MDAs



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PRESENTATIONS MADE



1. Why NQF for Sierra Leone (Benefits)
2. Learning outcomes
3. Level descriptors (concept, uses)
4. Quality Assurance in the context of NQF
5. NQF Governance; concepts, principles, models, legislation
6. Registration of Qualifications, benchmarking and value chain
7. Comparison of 3 countries (Botswana, South Africa, Zambia) qualifications registration processes
8. Credit Accumulation and Transfer Systems
9. Skills competencies, taxonomies & labor market info, green & digital skills



1. An understanding of what NQF is and why we need it as a nation
2. Strong Government commitment to support the NQF development

Challenges

1. Lack of self awareness
2. Finding consensus/ agreement
3. Stakeholder coordination and buy-in
4. In-house capacity
5. Resource constraints

Next Steps

1. Popularisation of NQF
2. Desk review by stakeholders to identify and close gaps as well as validating each NQF stage for quality assurance
3. Establishment of sub- and sector committees for NQF development and implementation
4. Develop national CBET curricula and align them with occupational standards based on industry demand
5. Create a database of new and existing qualifications
6. Develop policies and guidelines like CATS, RPL, etc.
7. Agreement on levels and one set of level descriptors across all education sectors
8. Continuous capacity building for stakeholders and institutions



Thank you!

