



SADCQF Technical Committee on Certification and Accreditation (TCCA) – First meeting 2026

Draft Agenda

Dates: 17-19 June 2026

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa

Participants: TCCA Representatives from SADC Member States, SADC Secretariat, and invited experts.

Host: SADC Secretariat – Chair: South Africa

Organisers: SADC Secretariat & SAQA with logistical support from ACQF-II project / ETF.

Working Languages: English, French, Portuguese

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Introduction

Following the decision of the Joint Meeting of SADC Ministers responsible for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) held in **June 2025 in Harare**, and based on the **SADCQF progress report covering the period 2023–2025**, the SADC Secretariat together with the Member States decisively initiated the process of **revision of the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF)**.

The revision process began with a **regional survey and a participative technical workshop held from 3–5 September 2025 in Pretoria**, which brought together representatives of Member States and SADC Secretariat. Based on the outcomes of this workshop, a **first draft of the revised SADCQF Policy and Guideline**, reflecting a renewed vision and ambition for the SADCQF, was prepared and shared with all Member States for comments and suggestions.

A **second draft of the revised SADCQF Policy and Guideline** was subsequently discussed and analysed in depth during the **second technical workshop held from 10–12 February 2026 in Namibia**. During this meeting, Member States provided further technical inputs and agreed on the next steps of the revision and implementation process.

The SADC Secretariat and Member States agreed on a sequence of technical meetings of the Technical Working Group (TWG) to support the finalisation of the revised framework and the preparation of its implementation. The present TCCA meeting in June 2026 forms an important step in this process. Additional TWG meetings are scheduled for July 2026 in Zambia, October 2026 in Mauritius, and February 2027 in Angola.

The SADCQF TCCA meeting of 17–19 June 2026 represents a strategically important milestone in advancing regional cooperation and implementation of the SADC Qualifications Framework. As the first TCCA meeting of 2026, it provides a critical platform for in-depth dialogue and peer learning among Member States on key national policy developments related to micro-credentials. The meeting will also present and analyse the results of the first comprehensive SADCQF Survey, offering valuable evidence on progress, challenges, and priorities across the region. Building on these insights, the TCCA will lay the foundations for a new SADCQF implementation roadmap for the period June 2026–December 2027, strengthening coordinated regional action. In addition, the validation of the new SADCQF RPL Practitioners Handbook will mark an important step towards practical implementation, supporting institutions and practitioners in expanding recognition pathways and promoting lifelong learning across SADC Member States.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting aims to:

- Validate the **revised SADCQF Policy and Guideline**
 - Present and discuss the results of the **SADCQF Survey**
 - Member State’s presentations on state-of-play and recent developments related to Micro-credentials.
 - Present and validate the new **SADC RPL Practitioners Handbook**, developed in cooperation with ACQF-II – ETF.
 - Discuss and validate the **key components of SADCQF Implementation Roadmap**
 - Discuss and validate initial proposals of Member States concerning their **SADCQF Implementation Plans**.
 - Take cognizance of the Progress under the **HAQAA 3 Project**
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Detailed Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Time	Session	Content
08.15 - 08.45	Morning Coffee	
08:45 – 09:00	Registration	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:30 Session 1	Opening of the meeting	Welcome remarks; introduction of participants; adoption of the agenda; presentation of objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting. By: SADC Secretariat; SAQA. Deputy Minister Higher Education and Training.
09:30 – 10:00 Session 2	Validation of the revised SADCQF Policy and Guideline <i>Updated: draft 3 of SADCQF Policy and Guideline.</i>	Overview of revisions incorporated following the TWG meeting in Namibia (February 2026); validation of the revised SADCQF Policy and Guideline. SADC Secretariat; Facilitator

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10:00 – 11:15 Session 3	SADCQF Survey	Presentation of survey results; discussion of key findings and implications for the development of the SADCQF; agreement on the way forward. SADC Secretariat; Facilitator; SAQA
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00 Session 4	SADC QVN	SADC Qualifications Verification Network: Governance and operationalising of a Qualifications Verification Network All Member States
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:30 Session 5	NQFs	Progress on NQFs Presentation. Member States Secretariat. Facilitator
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	Informal networking

Day 2: Thursday, 18 June 2026

Time	Session	Content
08.30 – 09.00	Morning Coffee	
09:00-09:15	Opening	Brief recap, agenda of day 2. Chair, Secretariat.
0915–10.00 Session 6 (part I)	Thematic Working Groups	Nominations of Chairs for the 3 Thematic Working Groups and Operationalisation of the 3 Thematic Working Groups All Member States
10:00 – 11.00 Session 6 (part II)	SADC RPL Practitioners' Handbook	Presentation of the SADC Practitioners' Handbook. Discussion. Validation. Expert's recommendations on the way forward: use of the regional Guideline and Handbook at national, sectoral levels. Monitoring and evaluation of RPL policies and practices. <i>Discussion.</i> Expert: Patrick Werquin (ACQF-II - ETF)
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:30 Session 7	ACQF-II updates	Qualifications and Credentials Platform ACQF Network: institutional development Referencing to ACQF ACQF-II Forum Nairobi Way forward: main plans until project conclusion. ACQF-II coordinator. ACQF Network - Troika representatives
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30-15.30	HAQAA 3 Updates	Obreal
15.30-16.30	Micro-credentials	Country cases pre-reading, no presentations during the session but countries can reference documents shared. 1. Discussion on a common definition for micro-credentials in SADC 2. Quality assurance of micro-credentials

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		3. Development of the SADC Micro-credentials Guidelines All Member States; Facilitator: SADC Secretariat
16.00-16.45	IKS and NQFs	State of Play – Discussions to be led by SADC Secretariat & SAQA
16.45	Coffee Break	

Day 3: Friday, 19 June 2026

Time	Session	Content
08.30 – 09.00	Morning Coffee	
09:00 – 09:30 Session 8	Updates on events, regional and international initiatives	Updates from SADC Secretariat and Member States on upcoming events, regional and international initiatives, and projects relevant to SADCQF development and implementation. Secretariat, Member States
09:30 – 11:00 Session 9	Roadmap SADCQF implementation	Identification and agreement on priority activities for the period; monitoring and evaluation; website, data collection, information on key policies. New Guidelines. Support to countries. Progress reports of SADCQF. Roadmap for approval of SADCQF at the Joint ESTI Ministerial meeting (2027). Discussion. Secretariat, Chair
11.00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:30 Session 10	National implementation plans SADCQF	National implementation plans of the SADCQF. Brief presentations. Discussion Member States
12:30-13:00	Conclusions and closure of meeting	Summary of main takeaways, recommendations. Next meetings. Secretariat, Chair
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	

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