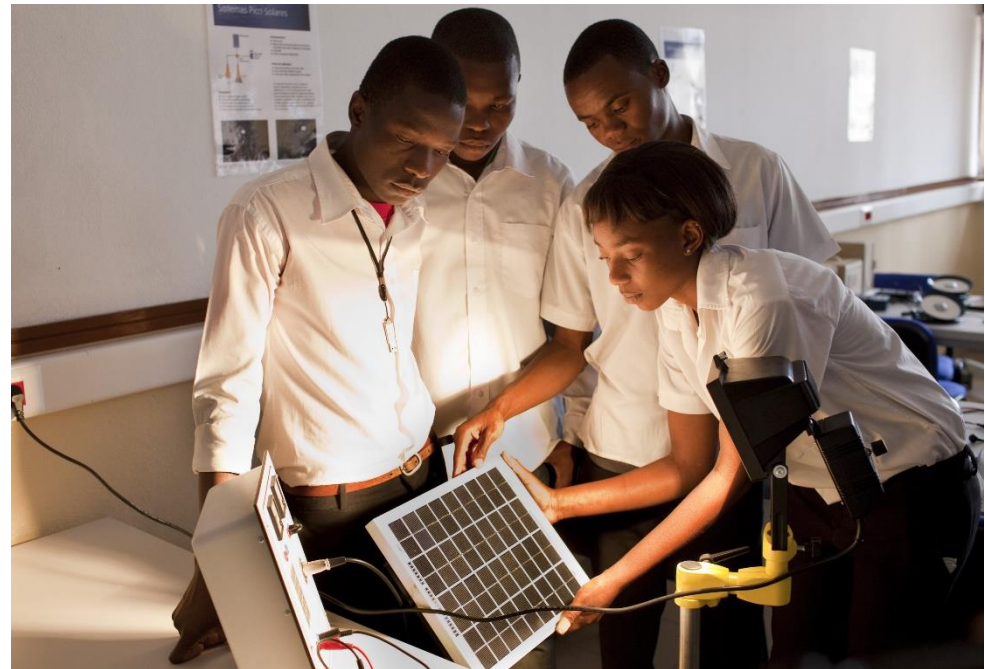




# African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)

A policy  
initiative of the  
African Union



# ACQF in the African Union policy context

- Skills and qualifications: at heart of African renaissance.
- Accomplishment of the demographic dividend.
- Agenda 2063: integrated Africa
  - Ten-Year Implementation Plan 2023
- **CESA 16-25**
- **AU Free movement Protocol (Art 18)**
- **Free Trade: African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**
- Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF) and Addis Convention on Recognition of Qualifications

The ACQF will be:



**INCLUSIVE**

qualifications of all levels and sub-systems of education and training

**RECEPTIVE TO INNOVATION**

from new trends and technologies



**OPEN**

to stakeholders' contribution; good practice from Africa and the world

The ACQF is vital to the processes that contribute to create an African education space:

▶ Advance the implementation of CESA 2016-2025

▶ Harmonise higher education in Africa and implement the

# Objectives of the ACQF



Enhance

Enhance comparability, quality and transparency qualifications of all types and levels, support people's lifelong learning.

Facilitate

Facilitate validation of learning, recognition of diplomas and certificates and mobility of learners and workers

Cooperate

Work in cooperation and complementarity with national and regional qualifications frameworks, and support African continental integration and creation of African Education common space

Promote

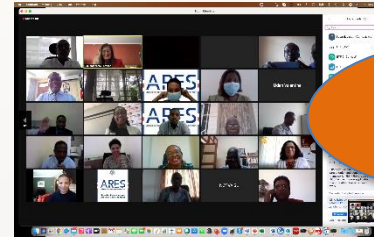
Promote cooperation and referencing between qualifications frameworks (national, regional) in Africa and worldwide

# Building the ACQF (2019-2022)

Analysis,  
technical,  
policy work



People,  
networking



Policy document and  
action plan

Governance ACQF

10 Guidelines

Feasibility study

Scenarios of ACQF

ACQF Mapping Study

ACQF Conference

Training programme

Support to countries

Working with RECs (SADC)

Networking with AQVN

Peer Learning Webinars

ACQF community - network

# ACQF in development, going forward: main pillars

A Network of NQF agencies / entities working together with stakeholders, world of work.

Referencing between NQFs / NQS and ACQF

ACQF levels on qualifications and databases – upon successful referencing NQF-ACQF

Support countries developing and strengthening their NQFs.

The ACQF own level structure and descriptors can inspire countries. Countries can use the ACQF Guidelines for their own home NQF.

A continental qualifications management system (platform, database)

All interested countries can connect to it

Validation and recognition of skills (NFIL)

Campaign and common tools

A sustainable capacity development basis to create knowledge, mutual learning and sustainable solutions on qualifications and skills



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