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# ACQF

African Continental  
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## ACQF Qualifications and Credentials Platform (QCP) Capacity building

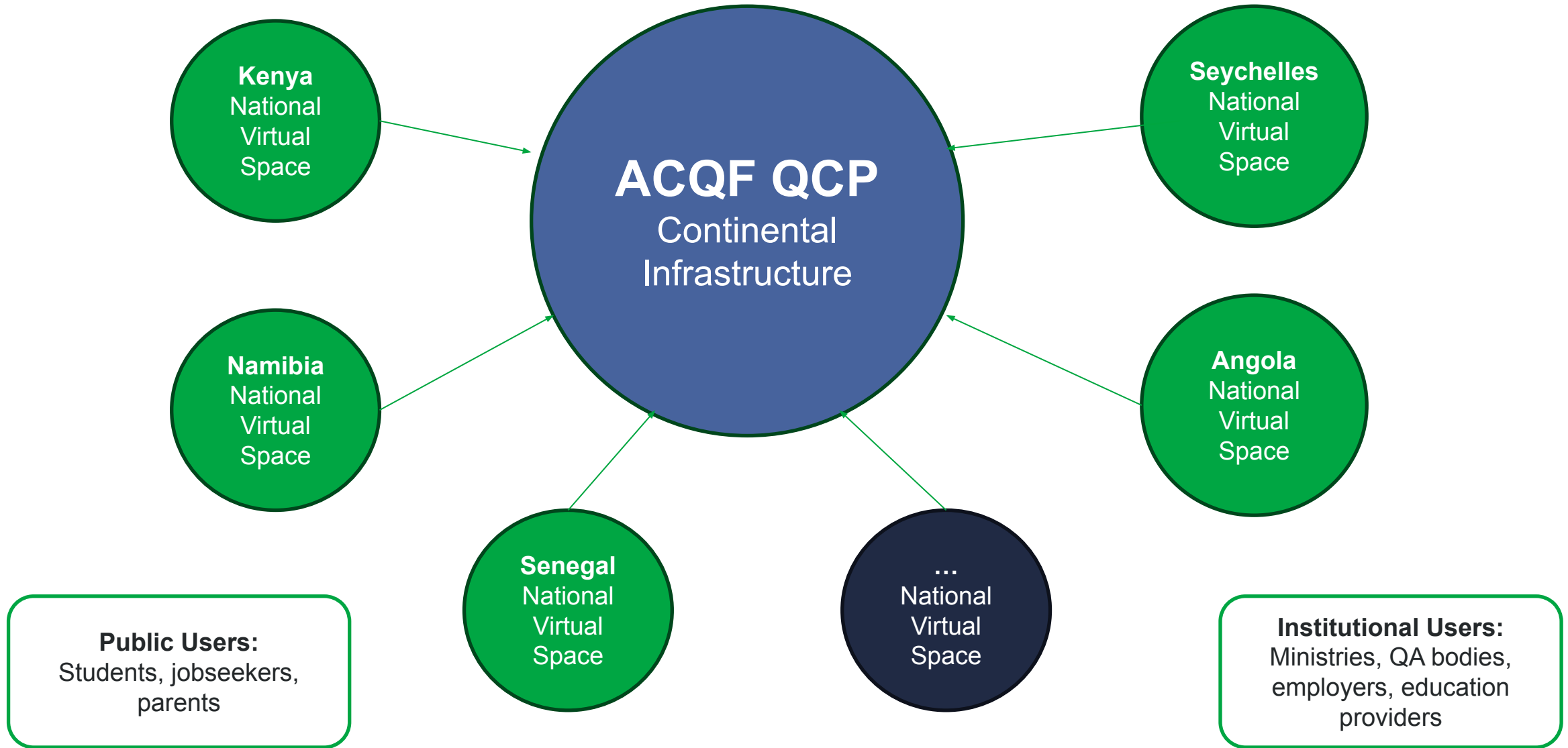
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# 01

## Introduction to QCP



# QCP Development

September – December 2024

January – August 2025

September 2025 and onward



**Preparatory steps**

**Architecture & Launch of QCP 1.0**

**Data collection and upload**

**Launch of QCP 2.0**

**QCP Roll-out**

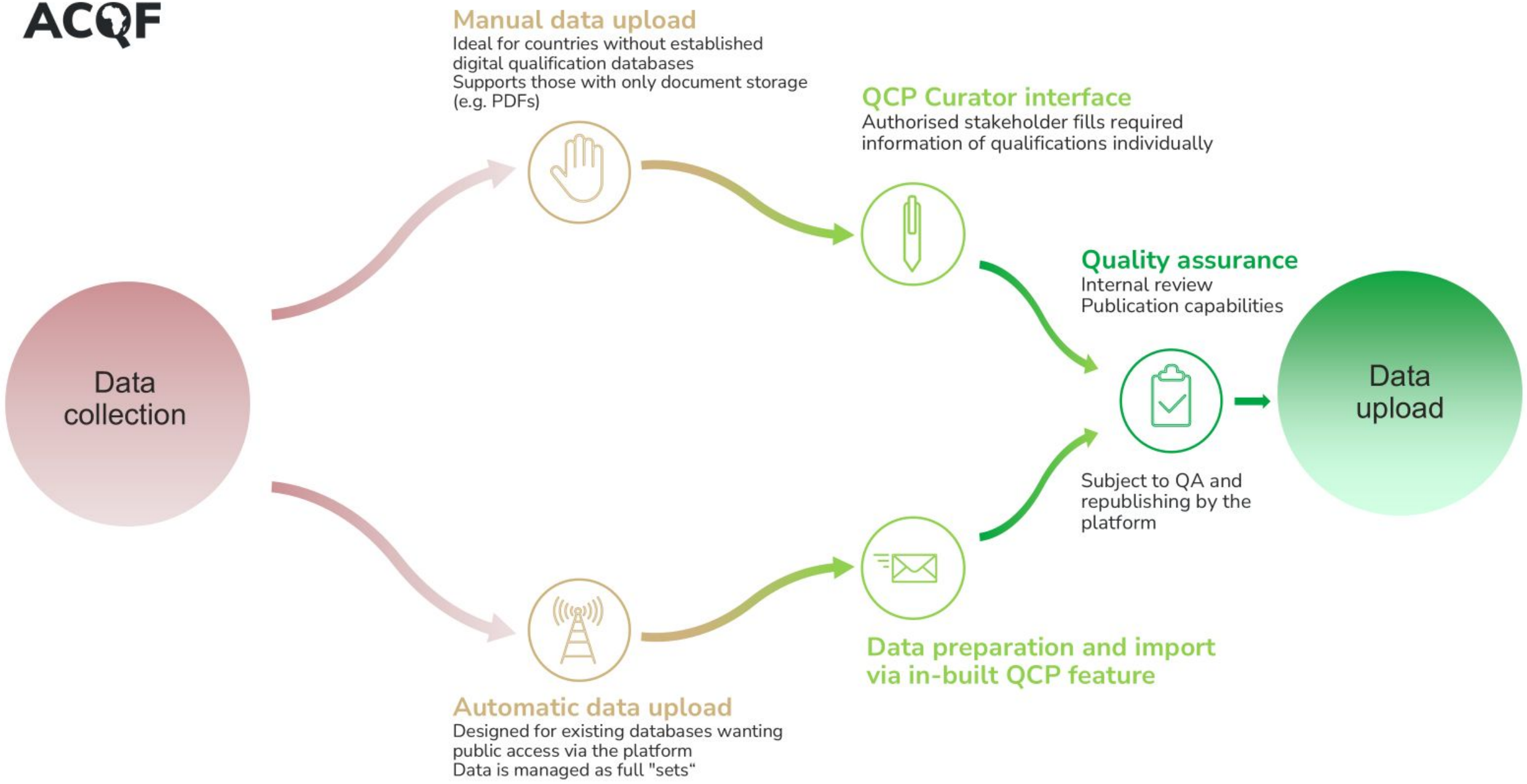
- Policy Design
- Consultation

- Technical Design
- Technical Validation
- Training and Onboarding for QCP personnel

- Initial Data Collection and validation
- National Stakeholder Labs

- Launch of public-facing features (search, compare)
- Automated publishing of qualifications

- Countries start using QCP
- Continuous peer-learning of QCP countries
- Development of advanced functionalities



# 02

# eLearning

# Self-paced Capacity Development

- A self-paced training programme designed for all personnel working with the QCP: ministries; agencies; qualifications experts

<https://acqf.academy.knowledgeinnovation.eu/>

- Start today: explore how the QCP works to help you
- Your feedback matters → use this first version and share your needs for future updates.

# 5 Modules

1	Foundational Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Purpose and users of Qualifications Databases</li><li>- Evolution from paper listings to interoperable platforms</li></ul>
2	ACQF Policy Framework and the QCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Role of ACQF and the QCP in national and continental integration</li><li>- Policy benefits and use cases</li></ul>
3	QCP Platform Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Practical demonstration of QCP platform functionalities &amp; usability guidance</li></ul>
4	Practical Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mapping and standardising qualifications data</li><li>- Manual Data entry via the Curator Interface</li></ul>
5	Automated Data Import	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bulk import and automatisisation of data sharing with QCP</li></ul>

03

Johannesburg session  
recap

# Johannesburg Peer Learning Activity

**Objective:** kickstart deepening our strategic understanding of the QCP and fostering a peer-to-peer dialogue on the practical realities of its implementation in our national contexts

## Workshop 1

- Activity: Stakeholder Mapping & System Readiness Canvas.
- Our Goal: To collaboratively identify the key national stakeholders involved in implementing the QCP, their roles, their level of influence, and our overall institutional readiness.

## Workshop 2

- Activity: Challenge Labs: Addressing Key Barriers to QCP Integration.
- Our Goal: To identify the most significant risks and obstacles we might face in adopting the QCP and to collaboratively brainstorm practical solutions to overcome them.

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## QCP Roadmap development

# Roadmap development activity - 1

**Assess Your Starting Point:** Reflect on the progress you have made so far with QCP (e.g. have you already nominated a team responsible for QCP, did you test the platform, did you upload qualifications etc.).

## Three Phases to Complete:

- Long-term (July 2026 – Dec 2026 and onwards): Define your long-term aims and strategies for QCP. Think about scaling, sustainability and full system integration.
- Medium-term (January – June 2026): Key milestones towards data mapping, QCP training, and first data uploads.
- Short-term (Until Dec 2025): Immediate actions to move forward.

**Note:** As we work ourselves through each phase, please make sure to **connect all of the phases together**. Think about how the long-term strategy established will translate to mid- and short-term actions.

# Roadmap development activity - 2

## Work iteratively:

- Focus on one phase at a time during the workshop.
- Ensure your objectives are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic, Time-bound).
- The facilitator will keep time and inform you when we are moving on to the next phase

## Structure of the roadmap

- 1) Each phase has a field for your main objective to be achieved until the end of the period. Start here each time.
- 2) Each phase has key workstreams or categories of activity, such as stakeholder engagement, technical capacity building, data mapping, quality assurance, etc.
- 3) After you have defined your main categories of activity, brainstorm specific actions under each area using the guidance provided.

# Long-term phase - example objectives and actions

## Potential long-term objectives:

- Establish QCP as the official national qualifications gateway for qualifications data
- Achieve technical integration between QCP and the national database (e.g. automated communication via an API)
- Formally integrate the use of QCP into national recognition procedures

## Activity category: Policy integration and governance

- Incorporate QCP-related KPIs into annual corporate planning (e.g. % of qualification captured on QCP)
- Draft and submit a policy brief to the your relevant recommending the formal integration of QCP data into the national procedures
- Formally incorporate QCP into specific operating procedures (e.g. recognition of foreign qualifications, developing skills intelligence reports etc.)

## Activity category: Enhance QCP awareness and usage

- Design and launch a national awareness campaign (e.g. with a specific number of workshops, stakeholders engaged)
- Secure the endorsement of key national stakeholders (e.g. public employment services, industry associations etc) for recognising QCP as an authoritative source of information
- Establish and operationalise a process for handling user feedback on the public portal,

## Activity category: Data governance and quality assurance

- Formalise and publish a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the quality control of qualifications data on the QCP
- Implement and enforce a mandatory version control protocol for all qualifications on the QCP

# Medium-term phase - example objectives and actions

## **Activity category: Technical implementation and data management**

- Test the QCP Curator portal and its usability
- Gain and/or grant QCP access to the designated personnel.
- Map national qualification data fields to the African Learning Model (ALM).
- Develop a national rule book or guide for translating data to the ALM consistently.
- Harmonise qualification data from various national sources before upload.
- Prepare national data for automated import into the QCP.

## **Activity category: Piloting QCP**

- Define and upload a pilot set of qualifications to the QCP (e.g. from a specific sector or of a certain type).
- Train the national team members who will act as manual QCP curators.

## **Activity category: Quality assurance processes**

- Conduct a quality assurance (QA) audit of the initial pilot qualifications uploaded.
- Address any technical or procedural bottlenecks identified during the pilot phase.

## **Activity category: Scaling up the adoption of QCP**

- After a successful pilot, upload a larger set of national qualifications to the QCP.
- Train QCP manual curators, other types of staff using QCP.

# Short-term phase - example objectives and actions

## **Activity category: Governance and stakeholder engagement**

- Form a dedicated national team for QCP implementation.
- Engage relevant national stakeholders (e.g., ministries, QA bodies, providers).
- Set up an inter-institutional working group to ensure coordination.
- Secure a high-level institutional mandate for QCP participation.
- Gain necessary internal or ministerial approvals to proceed with data sharing.
- Develop an internal communication plan to build awareness and buy-in.

## **Activity category: Achieving technical and data readiness**

- Inventory existing national qualifications databases and assess their status.
- Conduct a detailed review of the African Learning Model (ALM) and its controlled vocabularies.
- Conduct a data readiness assessment of priority qualifications to identify gaps.
- Set up the necessary national governance frameworks for data quality and sharing.

## **Activity category: Capacity building**

- Review developed QCP Learning materials
- Organise internal training sessions for the national team using the existing QCP support materials and manuals.

# Peer review

**Task:** review your partner country's QCP roadmap and provide feedback in key areas to help improve clarity, identify risks, and ensure effective planning.

Focus on the following:

## 1) Clarity and specificity

- Short-term: Are the objectives and actions SMART? Can you clearly identify achievable goals by December 2025?
- Medium-term (Phase 2): Are the objectives for 2026 clear, actionable, and measurable? Are the timelines realistic? Are these aligned with the long-term objectives of the country?

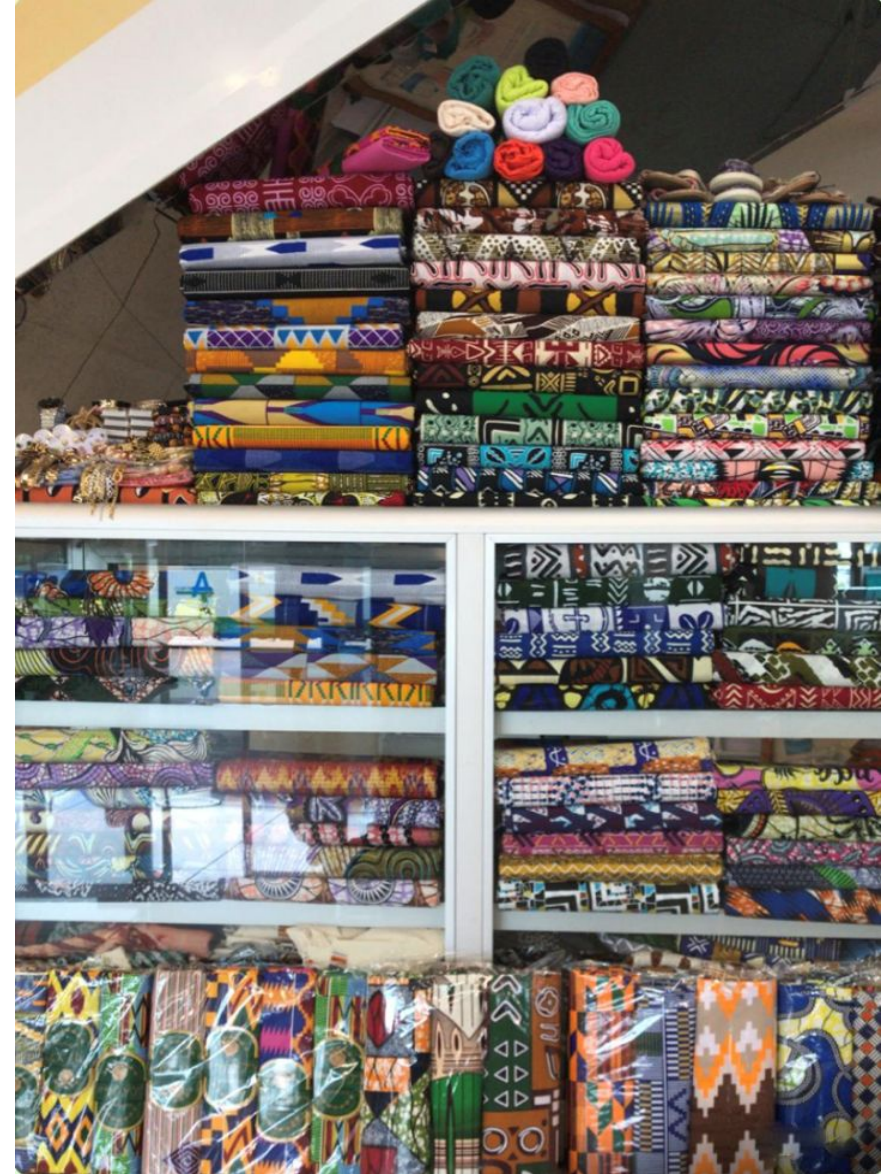
## 2) Potential blind spots

- Identify risks: Are there any critical steps or challenges the country may have overlooked (e.g., political support, technical capacity, data availability, resource constraints)?
- Provide solutions: Suggest improvements or actions to mitigate risks.

Thank you

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