



Support to the implementation of the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF-II)

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African Continental
Qualifications Framework

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Main policy: ACQF Policy Document validated in July 2023, Addis Abeba

Implementing partner: European Training Foundation (ETF), in cooperation with African Union Commission, the regional communities and member states

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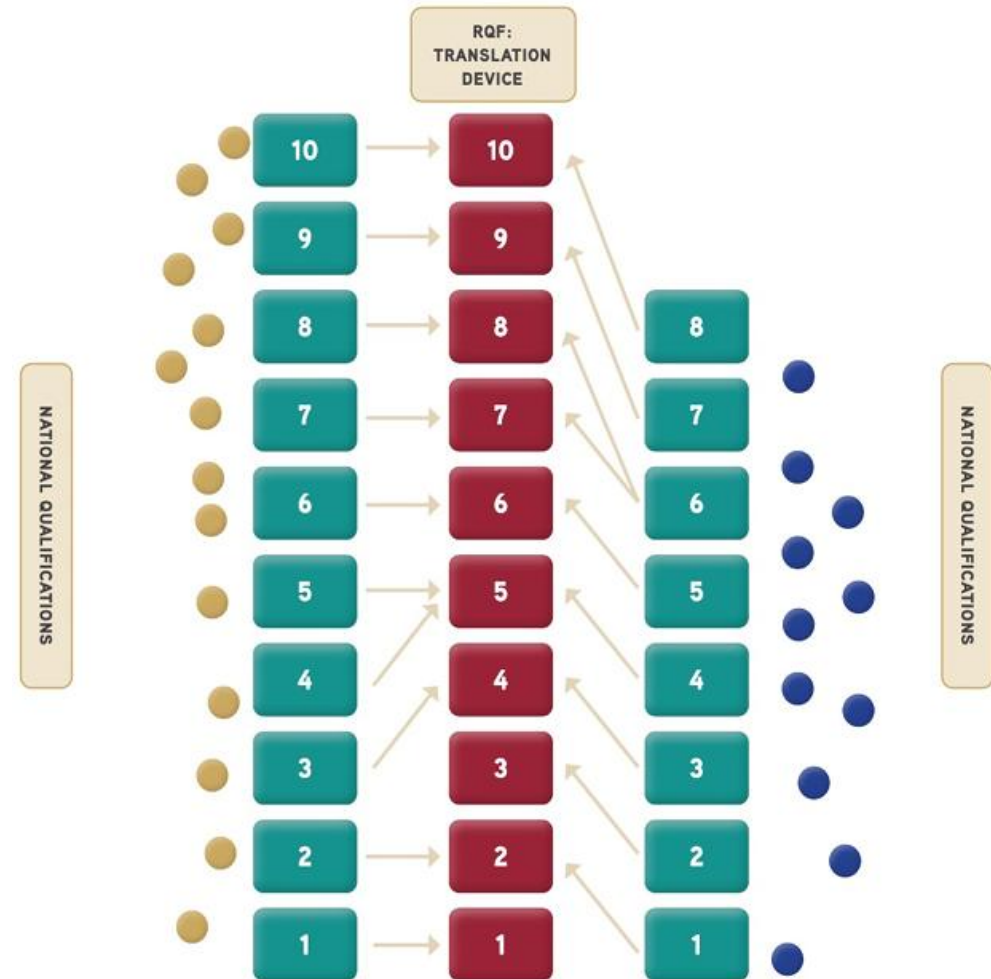
Timeframe: Started on 01/04/2023 – till end 2026

PURPOSES OF ACQF



Regional Qualifications Frameworks (RQFs)

- National qualifications landscapes are complex and very diverse.
- RQFs are established to serve as a translation tools.
- African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) provides a common reference frame for qualifications levels.



RQF processes - referencing

The referencing process:

- Feasible for countries with operational NQFs / whose NQFs are approved and in implementation
- process aimed at comparing national qualifications frameworks to the RQF
- self-assessment aspects but collaborative process

The referencing results in:

- Publication of a **Referencing report**: relationships between NQF and RQF levels, detailed information about national qualifications (QA arrangements, Recognition of Prior Learning)
- Possibility to indicate RQF levels next to the NQF levels on national certificates/diplomas
- Possibility to connect national data on qualifications to the regional databases.

ACQF Referencing criteria:

1. Level descriptors
2. Learning outcomes
3. Transparency on inclusion qualifications in NQF and register
4. Quality assurance

Main areas of activity of the ACQF

1. Referencing of national qualifications frameworks and systems to the ACQF, following agreed criteria and procedures.

2. Support recognition of prior learning (RPL): development of common guidelines and approaches, updated inventory of RPL systems on the continent, a wide information campaign, pilot RPL projects in ACQF countries

3. ACQF Qualifications and Credentials Platform (database): to process, classify, compare, and visualise information on various qualifications across education and training sectors.

4. Common profiles and qualifications: development of occupational profiles adequate for common continental use.

5. Capacity development in NQFs, RPL, CATS. Online, onsite, hybrid.

6. Advocacy, communication, networking and cooperation: African stakeholders (education and training, employment, social partners) and other RQFs globally.

7. Analysis, monitoring and evaluation: for continuous improvement. Inventories, surveys and analytical reports.

African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)

Inaugural workshop of the project ACQF-II (2023-2026)

11-13 July 2023 • Addis Ababa, Headquarters of the African Union

ACQF

African Continental
Qualifications Framework

Supporting and connecting Qualifications Frameworks
Transparency and Mutual Trust in qualifications
Facilitating lifelong learning and mobility



ACQF-II is:

1. Capacity development.
2. Support countries and regions: NQF development and implementation.
3. Governance. ACQF Qualifications Platform. RPL Campaign. Referencing NQF-ACQF. Common profiles of qualifications

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Regions: ECCAS, SADC, EAC, IGAD, UEMOA

Priority countries:

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. D R Congo
4. Eswatini
5. Malawi
6. Ghana
7. Guiné-Bissau
8. Kenya
9. Mozambique
10. Senegal
11. Seychelles
12. Sierra Leone
13. Somalia
14. Zambia
15. Zimbabwe

Cooperation countries:

1. Cabo Verde
2. Cameroon
3. Lesotho
4. Madagascar
5. Mauritius
6. Namibia
7. South Africa
8. Tunisia

Continuation of all strands of activities

1. Finalisation of referencing reports
2. Capacity development: a) Forums of NQF Authorities and stakeholders; b) Country-specific workshops
3. Support to advancement of NQFs, RPL, CATS in the ACQF countries
4. QCP: full operationalisation
5. ACQF Network – support for sustainability
6. Green skills: new pilot project implemented by AASU
7. Micro-credentials: policies and guidelines with countries

For more materials – visit <https://acqf.africa>

Resources Capacity Development Skills data focus Qualifications Platform Events News

Training Modules 1 to 10_ENGLISH

The package of ACQF Training Modules is focused on key topics of the domain of qualifications, qualifications frameworks (national and regional) and functioning of ACQF. The Modules provide a comprehensive overview of the main concepts, principles, implementation steps and instruments, supported by cases and examples of application in different countries and regions in Africa and other continents. Each Training Module contains guidance for trainers and learners. To support interaction, autonomous learning and assessment of learning outcomes, the Training Modules include reflective questions, and assessment tasks. The Training Modules are designed for self-paced learning (individual); teacher-/trainer-/facilitator-directed learning – which may include group learning; or a combination of the above.

Webinars & Workshops

Training Modules and Handbooks

Micro-Credentials Handbook

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) - Handbook for RPL Practitioners

Manual de Apoio

Training Module 1: Learning Outcomes

Comprehensive overview of the application of learning outcomes in NQFs, RQF and ACQF.

Training Module 2: Levels and level descriptors in the context of ACQF

Training Module 2 guides you through the concepts, construction and application of level descriptors, explains the details of the elaboration of ACQF level descriptors.

Training Module 3: Referencing to ACQF

Training Module 3 presents the goals, criteria and procedures for referencing of National Qualifications Frameworks to ACQF, and proposes self-assessment tools and questions to help your country engage with the referencing process.

DEVELOPING THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (ACQF)

TRAINING MODULE TEN

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QUALIFICATIONS AND NQFS (OR NQSS): A SYSTEMIC VIEW

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Thank you!
Merci!
Obrigada!

