#### **Final Conference of HAQAA -1**

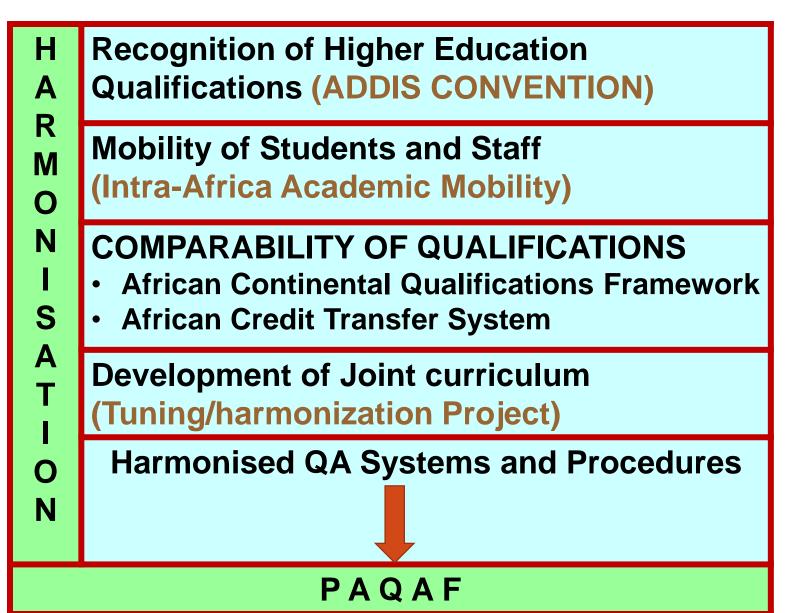


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# The Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework Where are we now?

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# Harmonisation → PAQAF



# **Features of PAQAF**



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#### **Pan African QA and Accreditation Framework**

#### Instruments

- African Standards and Guidelines for QA
- African Continental Qualifications Framework
- African Quality Rating Mechanism
- Addis Convention on Recognition of Qualifications
- African Credit Accumulation and Transfer System
- Continental Register for QA agencies and quality assured higher education institutions

#### **Implementing Agency**

A Pan-African QA and Accreditation Agency

#### **Implementation of PAQAF**

- The Development of African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance is Finalised
- Training Course in Quality Assurance Provided
- Institutional Evaluations of 15 African HEIs Undertaken Using AQRM
- Consultancy Visits and QA Agency Reviews Made to 8 Countries in Africa
- Discussions Underway on Legal Framework for Setting a Continental Accreditation Agency
- Proposal Made to Establish African Credit Transfer System (Tuning Student Workload Survey)

# **Main Action Lines of PAQAF**

- Facilitate Collaboration and Networking Between Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agencies
- Domesticate ASG-QA at National/Regional Levels
- Initiate Organizational Set-up and legal framework of a Continental Accreditation Agency
- Initiate Full Scale Implementation of AQRM on-line Tool in African Universities, Coordinated by AAU
- Advance the Draft Proposal on Development of an African Credit Transfer System (Tuning Project)
- Initiate the Development of an African Continental Qualifications Framework Based on Existing National and Regional Qualifications Frameworks

# **Main Action Lines of PAQAF**

 REGISTER of Quality Assurance Agencies and Regulatory Bodies in Africa

#### **Registration Process**

- Self-evaluation produced by the QA agency
- Site visit by independent review team
- External review report according to ASG-QA
  - → Information about trustworthy QA agencies and their accredited HEIs/Programmes
- Registration of quality assurance experts (Data)
- Advocacy for ratification of Addis Convention (6 already ratified and some are on process)

# **Way Forward**

#### Increased engagement with key stakeholders

- National QA Agencies
- Ministries of Education
- University Rectors
- RECs

#### **Next Phase of HAQAA**

Identifying Major Priorities and Activities

**Technical Consultation Workshop** on Set-up of Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency 13 – 14 December 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

# **THANK YOU**