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

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Harmonisation → PAQAF

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**Related Organizations**
- CESA → Agenda 2063
- ACQF
- ACTS
PAQAF - 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


THANK YOU