POLICY CONTEXT OF THE ASG-QA

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WHAT ARE THE ASG-QA?

- A set of flexible standards and guidelines for internal and external quality assurance (QA) in higher education in Africa.

- They provide an overarching framework for QA in higher education in Africa.

- The standards are stated as common minimum requirements.

ORIGINS OF THE ASG-QA

- At least at the adoption of the African Higher Education Harmonisation Strategy in 2007 by COMEDAF

- Five core objectives with ultimate objective of contribute to building the African Higher Education and research space (AHERS)

The strategy covers

- Harmonization of programmes

- Harmonization of Quality assurance and accreditation

- African Continental qualifications framework

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN HE HARMONIZATION STRATEGY

Harmonization of Programmes

- At continental level: Tuning Africa Project
- At regional level: EAC and ECOWAS

Harmonization of quality assurance and accreditation

- HAQAA Project
- PAQAF The Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)

African Qualifications Framework:

The African Continental Qualifications Framework

POLICY CONTEXT FOR THE ASG-QA

- African Strategy for Higher Education

- PAQAF

- Continental Education Strategy for Africa (2016-2025)that provides for harmonization and quality assurance mechanisms to ensure comparability of higher education in Africa, and the **establishment of a continental accreditation and quality assurance agency**

SOME PROJECTS RELATED TO ASG-QA

The Tuning Africa Project

Since 2011 harmonizing programmes in 8 areas with participation of several African Universities and stakeholders

HAQAA 1.

- Developed ASG-QA;

- Contributed to promotion of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF);

- **HAQAA 2** contribute to CESA and PAQAF

The Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)

- Adopted by the AU in 2016 to enhance quality assurance culture in higher education institutions

- Contains 6 initiatives related to quality assurance and harmonisation activities in Africa

ELEMENTS OF THE PAQAF

- **ASG-QA.**
- African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF).
- The African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM).
- African Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
- The continental register of quality assurance agencies
- The Addis Ababa regional Convention on mutual recognition of qualifications

CONSTRUCTION OF THE AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION SPACE THROUGH HARMONIZATION

- harmonisation of curricula using the Tuning Project methodology;
- harmonisation of quality assurance and accreditation mechanisms by aligning them with ASG-QA;
- harmonisation of credit transfer and accumulation systems by aligning them with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System;
- alignment of national of regional qualifications frameworks with the African continental qualifications framework.

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