

African Qualifications Verification Network (AQVN)

- **October 2017:** SAQA hosted the meeting of the African Qualifications Verification Network;
- **May 2016:** SAQA hosted the *African Qualifications Verification Network (AQVN)* meeting and formal launch of the AQVN;
- **November 2014:** SAQA Chaired, facilitated and presented at the *International Seminar on Building Trust and Promoting Genuine Qualifications*;

Groningen Declaration Network (GDN)

- **May 2015:** SAQA (Joe Samuels and Yvonne Shapiro) participated in the GDN annual meeting in Malaga. South African won the bid to host the GDN meeting that took place in May 2016;
- **May 2017:** SAQA hosted the GDN annual meeting in Cape Town;
- **April 2017:** SAQA (Yvonne Shapiro and Navin Vasudev) participated in the GDN annual meeting “*Challenging barriers and borders in extending engagement and also lifelong learning capabilities for all*” in Melbourne from 24-28 April 2017. This included, on 24 and 28 April the GDN Board meetings and 25 and 26 April a *Symposium on credential evaluation organised by the Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP)*;
- **September 2016:** SAQA (Navin Vasudev) visited Manchester to meet with *Higher Education Degree Datacheck (HEDD)* to share information on digitisation; He is also a member of the Interim Council of the AQVN and attended the *European Association for International Education 2016* meeting in Liverpool to share information on the AQVN and to report on the planned work of the *GDN Task Force*;

Digitisation and database development

- **2017:** SAQA (NLRD) continues to assist Namibia in the development of a qualifications database. Two visits to Namibia have already been undertaken this financial year;

- **December 2016:** SAQA (Carina Oelofsen and Richard Welch from Praxis Computing) facilitated a 2-day workshop with Namibia Qualifications Authority as per the agreement with them;

International Labour organisation

- **September 2017:** SAQA (Joe Samuels) presented on “*Challenges in implementing and upscaling of RPL*” at the International Labour Organisation’s (ILO) international workshop on RPL that was held in Johannesburg;

Study/ exchange visits and presentations

- **April to May 2015:** SAQA participated in an educational tour to Turkey, and delivered a presentation on the South African NQF;
- **November 2016:** SAQA delivered a presentation in Spain at the *9th Annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation*;
- **November-December 2016:** SAQA participated in a collaboration/ exchange visit to the *National Student Clearinghouse Research Centre* in Washington;
- **January 2017:** SAQA participated in a study visit to the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education to exchange expertise in relation to refugees and migrant qualifications;
- **February 2017:** SAQA (Julie Reddy) made a presentation at the *International Symposium for Industrial Skills Development for Sustainable Growth in Africa* in Japan and undertook site visits to Japanese factories and a College of Industrial Technology in Tokyo; and
- **August 2015:** SAQA visited the *National Student Clearinghouse* in the USA;
- **October 2015:** SAQA visited the University of Cape Coast, Ghana;
- **December:** SAQA presented a paper at, the *9th International Conference on Researching Work and Learning and Pre- and Post-Conference Activities* in Singapore
- **June 2014:** SAQA participated in, and delivered a presentation at, the *Ethiopian International NQF Conference* that took place in Ethiopia;
- SAQA also workshopped, with interested parties, the registration and accreditation requirements for providers of foreign qualifications who want to be recognised in South Africa. In this regard, SAQA is also working with the Department of Trade and Industry to ensure consistency in this area.