

SAQA has successfully completed its work to strengthen the SADC regional capacity to implement the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF):

- **October 2017:** SAQA delivered a presentation on the SADCQF and its implications for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) at the *East and Southern Africa UNEVOC TVET Leadership Seminar on Capacity building for transformational TVET leaders* that took place in Harare, Zimbabwe from 23- 27 October 2017;
- **September 2017:** SAQA chairs the TCCA meeting taking place in Johannesburg
- **June 2017:** SAQA is representing South Africa in driving the development and alignment implementation area of the SADCQF. In this regard, SAQA hosted an alignment workshop with the eight pilot countries (Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Seychelles, South African, Swaziland and Zambia) in June and July 2017;
- **June 2017:** SAQA chairs the TCCA EXCO meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Ministers' meeting. SAQA presented the following work: collates the mobility trends into a report and presents it; member States are encouraged to keep on collecting statistics and improving on their collection of qualifications data; draft proposal for an implementation unit; SADC countries submit a link to their credible institutions as well as a summary of what constitutes a credible institution in their country; SAQA designs a mock-up of the associated webpage for hosting on the SADC website and provides a capacity building session for a representative from the SADC Secretariat; the SADC Ministers officially launch the SADCQF at their June 2017 meeting
- **June 2017:** SAQA represents SADC and presents and advocates for the SADCQF at the *Addis Convention* meeting (12-13 June in Botswana) as well as at the *World Reference Levels (WRLs)* meeting (29-30 June in Paris);
- **April 2017:** The TCCA meeting (from 18-20 April 2017) that was hosted by SAQA was very well supported with 13/15 SADC countries in attendance; The TCCA undertook a technical launch and popularisation of the SADCQF on 19 April 2017; The SADCQVN was launched successfully on 18 April 2017. The SADCQVN will be an important SADC structure in the operationalisation of the Addis Convention; SADC countries agree to submit mobility statistics to show the movement of qualifications within SADC.

- **February 2017:** Secured funding for four SADC TCCA members to visit the European Commission in Brussels from 6- 10 February 2017 to learn about all the structures that need to be put in place in order to implement a Regional Qualifications Framework. SAQA also presented the SADCQF as well as all progress to date at the *European Qualifications Framework (EQF) Advisory Group* meeting in Brussels on 9 February 2017.
- **December 2016:** Developed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for- and was successful in setting up- the Executive Committee (EXCO) for the TCCA. The TCCA EXCO will drive implementation of the SADCQF; Developed a SADCQF communication strategy and a number of branding materials; Established the *SADC Qualifications Verification Network (SADCQVN)* including the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the SADCQVN; Developed an alignment plan and roadmap for piloting the alignment with the SADCQF and
- **November 2016:** Visited the SADC Secretariat in Botswana to discuss alignment documents and milestones; and the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) to request that they oversee the Quality Assurance area of the SADCQF;
- **November 2016:** Represented the SADC Secretariat at the 5th *WRLs experts meeting* in Brussels and delivered a progress update on the SADCQF implementation;
- **October 2016:** Mr Joe Samuels presented the SADCQF to higher education stakeholders at the *Southern African Quality Assurance Network (SAQAN)* meeting hosted by the CHE and SAQAN has committed to making two of their experts available to assist SADC with quality assurance;
- **September 2016:** The SAQA CEO is nominated into the Chair of the *SADC Technical Committee on Certification and Accreditation (TCCA)* at the TCCA meeting; Member states agreed to restart and implement the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF) which was approved by SADC Ministers in 2011; An implementation model, which encompasses three areas namely (1) development and alignment, (2) quality assurance and (3) verification, was adopted at the meeting; Six SADC member states agreed to pilot the alignment; At the September TCCA meeting, A SAQA staff member, Coleen Jaftha, is made available to assist the SADC Secretariat to implement the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF).