



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2018 SAQA CHAIRPERSON'S LECTURE

"Considering the meaning of 'occupational' and 'vocational' qualifications"

SAQA's Chairperson Dr Vuyelwa Toni Penxa invites you to SAQA's 2018 Chairperson's Lecture. Professor Volker Wedekind, nationally and internationally renowned academic and expert on vocational education, will present the Lecture.

Venue: Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre (<https://aha.co.za/kopanong/>)

Date: 12 February 2018

Time: 16h00-19h00 (registration is from 15h00)

SAQA's 2018 Chairperson's Lecture focuses on "*Considering the meaning of 'occupational' and 'vocational' qualifications*". Do 'occupational' and 'vocational' qualifications have distinct core characteristics? Are there overlapping characteristics between the two types of offerings? Are distinctions between the two useful? What learning-and-work pathways do 'vocational' and 'occupational' qualifications open for learners? Overall, the purpose of this Lecture is to enhance conceptual clarity, and to contribute to current thinking around the meaning of 'occupational' and 'vocational' qualifications, with a view to informing related policy development. The Lecture is suitable for NQF policy-makers and implementers.

The Chairperson's Lectures – initiated in 2003 – are part of SAQA's commitment to sustain and communicate evidence-based research that informs the implementation and further development of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The NQF and holistic lifelong learning are integral to systemic integration, and transformation in South Africa. As the NQF entities seek to enhance articulation and progression opportunities for learners, it is imperative to understand the distinction between 'occupational' and 'vocational' qualifications.

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