

Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)

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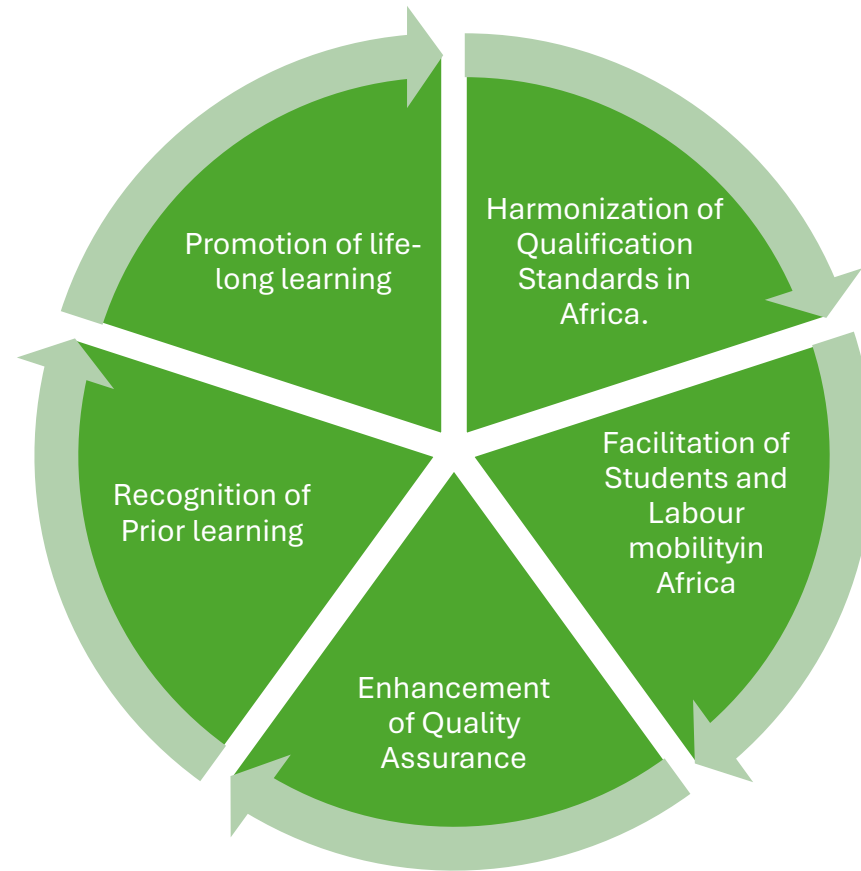
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What is PAQAF?

Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF) is a major initiative of the African Union.

PAQAF is a framework of initiatives and tools designed to harmonize and improve the Quality and Comparability of Qualifications across the African continent

Objectives of PAQAF



PAQAF Importance

- PAQAF is central to the African Union Agenda 2063 – which envisions a prosperous, united and integrated Africa
- PAQAF is aligned with the Continental Strategy for Africa (CESA) and the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA), which emphasize the need for a well coordinated educational system that supports life-long learning, Innovation and Economic development

Framework and Tools of PAQAF

- Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework consists of several tools that have been developed or are in the process of being developed to ensure quality provisions in higher education in Africa

• **7** Tools of PAQAF

Tools of PAQAF

1. African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance

- ASG-QA (developed under HAQAA1)
- Under HAQAA2, a User's Guidelines was also developed



2. African Continental Qualification Framework

- Framework showing flexible study pathways and educational systems in countries, regions and the continent

Tools of PAQAF

3. African Quality Rating Mechanisms (AQRM)

- Internal Quality Assurance tools.
- Uses the ASG-QA as standards for benchmarking



4. Addis-Convention for Recognition of Qualification

- Focused on comparability of degrees, certificates and diplomas

Tools of PAQAF

5. African Credit Accumulation and Transfer Systems (ACTS)

- Still being developed under HAQAA3 program
- Will facilitate transfer of Knowledge credit and life-long learning in Africa



6. Continental Registers for Quality Assurance Agencies

- This register would serve as a clearing house for Quality Assurance agencies in Africa that comply with African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance

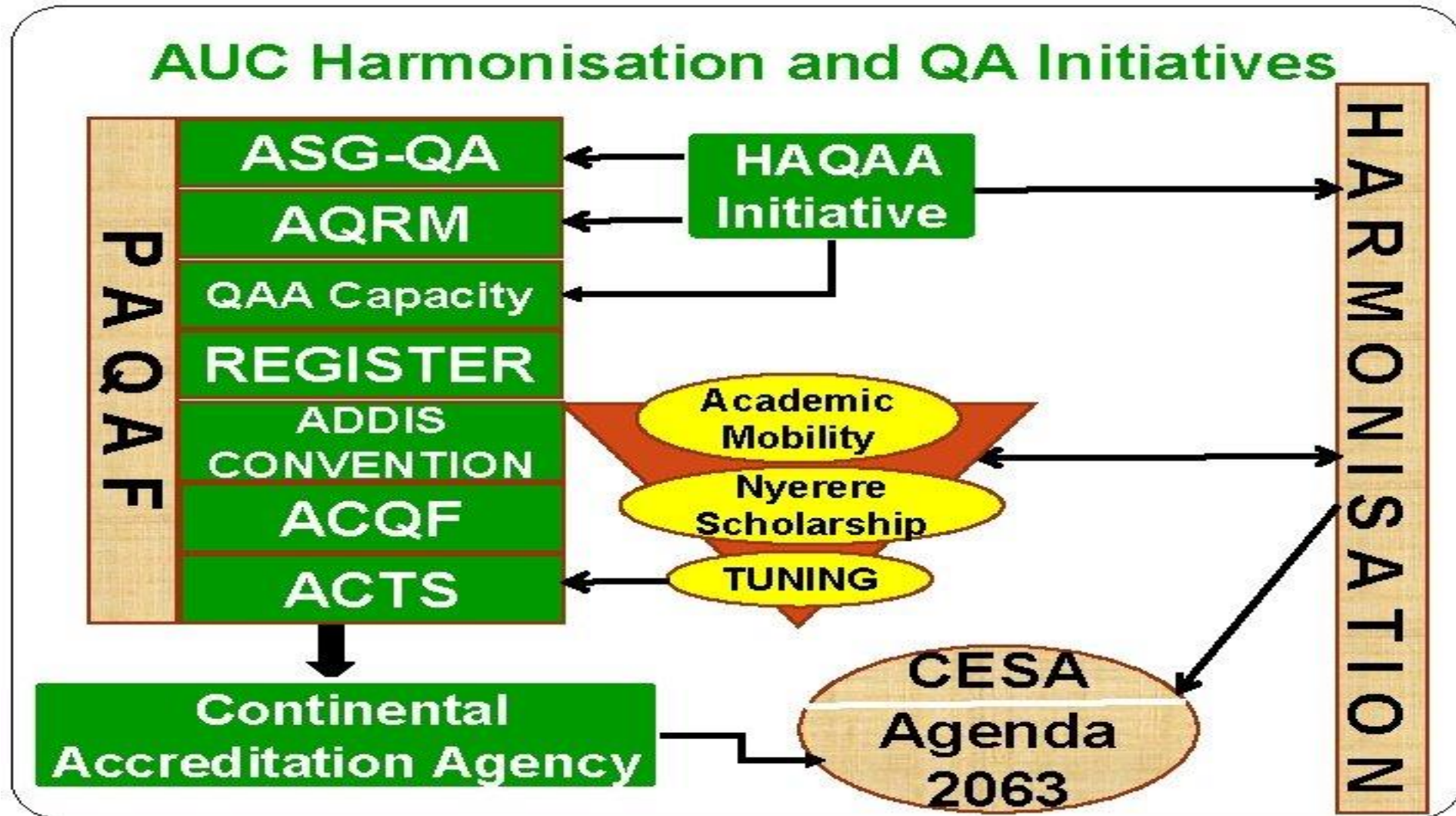
7. Pan African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (PAQAA)

Under
consultation

Coordinates all
the components
of PAQAF

Technical unit at
AAU

Execution of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)



Future Directions for PAQAF

- ❖ Expanding Regional Cooperation**
- ❖ Digitalization of Qualification Systems:**
- ❖ Strengthening Institutional Capacity:**
- ❖ Addressing Skills Mismatches:**
- ❖ Promoting Inclusivity in Education:**

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