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Harmonisation, Quality Assurance
and Accreditation in Africa

HAQAA3

AGENCY REVIEWS AND PAQAA

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The HAQAA initiative

- The third phase for Harmonization, Accreditation and Quality Assurance in African Higher Education (HAQAA) – 2022-2027 – falls under the Joint Strategy between the AU and the EU
- It is a strong response from two Unions to "provide African countries with the skilled workers, managers and administrators they need to foster sustainable development and encourage trade and investment, as well as to strengthen citizenship and democratic values".

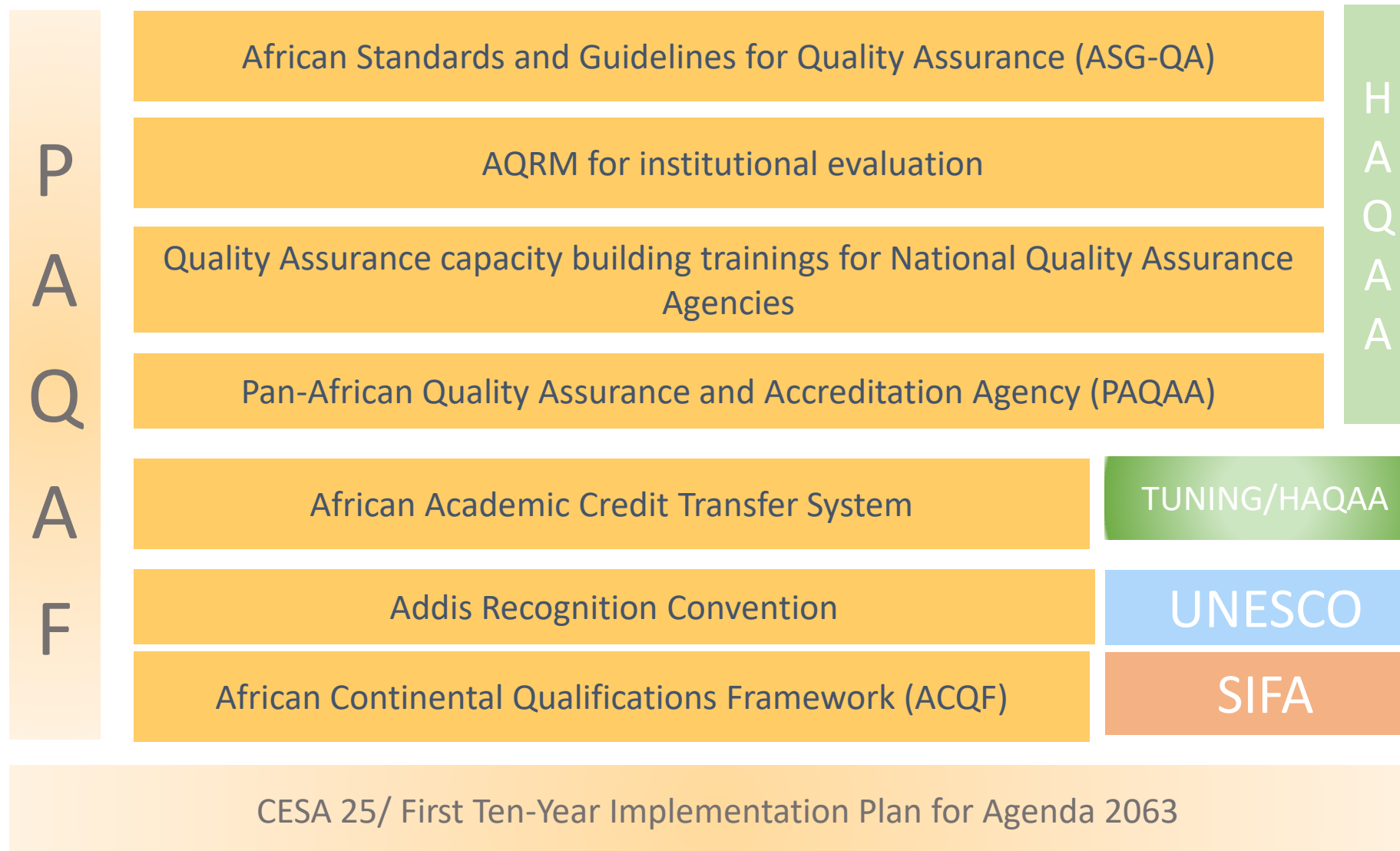
Youth Mobility for Africa

The flagship initiative on **Youth Mobility for Africa** promotes opportunities for learning mobility on the continent and between Africa and the EU.

It supports cooperation in higher education and skills development, strengthens regional and continental harmonisation mechanisms, while promoting Africa as a study destination. Thereby, the initiative contributes to youth empowerment for sustainable employability and active citizenship.

The Youth Mobility for Africa flagship initiative is part of the Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package.





**** Outils et lignes d'action pour la transparence entre les systèmes, les fiducies, un langage commun pour la qualité, la mobilité et les reconnaissances.**

Strategic partners



CONSEIL AFRICAIN
ET MALGACHE POUR
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República de Moçambique
Ministério de Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior
Conselho Nacional de Avaliação de Qualidade do Ensino Superior
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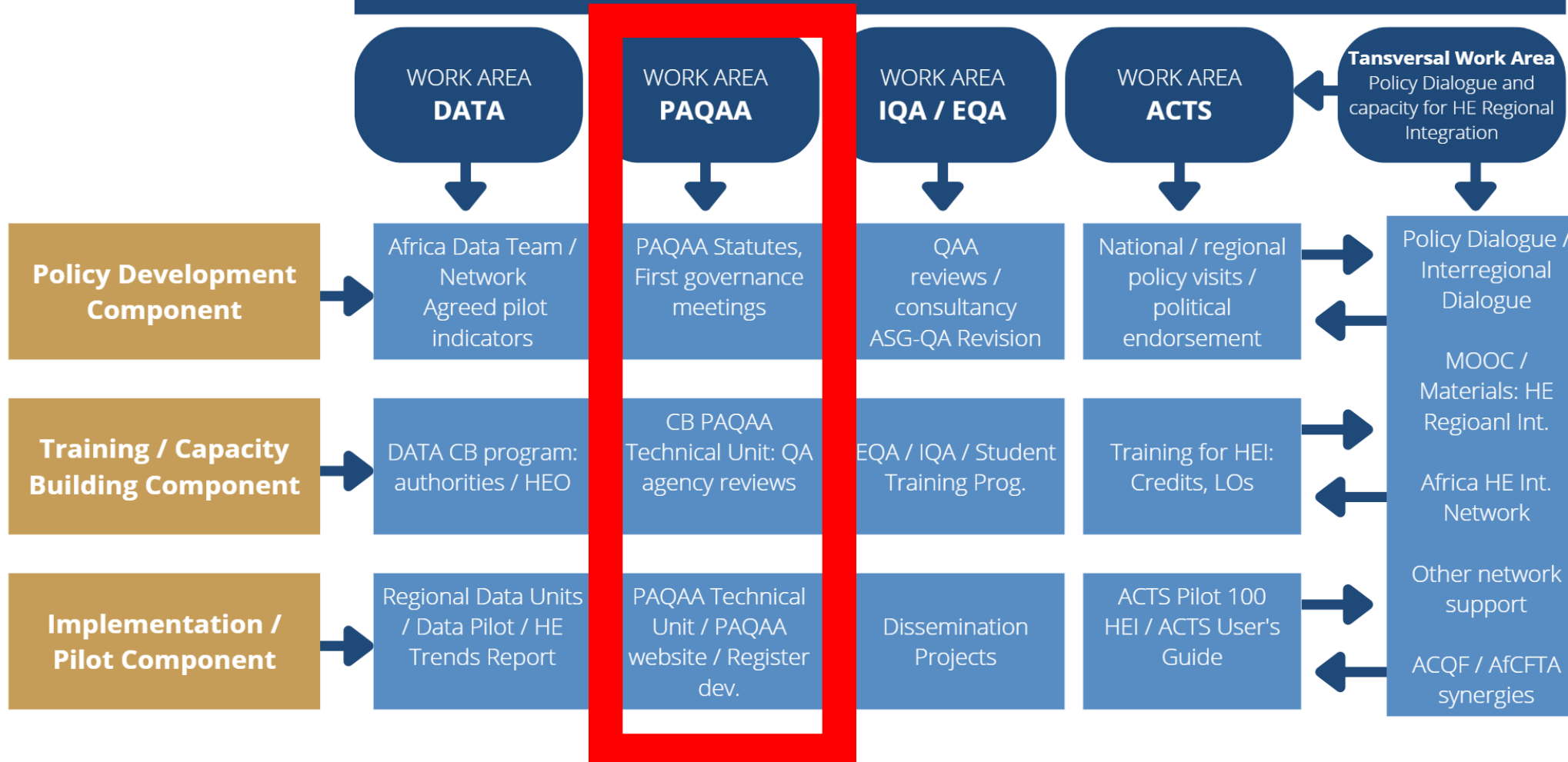
Work areas

- Transversal work area- Regional integration policy and capacity
- Work Area - African Credit Transfer System – ACTS
- Work Area - Higher Education Data Capacity in Africa
- Work Area PAQAA / PAQAA Technical Unit
- Work Area IQA/EQA Training and Capacity Building

HAQAA3 OBJECTIVES

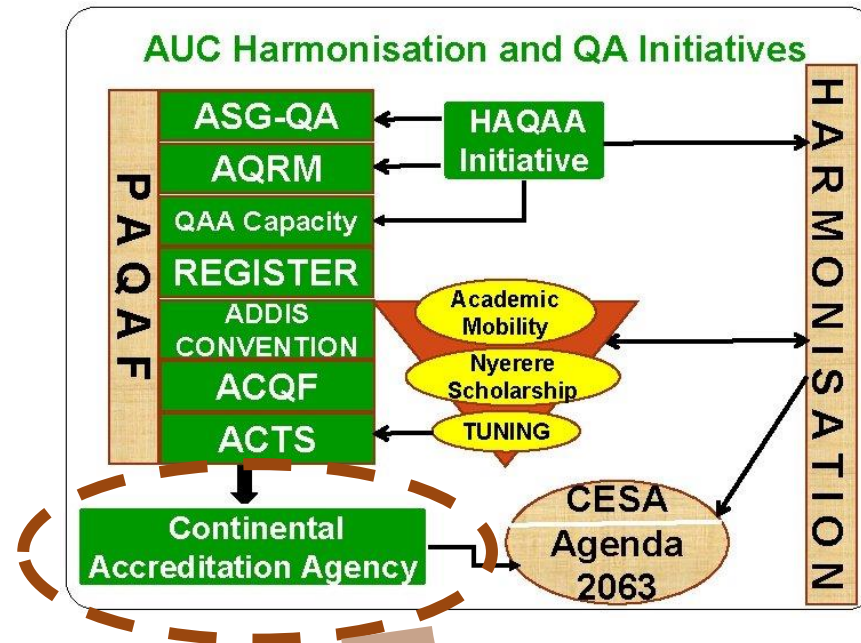
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African Continental and Regional Integration frameworks for HE



What is PAQAA

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



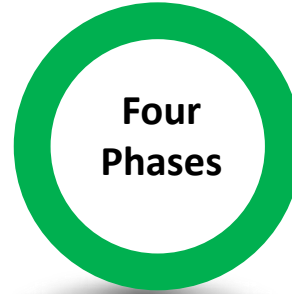
The Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (PAQAA)

Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency

- Guardian body of the PAQAF/ Articulating body at continental level
- HAQAA2 support to PAQAA:
 - *Technical Working Group of key African experts - AUC endorsed*
 - *Phase 1: Proposition for scenarios for the agency's set-up (progressive options)*
 - *Phase 2: Stakeholder consultations*
 - *Phase 3: Final recommendations to AUC regarding next steps (March 2023)*

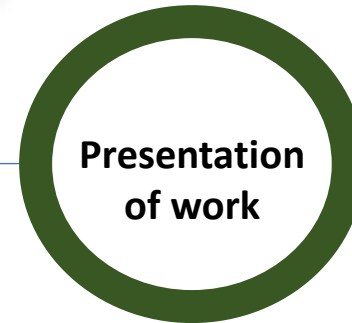
The Road Map

Technical Working Group
endorsed
Four teams started work and
analysis conducted the
research



- Suggesting the four progressive Phases for the PAQAA
- The Phases Document

Conferring with other initiatives
ACQF ... Consultation suggested
AU supporting and Endorsing the
Consultation



- Preparation of the consultation material and survey
- On-line consultation survey (122 responses from 26 countries)
- Addis Consultation Survey (3-4 October 2022)
- Maputo consultation (26 October 2022)
- 6th HAQAA2 AB (6 December 2022)

Mission

“To be the lead African Agency to coordinate / promote and facilitate the implementation of the Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF) in higher education sector as implicated in the PAQAF action lines”

Objectives of PAQAA

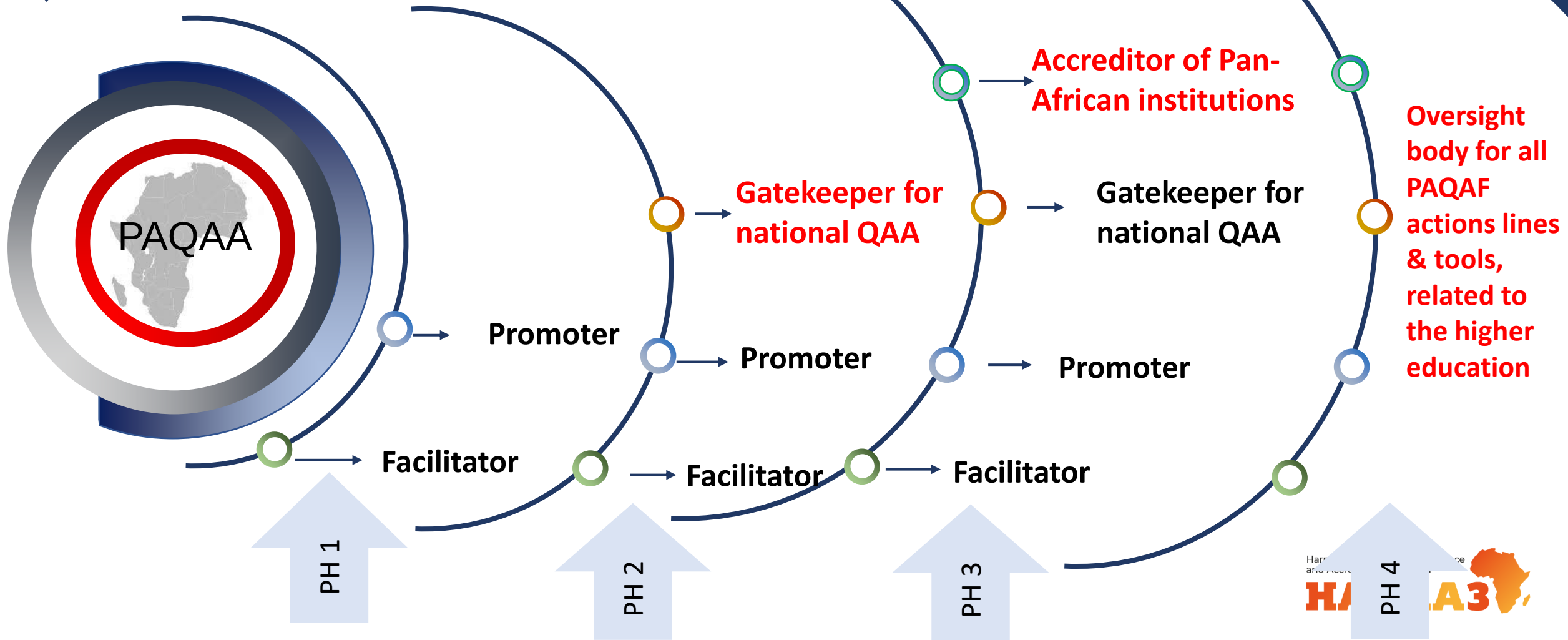
1	To increase the transparency of quality assurance and accreditation in Africa by promoting the African ASG-QA in higher education and its application in external and internal quality assurance
2	To reinforce cooperation between national quality assurance and accreditation agencies, as well as regional quality assurance networks
3	To reinforce cooperation between relevant qualifications authorities and institutions related to recognition of higher education across borders
4	To promote alignment between qualifications frameworks (national, regional) in Africa and globally
5	To facilitate higher education mobility between African Union Member States, through the promotion and application of common frameworks and tools for recognition of degrees and credits
6	To support capacity development for countries, agencies and institutions with regards the PAQAF action lines and their implementation
7	To promote the African continental instruments and frameworks globally and serve as an interface with other continents and agencies with similar missions.

The Four Phases

Structure – Features – Functions
and Activities



Structure of the Phases



The Features of the Phases

Phase 1

*Intervenes in higher education, in the PAQAF action lines related to quality assurance and assessment, with the aim of **promoting continental tools, facilitating collaboration between national QA systems.***

Phase 2

*Sets up a **Registrar or Clearing House for national QAA** which comply with the ASG-QA.*

Phase 3

*More complex it would **confer competency to the PAQAA to accredit Pan-African Institutions** and transnational institutions in the higher education sector. HEI can apply for accreditation on voluntary basis..*

Phase 4

*This is the long-term vision in which it **fully delivers upon its mission in overseeing all action lines of the PAQAF,** including: ACQF - ACTS. PAQAA intervenes as a meta-agency.*

Functions and Activities of PAQAA



1 Standard setting: Promoting, maintaining and updating the Africa Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance



2 Quality promotion and information management: Promotion of a common language for QA in Africa that employs common tools, linked to the PAQAF



3 Advocacy related to developing quality assurance systems in Africa, quality culture in higher education and continental harmonisation



4 Capacity development and training for national QA agencies and systems



5 Offering a voluntary, institutional assessment programme, which employs the ASG-QA and the AQRM as tools and standards to support HEI in the development of their quality culture



6 Supporting capacity building (of national recognition authorities) with regards to implementing the Addis Convention



7 Encourage the development and alignment of NQFs in member states which have not yet done so



8 Implementing an external QAA review system for national and regional QA agencies following self-assessment against the ASG-QA (and utilising the developed methodology)



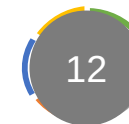
9 Setting up and maintaining a register for national QA agencies and regional agencies, premised upon external assessment against the ASG-QA



10 Quality assurance and accreditation of the Pan-African University (PAU) and its programmes and other Pan-African HEI (HEI with a pan-African mission)



11 Support capacity building (of qualifications authorities) with regards to developing national qualifications frameworks -NQFs - and aligning them to the African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)



12 Monitoring the status of national and regional QF development as well as the development of credit systems and providing up-to-date and transparent information

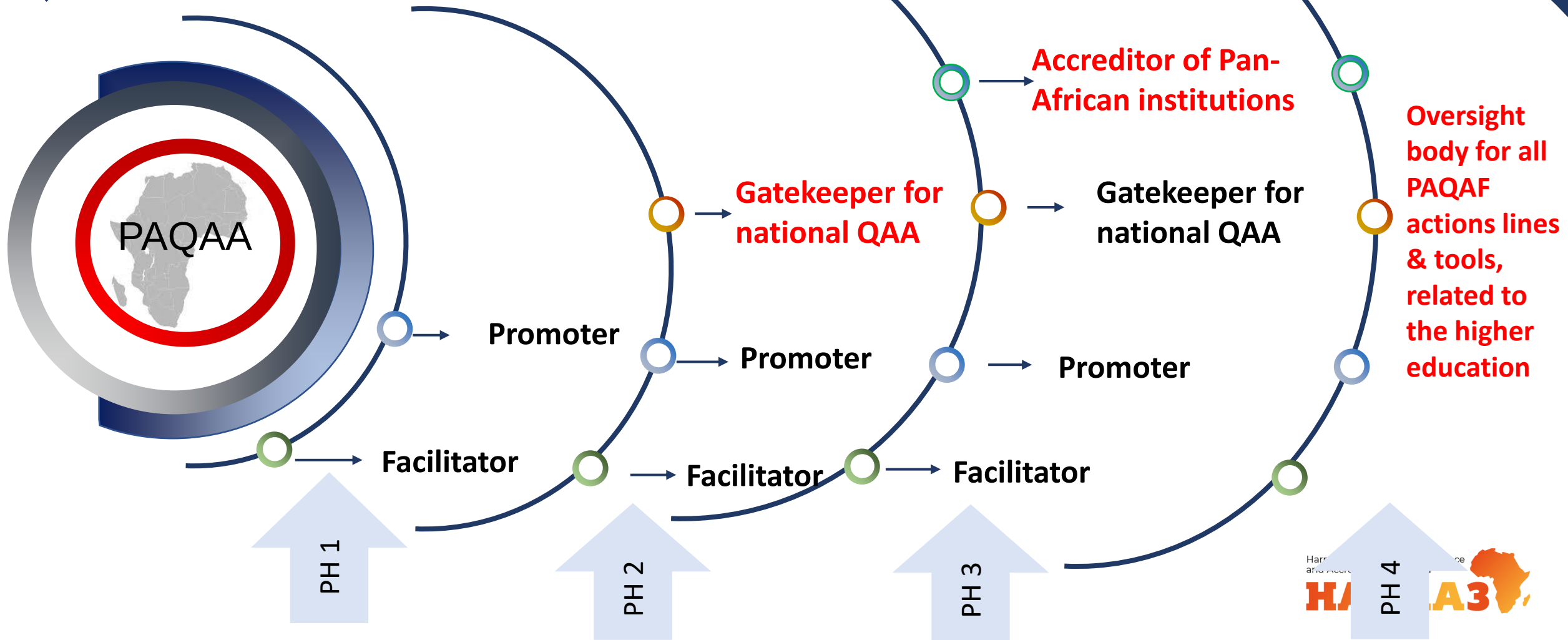


13 Capacity development and training for HEI

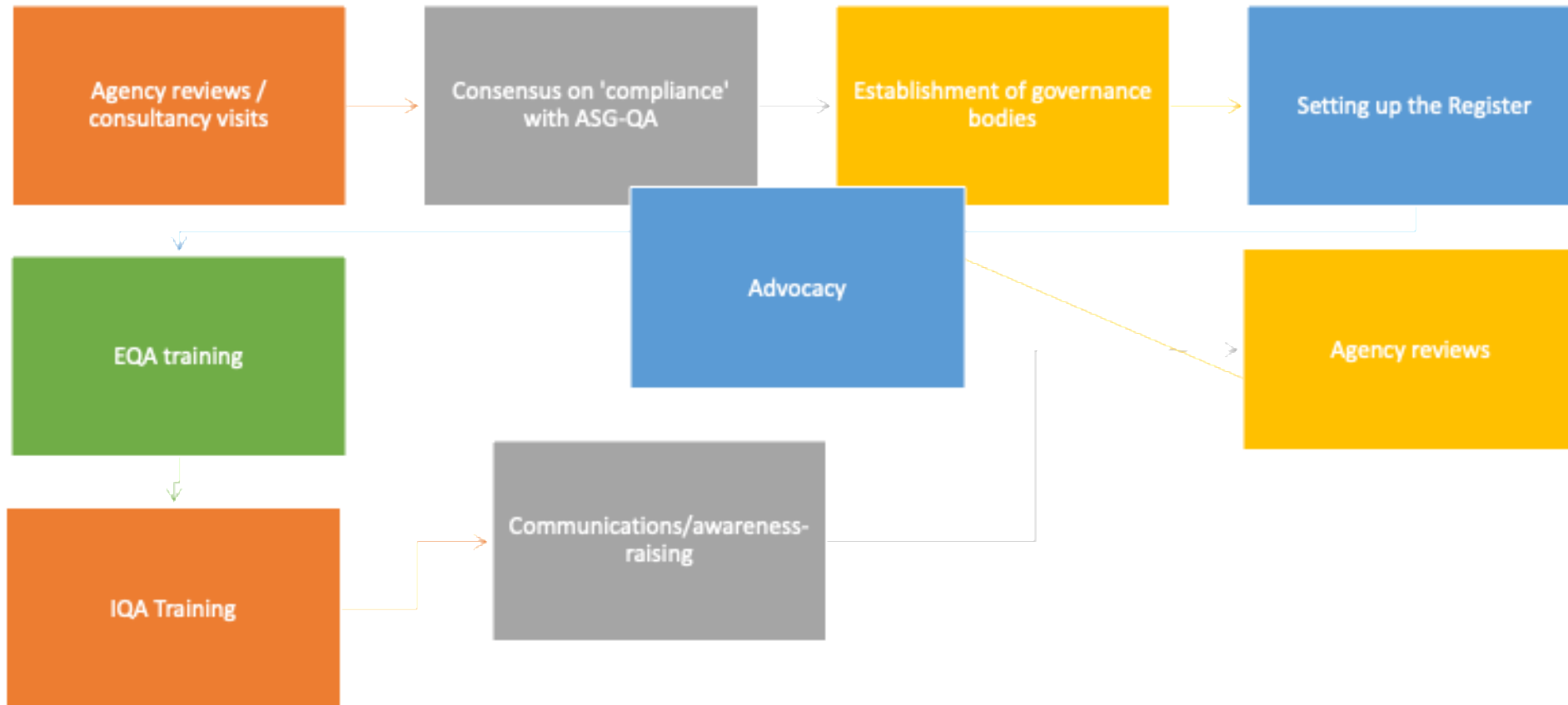
PAQAA under HAQAA3

- A PAQAA Technical Unit is capacitated as an interim body for the PAQAA Secretariat
- A PAQAA Website becomes a reference and promotion channel for the PAQAA developments
- PAQAA governance structure is agreed, including the role of QA agencies, bodies and major stakeholder organisations
- First means of the interim governance bodies held
- PAQAA Statutes produced and consulted
- A proposal for judging compliance with the ASG-QA is produced
- Steps towards establishing a Registrar of QA agencies are taken
- Annual country updates on national QA systems published

Structure of the Phases



Immediate functions, supported by HAQAA3



Priorities and functions: 3-year outlook

PHASE	General role	The role of PAQAA in relation to agency reviews and the role of assessments in relation to PAQAA
1	FACILITATOR + PROMOTER	Organization of agency reviews against the ASG-QA and centralization of information resources
2	+ GUARANTOR	+ capacity building for QAA + Register of national agencies
3	+ ACCREDITING BODY	+ voluntary program of institutional reviews (IQA)
4	+ OVERSIGHT FOR PAQAF	

PAQAA Regional Consultations

- 4 regional focus groups targeting all African regions
 - Yaoundé (May 2024, Francophone West/Central)
 - Juba (19 July 2024, Juba/IUCEA annual conference)
 - Mauritius (6 August 2024, SADC/ CHE supported)
 - Cairo (4 Nov. 2025, North and Francophone West Africa/ hosted within NAQAAE annual conference)
- Set up PAQAA Technical Unit hosted by AAU and supported by ENQA

PAQAA – next steps



Final reports and recommendations for stakeholders validation:
validation meeting



Towards an interim governance
structure (general assembly):

Call for interest/adherence + sensitization
PAQAA 'advisors' appointed and statutes
drafted**



*A pathway for sustaining many actions financed by HAQAA**

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