Introducing the policy context of the ASG-QA (CESA and PAQAF)

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Why CESA and PAQAF?

- Agenda 2063, "The Africa we want":
  - "Peaceful and prosperous Africa, integrated, led by its own citizens and occupying the place it deserves in the global community and in the knowledge economy."

- Education is the gateway for the continent to achieve sustainable development.
  - ✓ Agenda 2063 calls for strengthening of quality of HE in Africa to "make it **locally relevant** and **globally competitive**".

- An integrated Africa ⇔ intra-African mobility and skills portability.
  - ✓ **Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA)** – "harmonised education and training systems are essential for realisation of intra-Africa mobility and academic integration through regional integration and cooperation".

✓ **Pan-African Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (PAQAF)** ⇒ Making QA systems from different countries and regions comparable, so they can work together easily.

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What is CESA 2016-2025? (1/2)

- CESA aims to "reorienting Africa's education and training systems to meet the knowledge, competencies, skills, innovation and creativity required to nurture African core values and promote sustainable development at the national, sub-regional and continental levels".

- We can say that is an African continental implementation framework for the SDG 4 (Agenda 2032): ensuring inclusive and quality education for all.

- CESA has 12 strategical objectives, that can be summarised in 7 main goals of CESA 2016-2025:

  1. **Equity and Inclusion:** Ensuring equitable access to quality education for all, regardless of gender, socio-economic status, or disability.
  2. **Quality and Relevance:** Enhancing the quality and relevance of education and training to meet the needs of learners and society.

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3. **Lifelong Learning:** Promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all Africans, from early childhood to adulthood.

4. **Skills Development**: Fostering skills development to address unemployment and enhance employability.

5. **Science, Technology, and Innovation**: Strengthening science, technology, and innovation in education and research.

6. **Teacher Professionalization**: Improving teacher training and professional development.

7. **Partnerships**: Encouraging collaboration among governments, institutions, and stakeholders.

CESA aims to transform education: It capitalizes the efforts of different stakeholders and actors to mobilize resources at national, regional and continental levels for education, science and technology.

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What is PAQAF? (1/2)

Quality assurance concerns a huge variety of criteria.

- Individuals, institutions, countries and regions can put different emphasis on different criteria.
- Depending on the chosen criteria and how there are weigh, probably we my come to different results.
- **PAQAF is the framework for quality assurance (QA) harmonization in Africa.**
- **Is the cornerstone of the CESA.**

What is PAQAF? (2/2)