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**Pretoria, 5 September 2025** — The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has launched the **Revision of the SADC Qualifications Framework (SADCQF)** during a workshop held in Pretoria from 3–5 September 2025.

First adopted in 2011 and implemented since 2017, the SADCQF has supported regional integration in education and training by enhancing transparency and comparability of qualifications. Member States are now revising the framework to strengthen its relevance in light of new global trends.

At the Pretoria workshop, national qualifications authorities, policy-makers, and experts validated the 2023–2026 roadmap and agreed on priorities for the revised framework. These include embedding **innovation, digitalisation, and skills intelligence**, while improving recognition of qualifications, micro-credentials, and alignment with regional and global frameworks such as the **African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)** and the **European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**.

SAQA CEO **Nadia Starr** noted: *“This convening reaffirmed the commitment of SADC countries to building a future-ready regional qualifications framework that reflects the strength, vision, and potential of our region and continent.”*

The revised framework will be finalised by the end of 2025 with a new Policy Document and User Guidelines.

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