

Newsletter

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From Executive Director

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Ann Doolette Executive Director AQF Council

Council News

The AQF Council held its second meeting in Adelaide on October 22. The focus of the meeting was consideration of how the Council will proceed with its work to strategically strengthen the AQF. A project plan is under development – details about this will be in our Newsletter during 2009.

The Council finalised its Strategic Plan 2008-2011. This will be available on the AQF website shortly. The Strategic Plan includes the Council's vision statement.

The Council's vision is to:

- ❖ ensure a contemporary and relevant AQF that supports the nation's strategic interests for a highly skilled workforce and well qualified citizens through the attainment of highly regarded qualifications
- ❖ promote Australia's reputation for high quality education and training outcomes through promoting the AQF as the fundamental underpinning quality assurance mechanism for Australia's education and training system
- ❖ build Australia's reputation for globally competitive qualifications underpinned by a leading international Qualifications Framework.

Karen Chalmers joined the Council in October as the new New Zealand observer. Karen is the Manager of Policy & International with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

AQF still a world leader

During October and November delegations from Tanzania and China visited the AQF Council Secretariat to learn from Australia's experiences in establishing and maintaining a national Qualifications Framework.

The Tanzanian Commission for Universities has been charged with

developing a national Qualifications Framework for Tanzania. A delegation of government officials visited the AQF Council to learn about the AQF and how it is applied across the three education sectors in Australia, particularly in Higher Education. The delegation had the opportunity to visit several universities in South Australia and meet with Accrediting Authority staff.



L-R: Prof Mayunga H. H. Nkunya (TCU Executive Secretary), Di Booker (AQF), Prof Yunus D. Mgaya, Ms Rose Kiishweko, Prof Wilbard S. Abeli (Ministry of Education), Dr Christine Hongoke, Mr Abdallah A. Rajab

AQF Revision

The AQF Council at its October meeting accepted the advice of the National Quality Council to amend the AQF issuance policy for VET to include a statement about the achievement of employability skills on VET testamurs. The policy has been revised and takes effect from 1 January 2009.

Section 4. *Protocol Defining the Form of the Qualifications* has been revised to include the following additional requirement - where the qualification is from a Training Package, include the words, 'A summary of the employability skills developed through this qualification can be downloaded from <http://employabilityskills.training.com.au>' (AQF Implementation Handbook, page 75).

Section 5 *Suggested Form: Qualifications* has been revised to add this additional wording to the example (AQF Implementation Handbook, page 76).

Please amend copies of the Handbook held in your organisation. The AQF website will be updated to reflect these changes and addendums included in copies of the Handbook distributed in the future.

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