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# THE IDEA OF A QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

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#### Four Parts

- Paradigm Shift
- → Power Shift
- Redefining Boundaries
- Impact On QA



## **Paradigm Shift**

set notions competency Programme / learning / on-the-job curriculum training / life experience pathways structure modularisation sequencing **Recognition of Prior Learning** 



#### **Power Shift**

**From** providers users (stakeholders) education manpower / economic development / labour / social justice institutions governments teachers **learners** diffused centralised



# **Redefining Boundaries**

**Integrating streams** 

**Merging Stakeholder Interests** 

Local framework and local standards

Regional QF's?



### **Impact On QA**

- No more "HE" and no more "Academic"
- A mixed role for gate-keeper
  QA agencies gate-opener
  service provider (of a new kind)
- New governance
- New funding mode (and new dependency?)
- New customer focus and new skill sets
- New social dimension
- New tool for communication
- New leadership and new ways (??)



#### RECOMMENDED READING

"An Introductory Guide to National Qualifications Frameworks: Conceptual and Practical Issues for Policy Makers" by ILO

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed\_emp/@ifp\_s kills/documents/instructionalmaterial/wcms\_103623.pdf

"The implementation and impact of National Qualifications Frameworks: Report of a study in 16 countries" by ILO

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\_emp/--ifp\_skills/documents/meetingdocument/wcms\_126589.pdf

