

RECOGNITION OF STUDIES UNDER FRAME

On December 12, 2014, nineteen (19) African states (including one of the FRAME partner countries, Namibia) ratified the *Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States* (referred to as the Convention on the Recognition of Studies in African States or CRSAS). The CRSAS entered into force on December 5, 2019, with its enforcement signed by thirteen (13) African countries (including one of the FRAME partner countries, South Africa). The treaty binds the countries that have ratified and signed the enforcement of the CRSAS. This means that the treaty is binding on Namibia and South Africa.

In addition to the ratification and enforcement of the CRSAS, all the FRAME countries have national quality assurance and qualifications evaluation authorities that recognise FRAME programmes and certificates within their countries. The partners operate on the understanding that their qualification evaluation authorities recognise each degree awarded. Due to the non-harmonisation of credits across Africa, African countries recognise each other's degrees via their national qualification evaluation agencies. Each FRAME institution has a dedicated focal person to the project that is available for credit transfer and recognition purposes from their qualification evaluation authorities.

However, the challenge of harmonising credit arises in credit-seeking mobilities, where credit transfers occur. In this regard, the FRAME project uses bilateral agreements signed between institutions within the project for such credit-seeking mobilities.

For more information on the CRSAS, visit <https://en.unesco.org/about-us/legal-affairs/revised-convention-recognition-studies-certificates-diplomas-degrees-and>