

RESEARCH, OUTREACH AND POLICY AT THE KNQA

a) Rationale: -

Emanating from the mandate of the Directorate of TS, the department takes responsibility for the implementation of functions of research, outreach and policy. It researches on international best practices and emerging issues affecting implementation and innovations in qualifications framework.

b) Functions

The Department of Research Outreach and Policy is responsible for overseeing the following functions:

- i. Advising management on policies and strategies relating to research outreach and policy;
- ii. Carrying out research to promote Qualifications Frameworks and discern trends, merging issues and global best practices in Qualification Frameworks;
- iii. Formulating of research and innovation strategies for promotion of Qualification Frameworks in Kenya;
- iv. Developing policies, strategies and tools for carrying out research and innovation regarding QFs in the country;
- v. Advising management on effective collaborations and partnerships with relevant bodies;
- vi. Managing the Research, policy and outreach functions of KNQA;
- vii. Carrying out research on emerging trends in the management of QFs;
- viii. Managing the Annual planning functions of the Department; and monitoring their implementation and reporting;
- ix. Maintaining healthy relationships with bodies involved in educational research and specifically QFs to promote synergy and efficiency;
- x. Coordinating with research Institutions on matters of research and translating the findings into actionable programmes at KNQA;
- xi. Publishing reports, papers, books and other materials on the KNQF;
- xii. Designing, managing and coordinating the QF research fund for Kenya;
- xiii. Creating and maintaining international collaborations in support of the KNQF; and organizing annual meetings and conferences to discuss the same;
- xiv. Developing policies to support the implementation of the KNQF and preparing and submitting policy advisories regarding QFs to the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders;