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Development and Implementation of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) in Algerian Higher Education

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Day 1 – *NQF Foundations & Algerian Context*

09:00 – 09:30*	Welcome and Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Kahina Amal Djiar, Director of EPAU</i> <i>Rachid Hamdi, Director of Cooperation, Ministry of HE and Scientific Research</i> <i>EU Delegation Representative</i> <i>Mohamed Boudour, National Erasmus+ Office Coordinator, Algeria</i>
09:30 – 10:30	Programme of the day and Keynote presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme of the day by <i>NEO Algeria</i> (5 mins) Keynote presentation: The Role of NQF in Modernizing Higher Education, by <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert</i> (40 mins) Questions & Answers (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Moderator: Samira Chader, HERE, MESRS</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Break

10:45 – 11:40	Session 1: National Qualification Framework (NQF) and strategic issues for Algeria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current situation of the NQF Strategy in Algeria Higher Education, by <i>Djamel Boukezzata, Director of Studies, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research</i> (20 mins)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonization of qualifications and implementation of skills repositories, by <i>Abdelkrim Herzallah, National Expert, University of M'sila (20 mins)</i> • Questions and Answers (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moderator: Kahina Amal Djar, HERE, Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urbanism</i>
11:40– 13:00	Session 2: NQF Design & Structure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional case studies: Presentation of NQF in MENA region , by <i>Dr. Pierre Gedeon, Country Manager, Lebanon (20 mins)</i> • International best practices (EQF), by <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert (40 mins)</i> • Questions and Answers (20 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moderator: Hadjira Benoudnine, HERE, University of Mostaganem</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Break

14:00 – 15:25	Session 3: Socio-economic Sector and Academic Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education sector NQF issues, by <i>Education Ministry representative (15 mins)</i> ○ VET sector NQF issues, by <i>VET Ministry representative (15 mins)</i> ○ Socio-economic Needs & Curriculum Alignment, by <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert (40 mins)</i> ○ Questions and Answers (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moderator: Athmane Bouzidi, HERE, University of Béjaia</i>
15:25 – 16:00	Round table
	<p>Identification of Challenges and Solutions for NQF Deployment, Improving Competency Standards and Harmonization with International Standards.</p> <p><i>Chairman: Pr. Mahmoud Debabeche, HERE, University of Biskra</i></p>
16:00– 16:30	Wrap-up Session of Day 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert</i> ○ <i>Mohamed Boudour, NEO Algeria</i>

Day 2 – *Implementing NQF in Algeria*

09:00 –09:15	Opening sessions Day2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Conclusions of Day1 and Launch of the second day of the seminar<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert</i>○ <i>Mohamed Boudour, NEO Algeria</i>
09:15 –10:15	Programme of the day and Keynote presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Programme of the day by <i>NEO (5 mins)</i>• Keynote presentation: Curriculum Reform for NQF Compatibility, by <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert (40 mins)</i>• Questions and Answers (15 mins)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Moderator: Mourad Korichi, HERE, University of Ouargla</i>
10:15 –11:00	Session 4: NQF implementation evaluation and impact
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NQF implementation evaluation and impact, by <i>Sjur Bergan, EU Expert (30 mins)</i>• Questions and Answers (15 mins)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Moderator: Latifa Negadi, HERE, University of Tlemcen</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 –12:30	Session 5: Stakeholder Engagement & Policy Recommendations- Panel Discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafting of Roadmap for the NQF implementation in Algeria Higher Education System Action Plan & Next Steps<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Moderator: Mohamed Boudour, NEO, Algeria</i>
12:30-13:00	Recommendations and Closing