

Towards a National Qualifications Framework for Jordan
NQF-J
Princess Sumaya University for Technology
Amman, Jordan
Higher Education Levels in Qualification Framework
Minutes of Meeting
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A meeting was held at Princess Sumaya University for Technology on 12 January 2017 by the Jordanian partnership of NQF-J the following participants:

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- Mohammad Mismar, PSUT
- Ziad Al-Saad, YU
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Objective of the Meeting

- The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the recommendations of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research during the meeting in the ministry on 2nd and 9th of January 2017 with NQF-J consortium.
- The major recommendation was to include diploma programmes awarded by community colleges in Jordan and existing and new technical programmes in Jordan in the levels of National Qualification Framework that NQF-J proposes and designs in this project.
- The issue that has been discussed thoroughly in this meeting is the number of levels of higher education in Jordan when diplomas and technical programmes included in the qualification framework. In other words, shall we consider the technical programmes as separate level or as a track in the already-proposed level at early stages of the project.

Recommendations of the Meeting

The group in the meeting agreed on the following:

- The levels of higher education in the proposed national qualification framework are four. They are
 - HE Level 1: Diploma
 - HE Level 2: Bachelor
 - HE Level 3: Master
 - HE Level 4: Doctorate
- Each level has a number of tracks depending on the type of degrees in that level.
- The HE Level 1 for diplomas has three tracks; vocational, technical and academic, with the vocational diploma being a terminating degree.
- The HE Level 2 for Bachelor has two tracks; technical and academic.
- The HE Level 3 for Master has two tracks; technical and academic, with technical mater being a terminating degree.

- The HE Level 4 for Doctorate has one track; academic.
- The idea of designing a HE level with several tracks (technical and academic) aims at supporting the trend towards the technical education at all levels considering the following:
 - The vision for higher education in Jordan that aims at implementing the technical education and makes it as a national strategy.
 - The economic and social factors such that the technical programmes have the same distinction as academic programmes.
 - The issue of recognition by the professional bodies in Jordan and abroad (such as the Jordan Engineering Association).
- The level descriptors will be the same even there is more than one track in that level. However, the discipline level would have a flexibility to adopt the type of programme (vocational, technical or academic).
- The following table and chart summarize the main conclusion of the meeting.

Higher Education Levels				
	HE Level 1	HE Level 2	HE Level 3	HE Level 4
	Diploma	Bachelor	Master	Doctorate
Vocational	X			
Technical	X	X	X	
Academic	X	X	X	X

