

Status of Mutual Recognition in Africa

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SUMMARY

This paper reviews mutual recognition opportunities and needs in Africa, with comparison to the challenges and progress experienced in the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) region following on from the ASEAN Framework Arrangement for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualifications.

Recent work and expert opinion confirms that a long term vision for mobility of experts and establishment of mutual recognition between one or more regulatory authorities requires appropriate education, professional competencies and institutions. The extent to which these have been established across African nations are reviewed in this paper. Furthermore, the drivers for demand for surveyors are reviewed, as well as the context of surveyors working beyond their nation's boundaries. This paper concludes with recommendations for steps to be made towards mutual recognition, with particular reference to information sharing and ensuring a sustainable profession, for review by African surveyors, surveying professional associations and boards.