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## **LICENSING OF SCHOOL LEADERS BY AFTRA TO COMMENCE SOON**

The Executive Board of AFTRA during its meeting in Lusaka, Zambia, September 12, 2023 approved a Licensing Programme for School Leaders (head teachers and principals) in Africa. The programme will be based on the African Union Continental Framework of Standards and Competences, and Teacher Qualification Framework as pertains to school leadership. This is a very critical step towards ensuring that the continental frameworks are implemented and given full effect. School leaders will, therefore, take an international licensing examination to be conducted by AFTRA. Those who are successful will be registered and licensed to practice across national boundaries in Africa.

The licensing programme will be voluntary: it will be up to the school leaders to seek continental or national license or both. AFTRA will be responsible for the international licensing while countries will continue to be in charge of their national licensing in accordance with their national qualification frameworks and teacher policies. However, only school leaders with the international license issued by AFTRA can automatically be recognised across the international boundaries in Africa.

The AFTRA licensing examination will run in line with international best practices as obtainable for other professions, for instance the international licensing of accountants by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which a global body for professional accountants in 179 countries (<https://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/about-us/work-for-us/what-acca-does.html>). AFTRA will execute the programme with its strategic partners - Education Division of the African Union, UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa, and Education International Africa Region. Details about the programme will be unfolded in due course.

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