PNG is not a state party to the 1983 Regional Convention nor has ratified the 2011 Revised Regional Convention.

But we realize its importance and should enter into this very soon. The Commission for Higher Education is the state authority in charge of all higher education qualifications in the country.

The Commission was established by the Higher Education Act 1983 serviced by the Office of Higher Education as Secretariat.
The average number of international students per year is around 280 within the past 5-10 years.

The Commission recognizes other education system in the region. Selection of students for undergraduate programs in especially universities are through its annual selection process.

There are selection criteria for intending students to comply with both domestic and international.
Each universities is responsible for selection and enrollment of overseas post graduate students. Intending students liaise directly with universities.

Each universities has its own selection criteria for its intending students.
There are professional bodies that recognize specific professions including:

1. PNG Nursing Council
2. Institute of Engineers PNG
3. PNG Law Society
4. PNG Teachers Services Commission
5. PNG Medical Board
6. National Apprentice Trade and Testing Board (for skills based training)

The National Training Council is the body in charge of regulating private skilled based providers.

The CHE oversees higher education based programs.
To date, PNG has not established a national information centre. Academic recognition is done by the Commission for Higher Education, the national academic accrediting agency.

PNG would be happy to join recognition-related regional information centre including the UNESCO higher education portal and APARNET.
Through the Ministry for Higher Education, Research Science and Technology, the Commission has developed the PNG National Qualification Framework and formally approved by the National Executive Council in 2012.

The framework ensures alignment of all qualifications and starting from secondary education to Ph.D.

The framework is currently reviewed for consistency with the regional framework, the Pacific Qualifications Framework.
The Commission and the PNG Office of Higher Education through the Ministry needs to be better educated on 2011 Revised Convention by UNESCO.

PNG will be willing to be involved in discussion for closer collaboration and participation at the regional level.
THANK YOU!!!