Namibia`s National Standards for Adult Educators

The Process of developing the National Standards

for Adult Educators

- Bids went out in February 2010
- Contract signed April
- Inception report accepted May
- Data gathering from all interested parties and analysis in a Matrix by August
- Draft Standards Presented to Reference Group September
- National Consultation October
- It has taken much longer than expected, but this was necessary to do justice to the task.

Methods used in standard-setting

- Desktop study was required as part of the inception report.
- The standards examined were from Estonia, the State of Maryland in the USA, New Zealand, Switzerland and South Africa.
- > Others could not be found as Namibia is in the advance guard.
- Common areas of competence identified as follows

Common areas of competency

- Plan and design adult learning
- Manage, guide and deliver or facilitate adult learning
- Create and maintain an environment conducive of adult and lifelong learning
- Assess adult learning and use the results of assessment
- Practice personal and professional development in adult learning

Main features

- Competencies
- Organizing domain
- NQF alignment
- Key performance context

Matrix/Synthesis

- Knowledge as an adult educator
- Practice as an adult educator
- Relationships as an adult educator
- Ethics and professionalism as an adult educator

In drafting the standards it was largely possible to keep to this construct

Results

36 significant competencies (abilities),grouped under

- 1. Knowledge as an adult educator
- 2. Practice as an adult educator
 - Literacy and numeracy
 - Design and implementation
 - Administration and management
 - Assessment and Evaluation
- 3. Relationships as an adult educator
- 4. Ethics and professionalism as an adult educator

Thank you