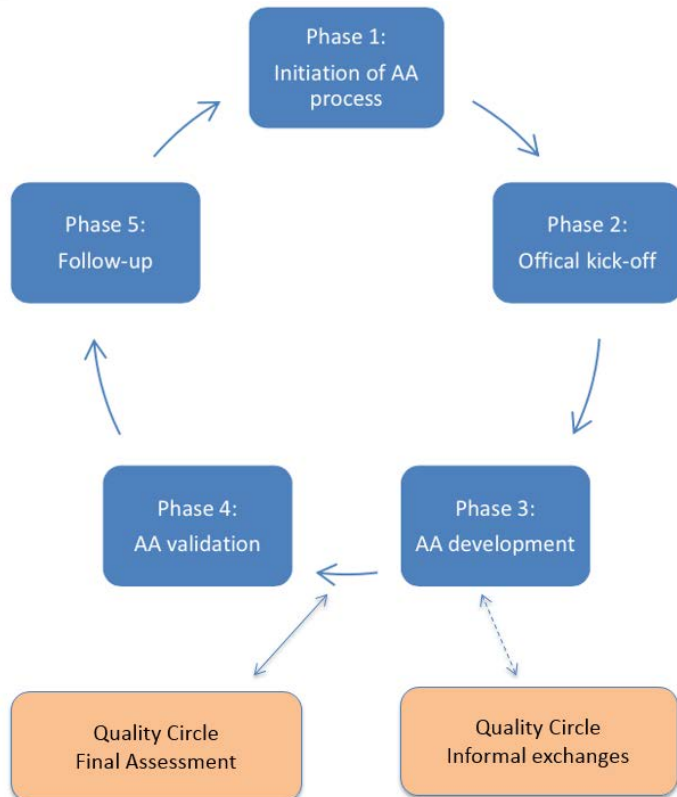# Quality Circle for SE4ALL AAs and IPs

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Quality circle of AA/ IP – Role and modality

As quality control of AA/IPs is critical for the credibility of SE4ALL, the Abidjan stakeholder workshop concluded that a light support mechanism should be established: an independent Quality Circle (QC).

The QC is not conceived as an ex-post evaluation but as guidance and support for countries. The QC process should be an integral part of the AA/IP development process and an opportunity to improve the quality in the development process.

The QC will:
- ➢ Assess the AA/IPs process and contents against a set of criteria
- ➢ Provide guidance and recommendations on how to improve their quality
- ➢ Assess the quality of the final outputs prior to validation

Composition of the QC:
- ➢ The GFT
- ➢ Relevant Regional Hub
- ➢ Thematic Hubs and select HIO leads
- ➢ Independent experts

Quality circle of AA/IP – Criteria for AA

Quality criteria are based on the principles contained in the CARD and the Action Agenda template. They cover (1) development process, (2) content and (3) ownership.

(1) Development Process
- Builds on existing plans/programs/strategies
- Developed in an inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral approach
- Inclusive, involving private sector, civil society, development partners, SE4ALL Hubs and HIOs
- Balanced and integrated approach
- Transparent, accountable, and took into account gender aspects

(2) Content
- Target setting is appropriate vis-à-vis SE4ALL objectives
- The priority actions/activities are adequate to achieve the set targets
- Explains the coordination and follow-up structures within the country

(3) Ownership
- Degree of national ownership (high-level political buy-in, strong champion/sponsors, etc.)

Quality circle of AA/IP – Criteria for IP

Quality criteria are for IP are based on the principles contained in the CARD. They cover the (1) development process and ownership and (2) content

(1) Development process and ownership: same as AA

(2) Content
- Definition of the target audience
- Strong investment thesis
- Outline of the general country investment context
- Clear presentation of financing needs/gaps
- Compelling outline of investment opportunities
- Identification of risks and risk mitigation strategies (program/sector level)
- Adequate number of projects
- Link to the Action Agenda and overall coherence with SE4ALL targets

Thank you!

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