

## What does it mean to participate in an ATAG?

For every MAPS assessment an assessment technical advisory group (ATAG) is assembled. Members are institutions coming from a pool of international development partners who offer their expertise voluntarily. Each institution in an ATAG appoints its reviewer(s).

The ATAG participates in the quality assurance process of MAPS assessments together with the MAPS Secretariat by reviewing the deliverables (concept note and assessment reports).

## How does the MAPS quality assurance work?

The MAPS Secretariat comments and sends files to the ATAG for review. It then complies comments from individual members.

Once all comments are addressed, the Secretariat asks for the ATAG's non-objection.



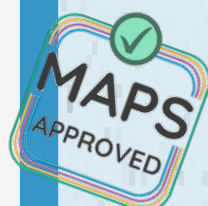
### Concept note

Non-objection from all ATAG members is necessary to approve the concept note and start the assessment.



### Assessment report

Non-objection from all ATAG members is necessary to grant the MAPS Seal of Approval and publish the assessment report.



## What is the timeline of the quality assurance process?



- For concept notes, ATAG has 8 business days for its first review and 4 business days for subsequent reviews (including a final one to grant non-objection).
- For assessment report, ATAG has 15 business days for its first review and 8 business days for subsequent reviews (including a final one to grant non-objection).

## What should you be looking at in your review?

- Is the content clear, complete and concise?
- Do the analyses, conclusions, and recommendations fit your knowledge of the country?
- Are the analyses, conclusions, and recommendations properly substantiated?
- Do the analyses, conclusions, and recommendations reflect current best practices?
- Do recommendations appropriately address the gaps identified?