

A generic National Quality Assurance Framework (g-NQAF)

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Quality

- Fitness for use/purpose
- ISO 9000: the degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements
- Multidimensional-- dimensions are overlapping and inter-related
 - Timeliness, relevance, accuracy, transparency, accessibility, ...

A proper framework

- By a national agency for a national agency
- Fit to the NSS's stage of development
- Supported by the resources
- Fit to the institutional environment

Objective of g-NQAF Template

*A template for a National Quality Assurance Framework, with accompanying guidelines, to assist countries that may wish to **formulate** and **operationalize** national quality frameworks or enhance existing ones*

Guiding Principles of the g-NQAF

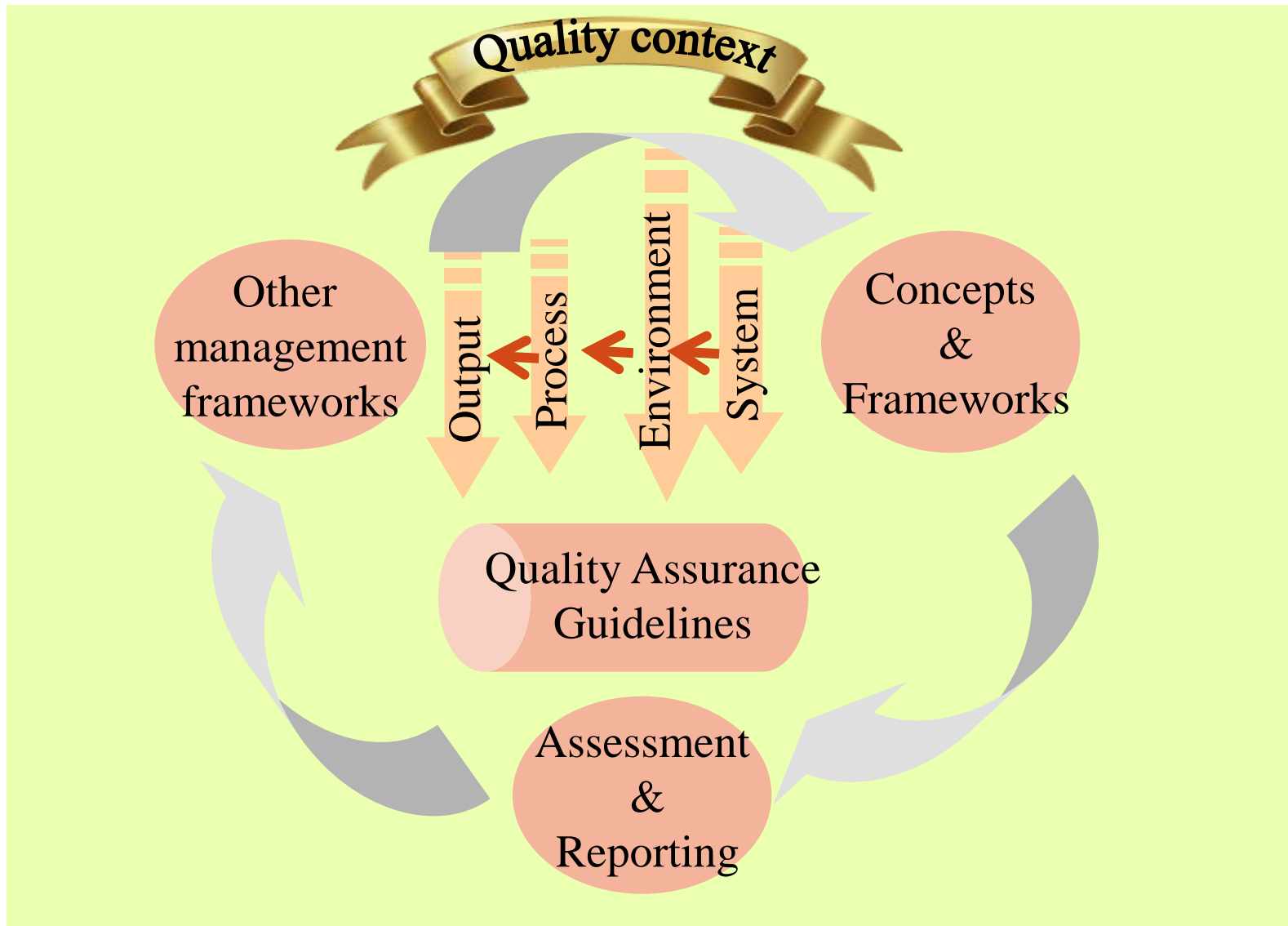
- Align with existing frameworks (not re-creating the wheel)
- Sufficiently flexible, not one-size-fits-all
- Voluntary, not prescriptive
- Provide general structure
- Points to the target and guides
- Modifiable

Template for g-NQAF



- Country circumstances
- Priorities
- Benefits and challenges
- Organization of the work
- Sustained support/commitment
- Quality culture
- Integration

Template for g-NQAF



3. Quality assurance guidelines

3a. Managing the statistical system

[NQAF 1] Coordinating the national statistical system

[NQAF 2] Managing relationships with data users and data providers

[NQAF 3] Managing statistical standards

3b. Managing the institutional environment

[NQAF 4] Assuring professional independence

[NQAF 5] Assuring impartiality and objectivity

[NQAF 6] Assuring transparency

[NQAF 7] Assuring statistical confidentiality and security

[NQAF 8] Assuring the quality commitment

[NQAF 9] Assuring adequacy of resources

3c. Managing statistical processes

[NQAF 10] Assuring methodological soundness

[NQAF 11] Assuring cost-effectiveness

[NQAF 12] Assuring soundness of implementation

[NQAF 13] Managing the respondent burden

3d. Managing statistical outputs

[NQAF14] Assuring relevance

[NQAF15] Assuring accuracy and reliability

[NQAF16] Assuring timeliness and punctuality

[NQAF17] Assuring accessibility and clarity

[NQAF18] Assuring coherence and comparability

[NQAF19] Managing metadata

Under each line:

- Elements to be assured
- Supporting mechanisms
- References & good practices

19 NQAF Lines

Thank you!