

NITAG PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The SIVAC tool for evaluating NITAGs

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Rationale for NITAG Evaluation

- ✚ Evaluations improve organizational effectiveness
 - ✚ Show achievements
 - ✚ Formalize challenges
 - ✚ Orient process reviews
 - ✚ Identify improvement tracks
- ✚ NITAGs are organizations in national immunization decision-making systems
 - ✚ Evaluations will help improve their capacity to fulfill their mission

Evaluating NITAGs – Previous advances and lessons learned

What countries and partners have done and what they learned from it

Previous advances

- + 6 basic indicators to assess NITAGs
 - + Describes functioning
 - + Collected now through WHO/Unicef JRF (2010)
 - + Used to monitor GVAP Strategic Objective 1

- + 17 indicators to assess NITAG resources, processes, outputs and results
 - + Identifies achievements and bottlenecks in NITAG activities and effects

Lessons learned

- ✚ Regular functioning does not ensure effectiveness
 - ✚ Provide concise information for the global level
 - ✚ Need to push further and develop more comprehensive assessments
- ✚ Understanding national immunization decision-making processes is important for getting meaningful evaluations
- ✚ NITAGs may lack capacity to implement in-depth evaluations
 - ✚ Operational guidance could be needed

Current evaluation tool

Features under analysis for each dimension of performance

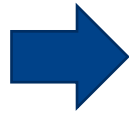
What does “NITAG performance” stand for?

- a) NITAG capacity to function regularly and issue recommendations in a timely manner
- b) NITAG capacity to use the best available evidence and produce relevant recommendations in a given national context
- c) NITAG capacity to influence immunization policy decisions

NITAG performance is a combination and balance of the three elements

NITAG performance in the evaluation tool

Performance
Dimensions



Evaluation questions

Functioning



- Do the NITAG's structure and operations foster the timely generation of recommendations?

Quality



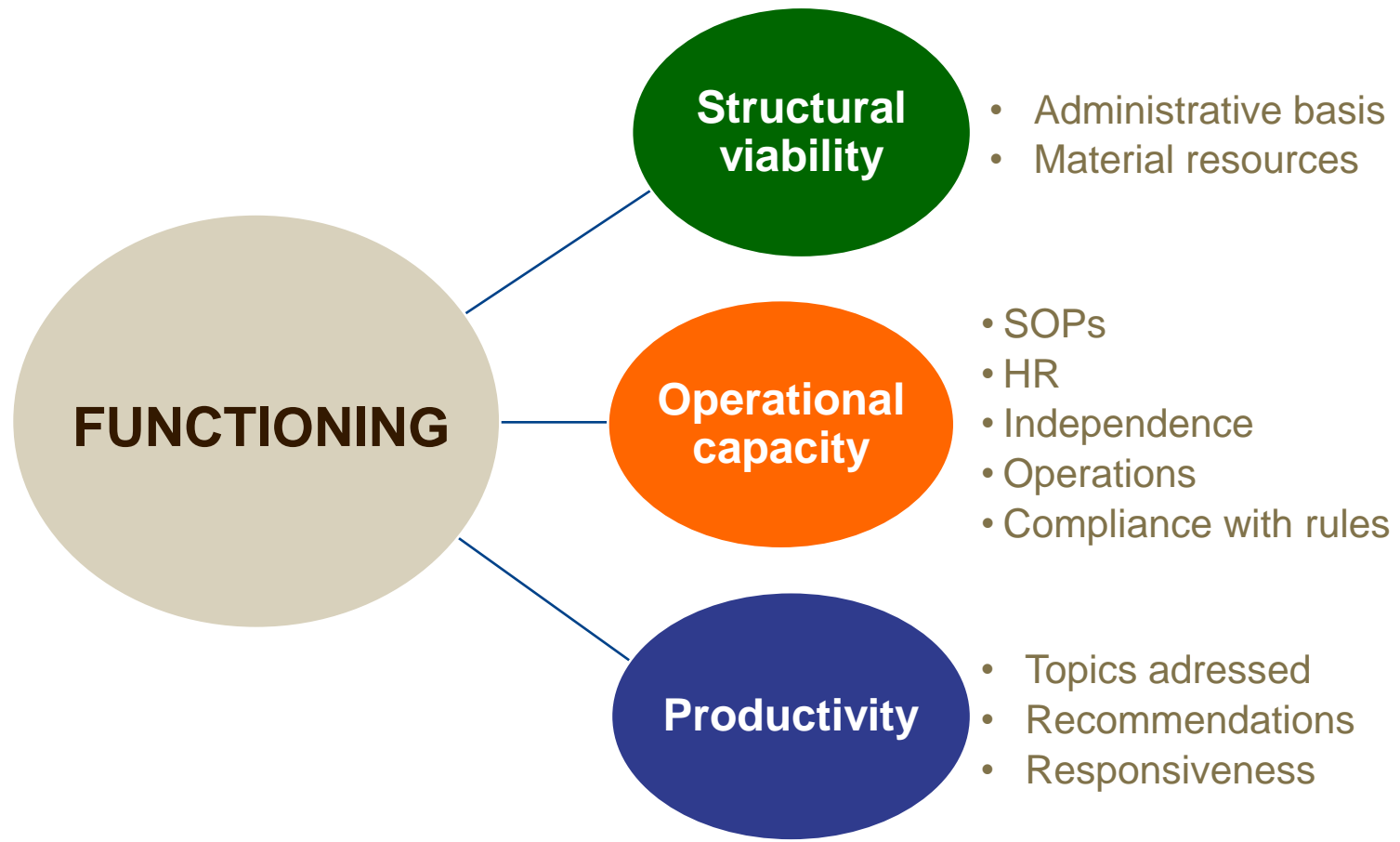
- Has the NITAG developed, formalized and implemented appropriate processes to ensure quality recommendations?

Integration

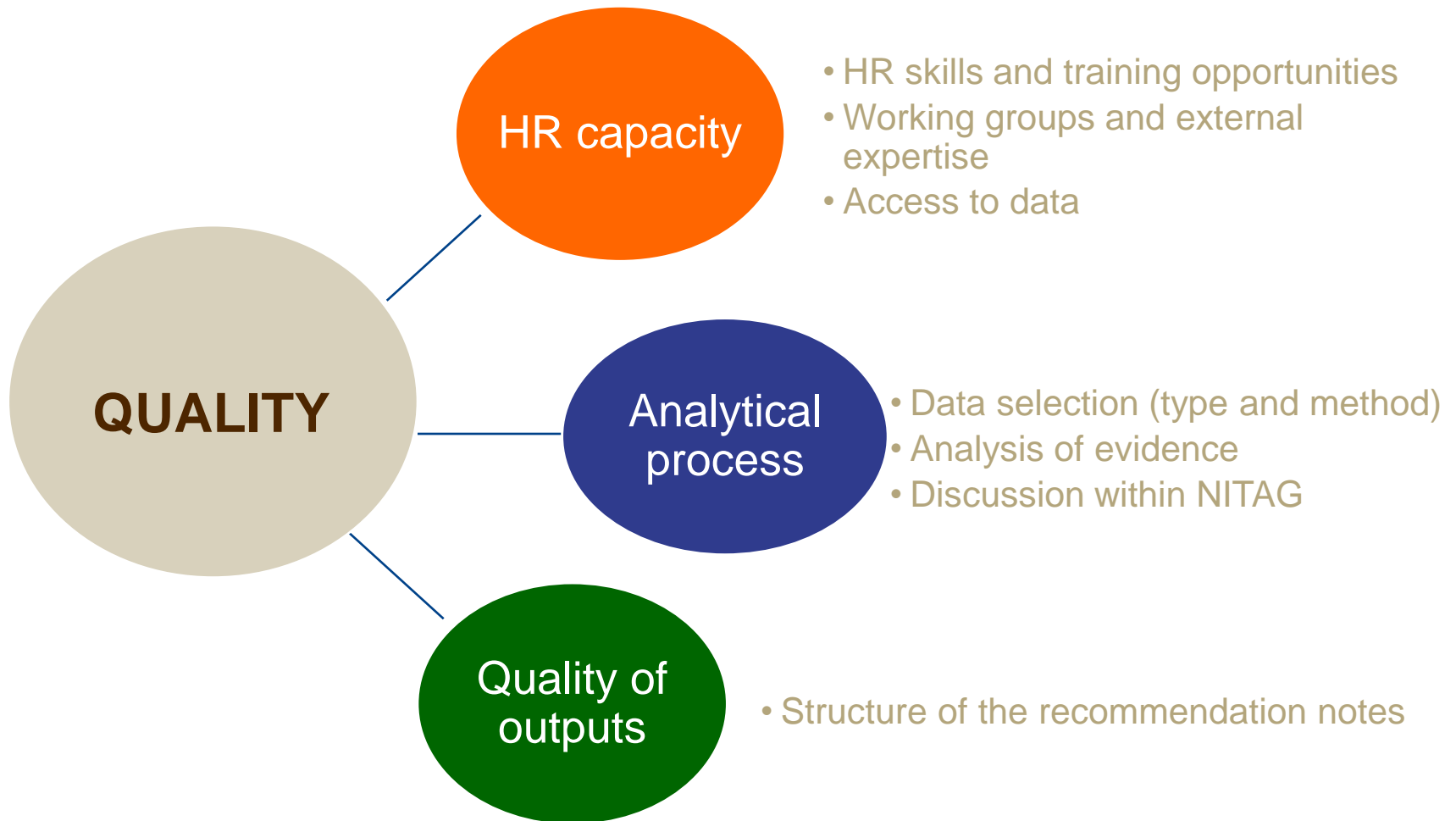


- Is the NITAG fully integrated into the decision-making system?

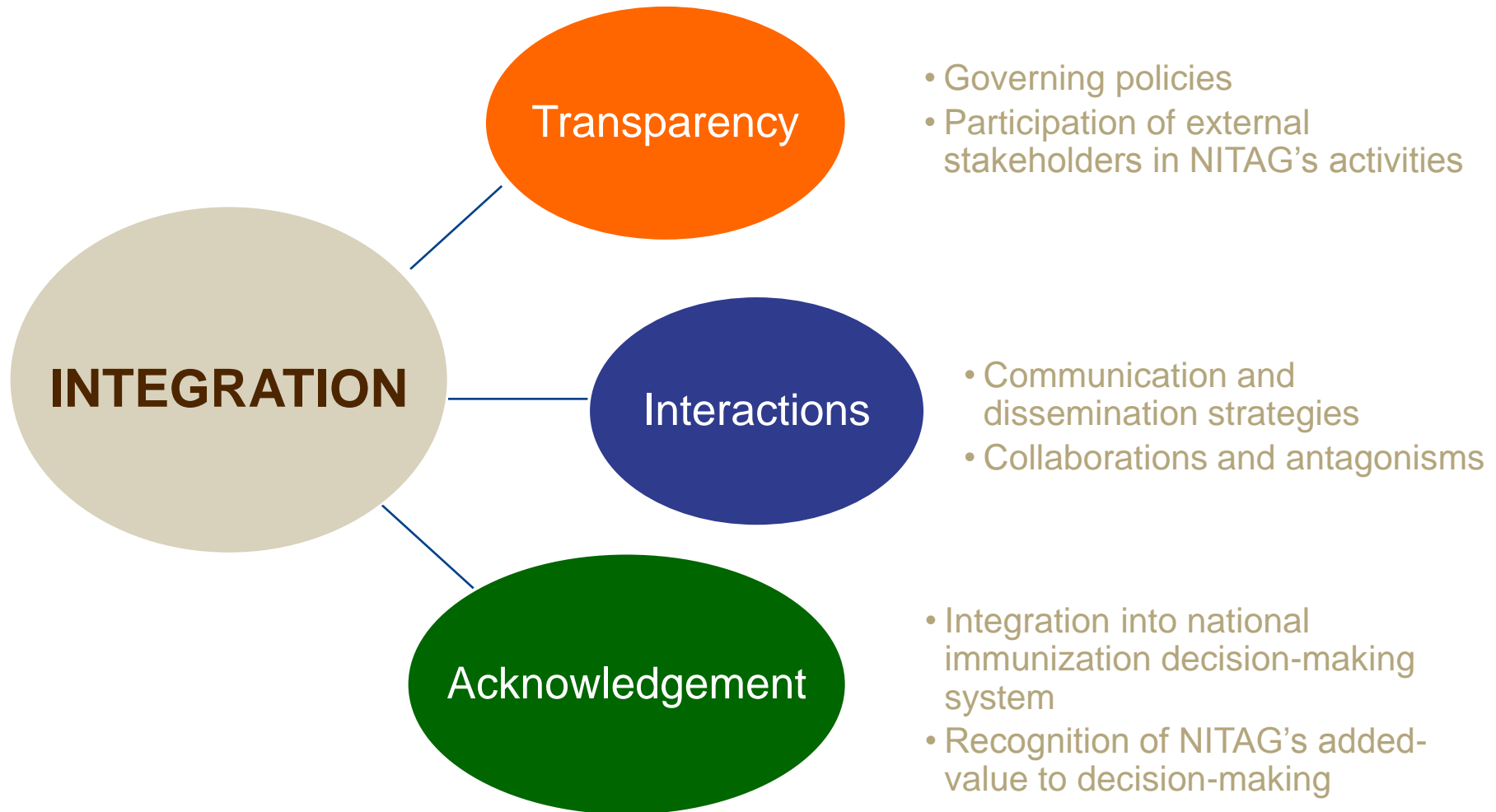
Dimension 1 : Functioning



Dimension : Quality



Dimension : Integration



Implementation of the evaluation

Preparation, Data sources, resources

Planning your NITAG evaluation

- + Get the evaluation tool
 - + Available in 4 languages on: <http://nitag-resource.org>
- + Define your specific objectives
 - + The evaluation tool is simply the initial framework
- + Get national stakeholders' buy-in
 - + MoH and NITAG shall agree upon the utilization of results
- + Identify the relevant resources

What are the evaluation tools and resources?

+ Resources made available by the NITAG

- + Allocation of specific resources (consultant or Secretariat staff) for:
 - Preparation of the evaluation mandate and operations
 - Data collection
 - Writing or revising the evaluation report

+ Resources made available by SIVAC and partners

- + Evaluation tool for data collection and template report (on the NRC)
- + Technical assistance (depending on SIVAC scope)

Two types of data collected

Formal (written) data

- + General information about the national immunization policy
- + Information on the NITAG
 - + Administrative documents
 - + WP, meeting agendas and reports
 - + Processes for making recommendations and for liaising with the MoH/other stakeholders
 - + Recommendations and background documents
 - + Communication strategies and sample media

Interviews of NITAG stakeholders

- + Perceptions and opinions on the NITAG and its achievements
 - + NITAG Secretariat (Chair, Executive Secretary, others)
 - + NITAG core members
 - + MoH immunization programs
 - + Others (adapt to context)
 - Professional associations
 - Academia
 - Patient associations

WHAT'S NEXT?

Thank You !

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