

Project Status at a glance:

Over 1,000 testers are currently involved in User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of Quantum. UAT is a critical phase in which the platform is validated to confirm it meets our outlined requirements. This testing cycle includes all seven partner agencies and over 8,000 scenarios identified by the business to complete UAT.

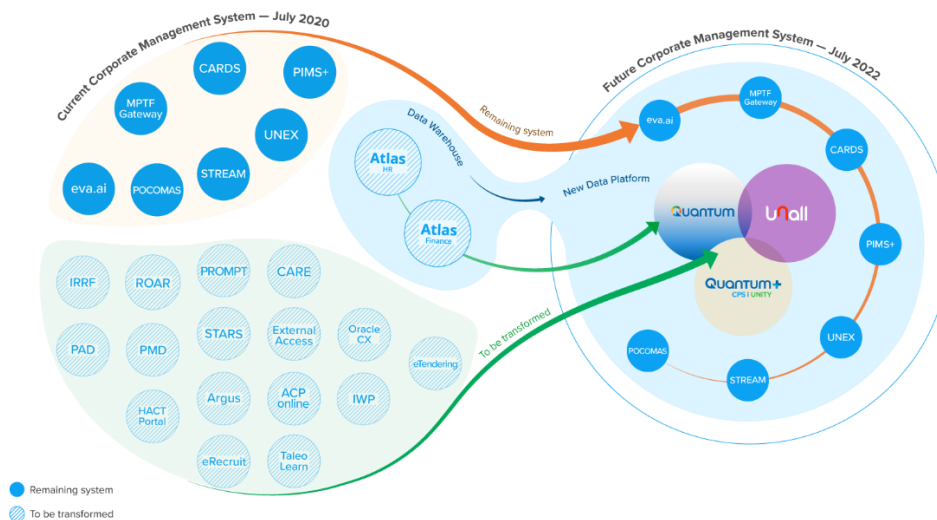
We are also happy to welcome back UNFPA to the Quantum Consortium! UNFPA colleagues have been busy working with the project to take part in the same UAT testing and prepare their team for July go-live alongside all partner agencies.

Additional highlights include:

- Two all staff Quantum briefing sessions were conducted in March with over 5,000 UNDP colleagues attending. Together with these sessions, 7,650 people from across UNDP and partner agencies have joined one of 22 introductory sessions hosted over the last few months.
- A draft training plan and curriculum has been developed, which is being finalized and will be shared soon. There have been many questions about training and the availability of a “playground” environment, we are planning to start training in late May through June, and we will have a training environment and “playground” available before the training starts.
- The Quantum+ Corporate Planning System module launched in February which supports the IWP process. It was followed in early March with additional functionality replacing the STARS system. In addition, the Quantum+ UNITY module that supports donor and pipeline management has been rolled out to 16 early adopter countries and Bureaus.
- Our Regional Bureaus have helped to identify 25 locations that will host deployment team members in addition to the regular support channels to ensure smooth rollout and Quantum adoption.

UNDP’s future platform ecosystem

Guided by UNDP’s IT Strategy 2020-2023, Quantum, Quantum+, UNall and our future data platform will represent the integrated core of our new cloud-based corporate management system. The below diagram helps visualize what our future ecosystem of platforms in UNDP will look like. It illustrates which of our existing systems will be transformed into our three main corporate platforms and those which will remain.

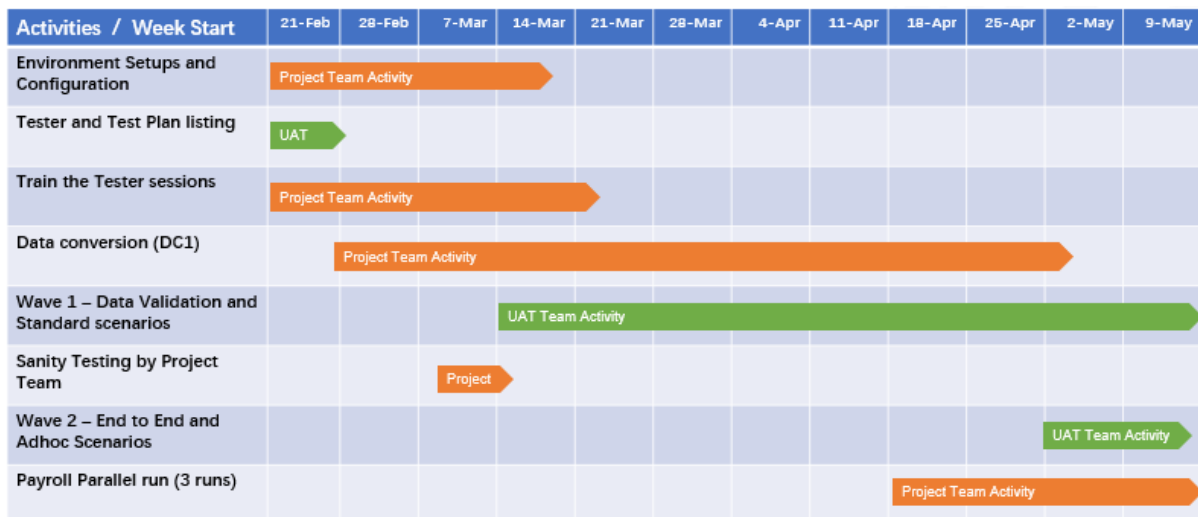


UAT plan and timeframe

User Acceptance Testing is a complex phase which requires coordination across many areas. Following the identification of UAT testers across business areas from UNDP and UN partner agencies, business owners have outlined the test scenarios that represent the testing required to assess the quality of the system in support of a deployment in July of this year. Key UAT activities include:

- UAT kick-off sessions were held late February to introduce testers to the UAT process.
- 47 train the tester sessions conducted and recorded across all areas to ready testers to perform testing.
- 81 Test coordinators have been nominated and engaged to guide the testing activities for their groups.
- Daily UAT status updates are being conducted to confirm progress and identify any challenges.
- From our local focal point network 180 colleagues have volunteered to join UAT testing for identified scenarios specific to country office operations.

Thank you to our testers and each office for this key contribution. Your efforts are critical in ensuring the platform is ready for deployment globally. We expect UAT to be finalized by early May 2022. Please see below a high-level overview of the UAT activities and timeframe:



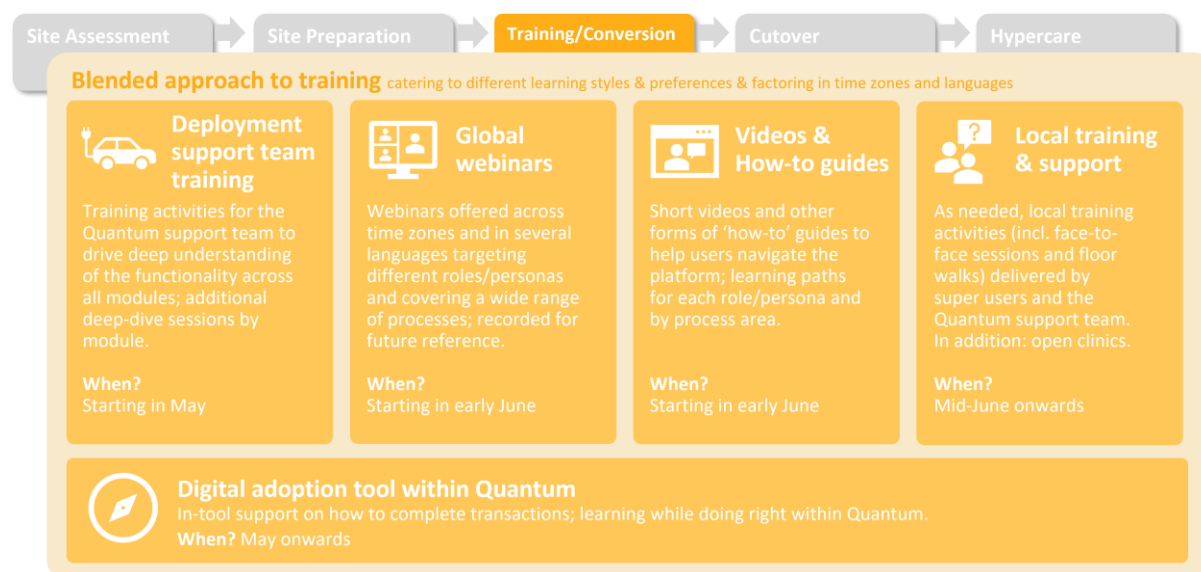
Deployment support model for Quantum

As part of our deployment support model, trained support staff will be deployed to 25 locations to provide first-line support to a group of identified UNDP offices. Support teams will be in place in each hub location below from mid-June to end-July 2022. More details on the support model will be communicated to Quantum change champions and local focal points in the upcoming meetings of both groups.

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| Afghanistan | Argentina | Barbados |
| Brazil | Congo DR | Denmark |
| Ecuador | Egypt | Ethiopia |
| Fiji | Guinea Bissau | Haiti |
| Jordan | Kazakhstan | Malaysia |
| Mali | Nigeria | Panama |
| Senegal | Nepal / India (TBC) | Thailand |
| Tunisia | Turkey | Uganda |
| United States | | |

Training approach

A detailed role and process-based training plan is under development and will be made available in April. Training will be delivered using a blended approach that is catering to different learning styles & preferences and will factor in time zones and language requirements, to the extent possible. Below is a summary of the training approach and overall timing of core activities:



Upcoming activities and milestones:

- Review site assessment from local focal points and partner agencies
- Stream-specific key messages finalized and shared – April 2022
- Quantum+ UNITY customer relationship management module launches for initial CO's and Bureaus in late March. Global roll-out of is expected to be completed in June 2022.
- Quantum vendor management module launches – April 2022
- eRecruit system retired and all future recruitments managed through Quantum – May 2022
- New Quantum learning management module launch – May 2022
- Quantum draft training plan finalized and shared with Board – April 2022

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