

Project Status

AT A GLANCE:

Along with the review and confirmation of user stories, the Quantum project team has worked to configure the platform and develop the confirmed integrations. With these now completed, the project focus has shifted from design to System Integration Testing (SIT). With the design and future use of the platform becoming clearer, we have ramped up change management and communication activities.

A few key highlights include:

- The Quantum change management approach has been endorsed by the Project Board
- Kick-off of the Interagency Communication Working Group and Quantum Change Champions Network
- UNDP Regional Executive Roadshows conducted for all regions
- Quantum Change Champions and Local Focal Points has been identified with the support of Regional Offices and Country Office. These networks play a key role in preparing offices for the transition to Quantum

Use of the already launched recruitment and sourcing modules in Quantum is also expanding, with 260 job postings added to the recruitment module since June 2021, 10 recruitments/offers completed and 15 bids initiated or closed in the sourcing module.

System Integration Testing (SIT) underway

The System Integration Testing (SIT) phase commenced on 29 October to test Quantum configurations and integrations across modules and components. SIT will help identify issues and allow the project team to refine the configuration and technical aspects to align the new solution with business requirements.

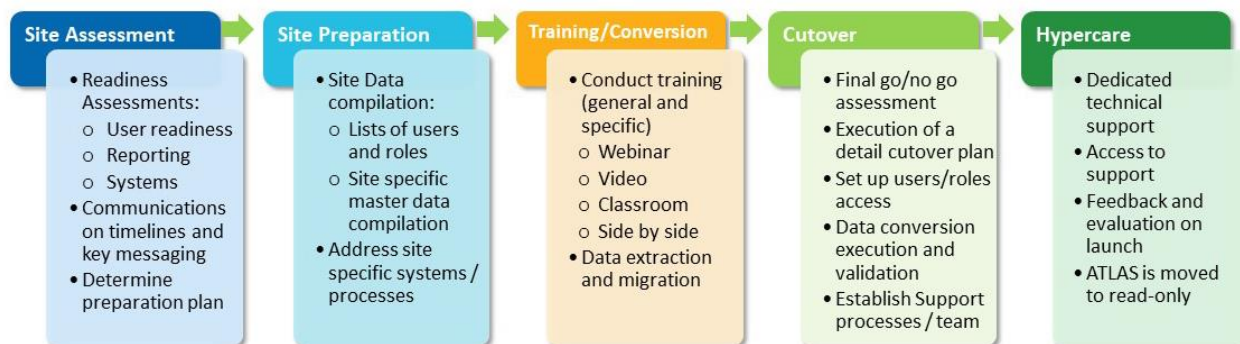
SIT test scenarios have been prepared in conjunction with the business streams, and the project team will lead the execution of SIT with the support of identified business focal points for each stream. SIT will be followed by refining and finalizing the system configuration based on testing results. SIT is expected to be completed by end of December 2021.

Selection and implementation of corporate planning system

Selection and contracting of a Corporate Planning platform has been confirmed. Using a pre-built solution called AMP/Impact based on Salesforce.com technology, the project team will be working with the vendor to configure the system to meet our Corporate Planning requirements. The current plan is being confirmed with tentative implementation in Q1 2022.

Quantum country readiness & deployment plan

As outlined in our last Project update, the decision to move to a “big-bang” deployment approach has been approved by the Project Board based on feedback from Business Process Owners (BPOs) about the challenges of operating Quantum and ATLAS in parallel. For UNDP offices, the following readiness and deployment approach will be adopted:



UN Consortium partners are working on finalizing individual deployment plans based on the above.

The UNDP CO assessment process has kicked-off, with ICT Manager briefing sessions being held over the coming weeks, accompanied by a questionnaire to identify systems used in COs that consume ATLAS information and reports/dashboards that are used to manage operations.

UNDP Regional Roadshows completed; additional roadshows planned

Quantum Regional Executive briefings have now been conducted in UNDP’s five Regional Bureaus with UNDP Regional Advisers, Resident Representatives, and Deputy Representatives. Over 700 participants attended the sessions, which provided an overview of the project, benefits, deployment approach and explained how COs would be engaged in the project. The sessions included live demonstrations of the platform’s key capabilities that are now available as [short videos](#). UNDP BPOs were also on hand to highlight [function-specific benefits](#), and together with the Project Team, answered a large number of questions, which will be consolidated and shared as a FAQ document. Please also see the Executive [Roadshow slide deck](#) for more details.

Spanish and French Roadshow sessions have been scheduled for mid-November 2021, while interagency and HQ Bureaus are planned from now to mid-December 2021. All Staff Quantum sharing sessions are earmarked for mid-January 2022.

Change Management Strategy approach approved

The Project Governance Committee held a dedicated session to review and discuss the draft Change Management Strategy for Quantum on 26 October 2021, and the overall approach was positively received and endorsed. The creation of a Quantum Change Champions Network (CCN) is one of the core building blocks of the Quantum Local Engagement and Adoption Plan (‘LEAP’) that is the centerpiece of the strategy. Three out of the five regions have nominated their change champions and local focal points.

Also, in October, the change management team facilitated a series of discussions to create a project-wide vision for what success for the project looks like and bring clarity on what the project delivers vs. what other major initiatives play a role as a backdrop for stakeholders.

Kick-off of Interagency Communications Working Group

An Interagency Communications Working Group (CWG) has been established to support the communication and change aspects of the project, and to ensure alignment between UNDP and our Quantum Consortium partners. A CWG kick-off session was held on 14 October, with representatives from UNDP, UNV, UN Women and UNCDF. A monthly meeting cadence was agreed and a dedicated collaboration site set-up to aid smooth communication and knowledge sharing.

Quantum branding now applied across channels

Following the name announcement by the UNDP Administrator, the Quantum name and branding have been applied, including on the Quantum platform (quantum.partneragencies.org), [external](#)

[website \(quantum.undp.org\)](http://quantum.undp.org) and project email (quantum@undp.org). While redirects have been put in place for now, we encourage you to use and share the updated links.

Upcoming activities and milestones:

- Change Management Strategy finalized (30 November 2021)
- Continue execution of System Integration Testing (November-December 2021)
- Country readiness assessments to commence (November 2021)
- Full Payroll run through Quantum planned for all employees (23 November)
- Conversion mapping completed conversion - All track but HCM (End-November) HCM mid-December)
- Continue series of Quantum Roadshows sessions planned across UNDP (GSSU, HQ units) and with UN partner agencies to introduce them to the system and engage them in the process

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