

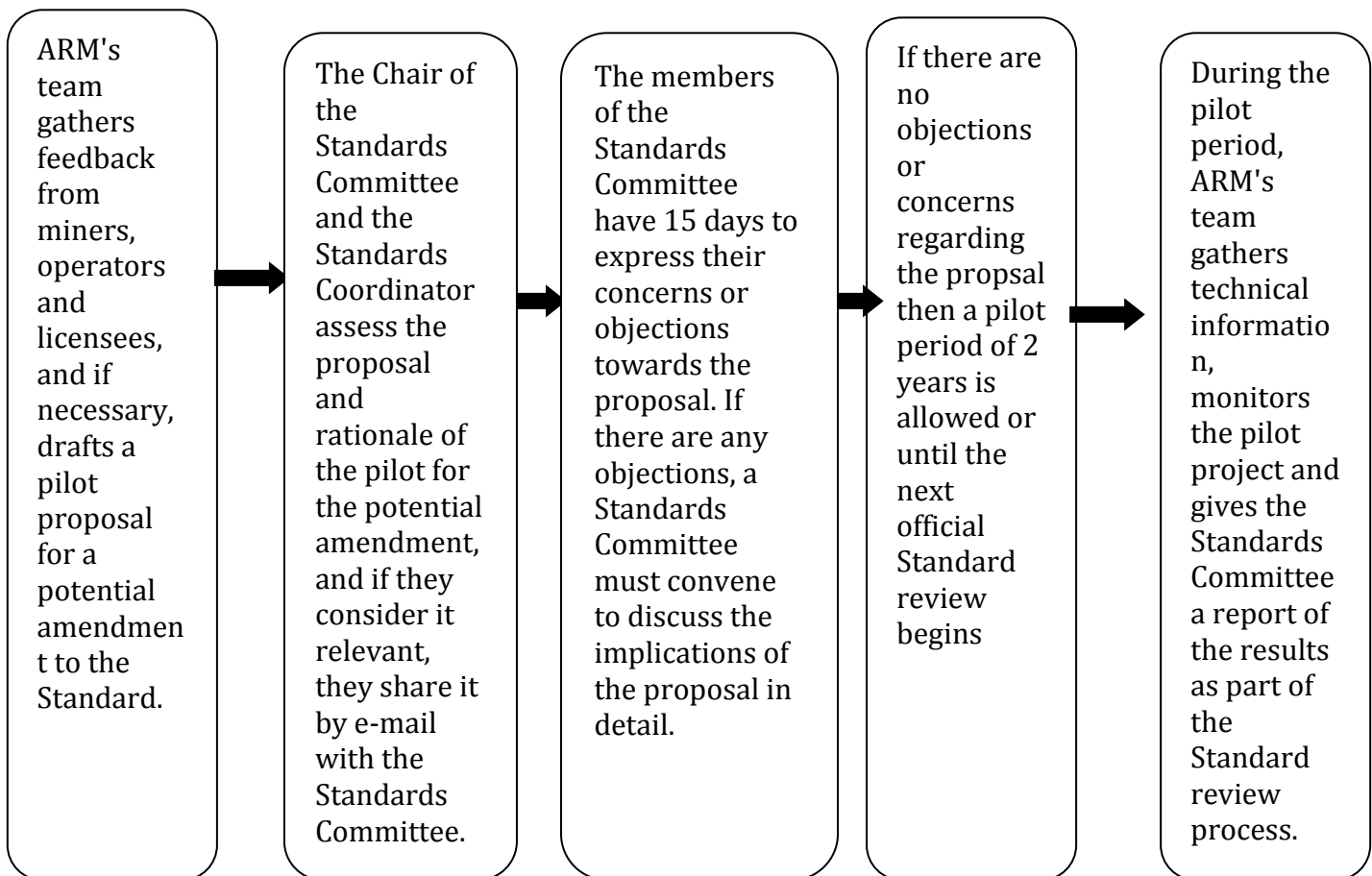
## MECHANISM FOR PILOT TESTING OF FAIRMINED STANDARD 2.0 AMENDMENTS

The Fairmined Standard v2.0 was officially launched on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 after a consultation process that counted on the participation of actors from the entire supply chain. During its implementation, the Fairmined team received commentaries and feedback regarding the Standard, especially on the commercial aspects. Although the consultation process -- which resulted in the final text of the Standard -- was comprehensive and incorporated many points of view and experience from the actors, there are aspects that can only be learned during an implementation phase.

ARM has decided to create a practical mechanism that allows Fairmined to pilot test amendments to the Standard. This can help set up real testing and learning processes that helps the Standards Committee and ARM's Board of Directors take better informed decisions that take into consideration the different realities and needs expressed by the actors who participate in the certification scheme when formally reviewing the Standard.

This process is in line with ISEAL's Code of Good Practices and ARM's Standard Setting Procedures.

The process follows the following steps:



This pilot process of possible amendments to the Standard was approved by ARM's Standards Committee and comes into effect on September 1st, 2014.