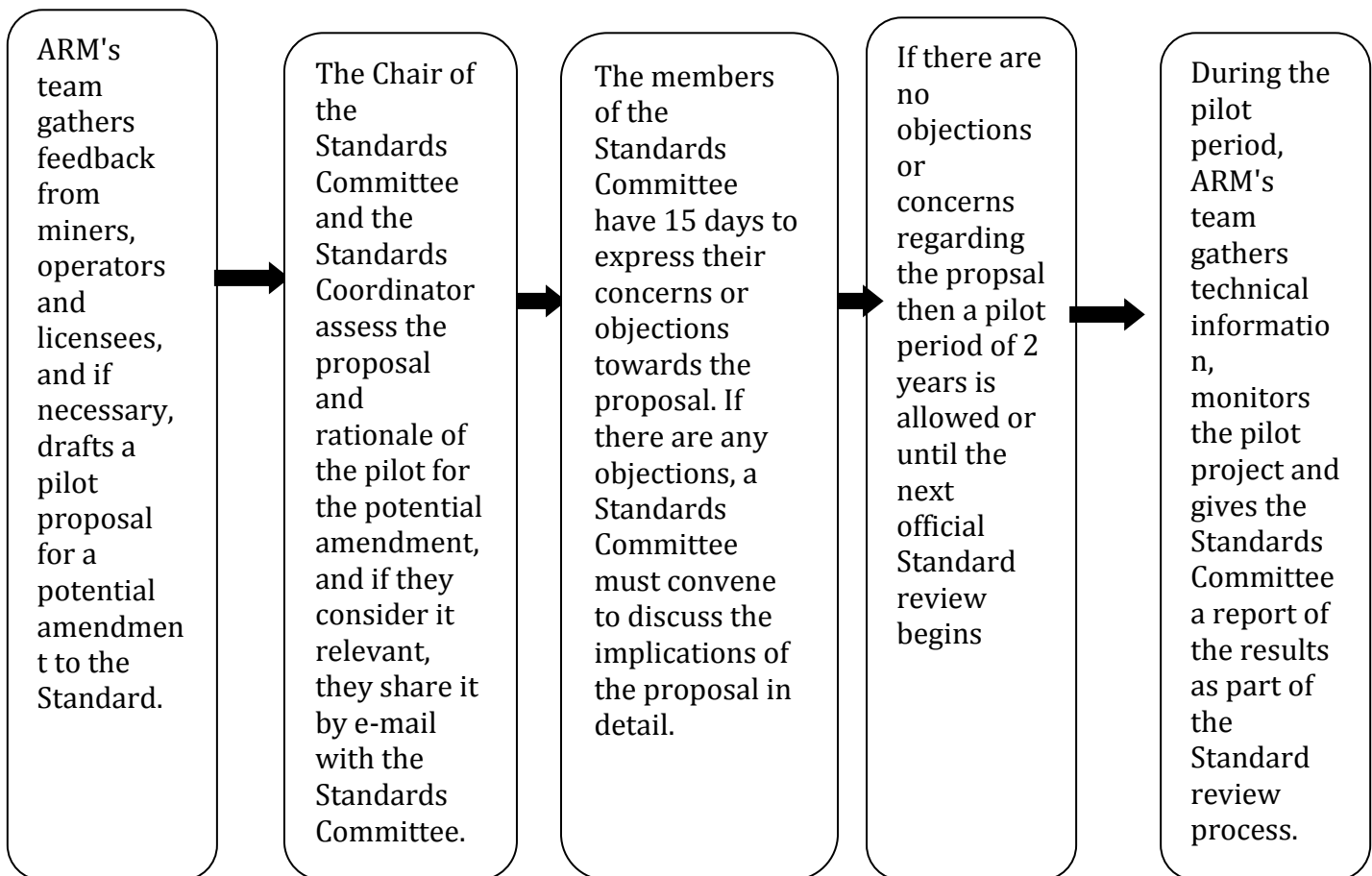# MECHANISM FOR PILOT TESTING OF FAIRMINED STANDARD 2.0 AMENDMENTS

The Fairmined Standard v2.0 was officially launched on April 4th, 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:

ARM's team gathers feedback from miners, operators and licensees, and if necessary, drafts a pilot proposal for a potential amendment to the Standard.	The Chair of the Standards Committee and the Standards Coordinator assess the proposal and rationale of the pilot for the potential amendment, and if they consider it relevant, they share it by e-mail with the Standards Committee.	The members of the Standards Committee have 15 days to express their concerns or objections towards the proposal. If there are any objections, a Standards Committee must convene to discuss the implications of the proposal in detail.	If there are no objections or concerns regarding the propsal then a pilot period of 2 years is allowed or until the next official Standard review begins	During the pilot period, ARM's team gathers technical information, monitors the pilot project and gives the Standards Committee a report of the results as part of the Standard review process.

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