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Basic Risk Identification Techniques

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Ricardo Viana Vargas is a project, portfolio and risk management specialist. During the past 15 years, he has been responsible for over **80 major projects** in various countries in the areas of petroleum, energy, infrastructure, telecommunications, information technology and finances, comprising an investment portfolio of over 18 billion dollars.

He was the first Latin American volunteer to be elected Chairman of the Board for the **Project Management Institute (PMI)**, the largest project management organization in the world with close to 500,000 members and certified professionals in 175 countries.

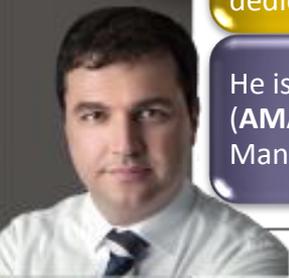
Ricardo Vargas has written **ten books** on project management, published in Portuguese and English, which have sold over 200,000 copies throughout the world. In 2005 he received the PMI Distinguished Award for his contribution to the development of project management and the PMI Professional Development Product of the Year award for the PMDome® workshop, considered the best project management training solution in the world.

He is a project management professor for various MBA courses, and actively participates on editorial boards for specialized journals in Brazil and the United States. Vargas is a recognized reviewer of the **PMBOK Guide**, the most important reference in the world for project management, and also chaired the official translation of PMBOK into Portuguese.

He is a chemical engineer and holds a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from UFMG (Federal University of Minas Gerais). Ricardo Vargas also holds a Master Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University and is certified both as a Project Management Professional (PMP) by PMI and as IPMA-B by the International Project Management Association. He attended the Program on Negotiation for Executives at **Harvard Law School**.

Over an eleven year timeframe, which began in 1995, Ricardo, in conjunction with two partners, established one of the most solid Brazilian businesses in the area of technology, project management and outsourcing, which had a staff of **4,000 collaborators** and an annual income of 50 million dollars in 2006, when Ricardo Vargas sold his share of the company to dedicate himself on a fulltime basis to the internationalization of his project management activities.

He is a member of the Association for Advancement of Cost Engineering (**AACE**), the American Management Association (**AMA**), the International Project Management Association (**IPMA**), the Institute for Global Ethics and the Professional Risk Management International Association (**PRMIA**).



Risk Identification Techniques

Interview with
SME's

Brainstorming

Delphi
Technique

Nominal Group
Technique
(NGT)

Crawford Slip

Analogy

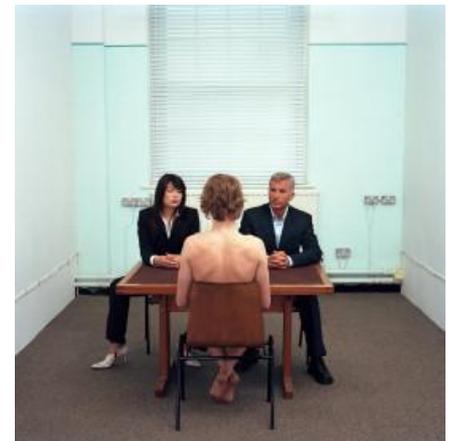
Checklist,
Forms and
Templates

Interview with SME's (Subject Matter Experts)

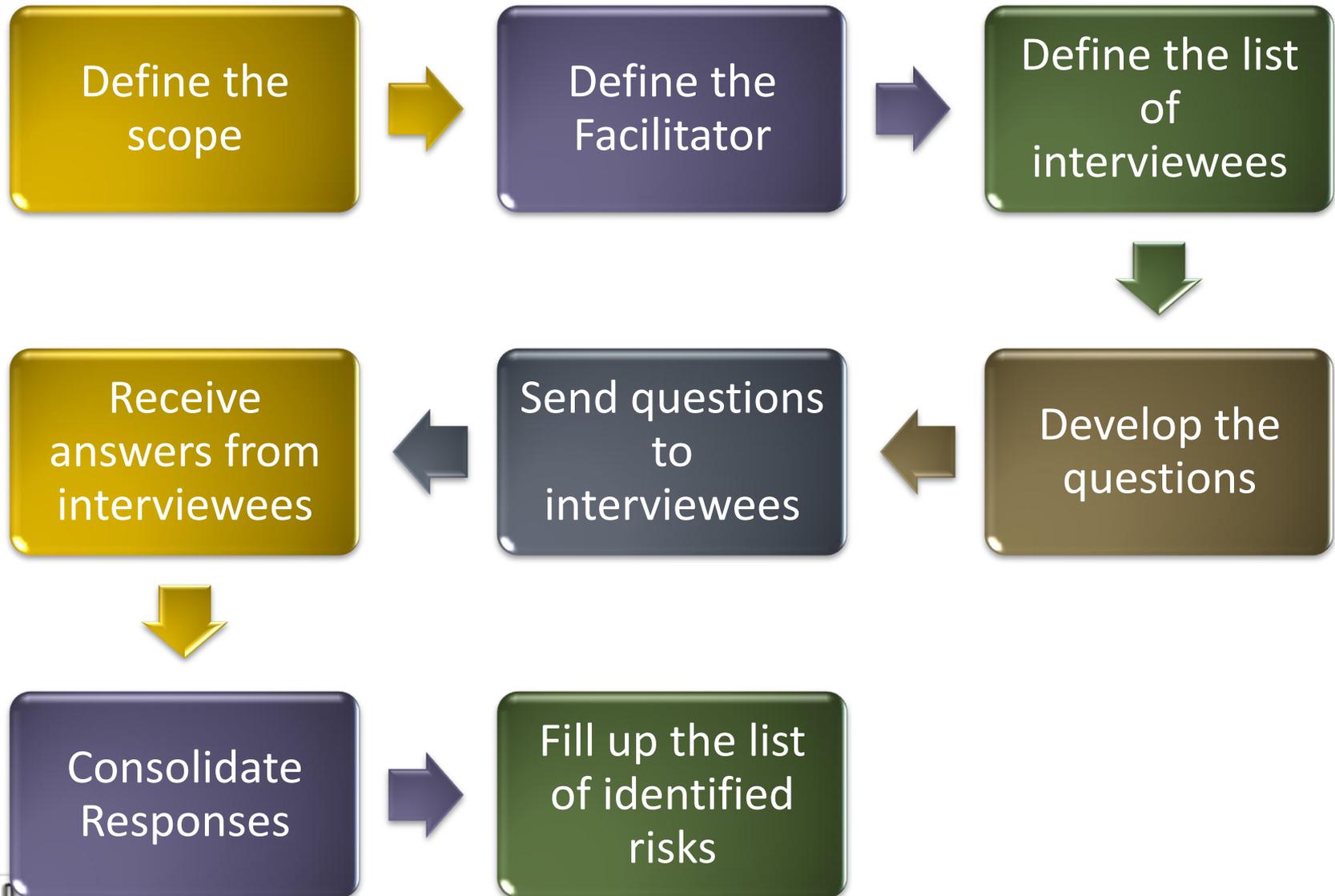
Technique used to inquire issues related to doubts and other technical characteristics, normally not covered by the project team

Entrevistados

- Experts external to the team and/or corporation
- Consultants
- Project team



Interview with Experts - Process



Brainstorming

Identification of many risks

Team must be available

Highly creative and synergetic

Encourages teamwork

If not adequately executed, it can lead to “chaos”



Brainstorming - Process



Delphi Technique

It's a type of interview with SME's

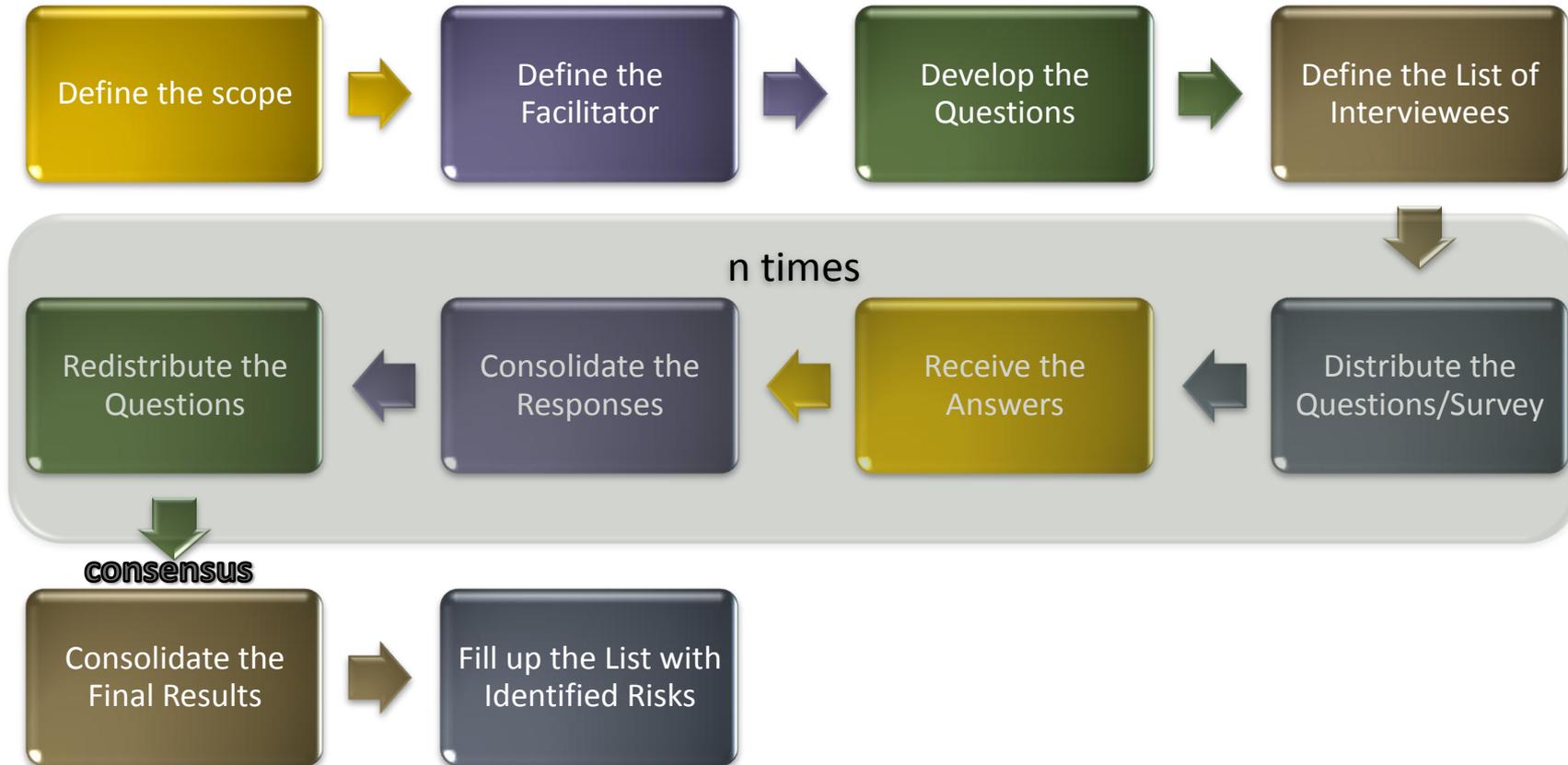
The interviews are anonymous

It's used when there may be conflicts or confrontation, or when brainstorming is not recommended

It's used to get comments from "competitors"

Slow and hard-working

Delphi Technique - Process



Nominal Group Technique - NGT

Individual
Brainstorming

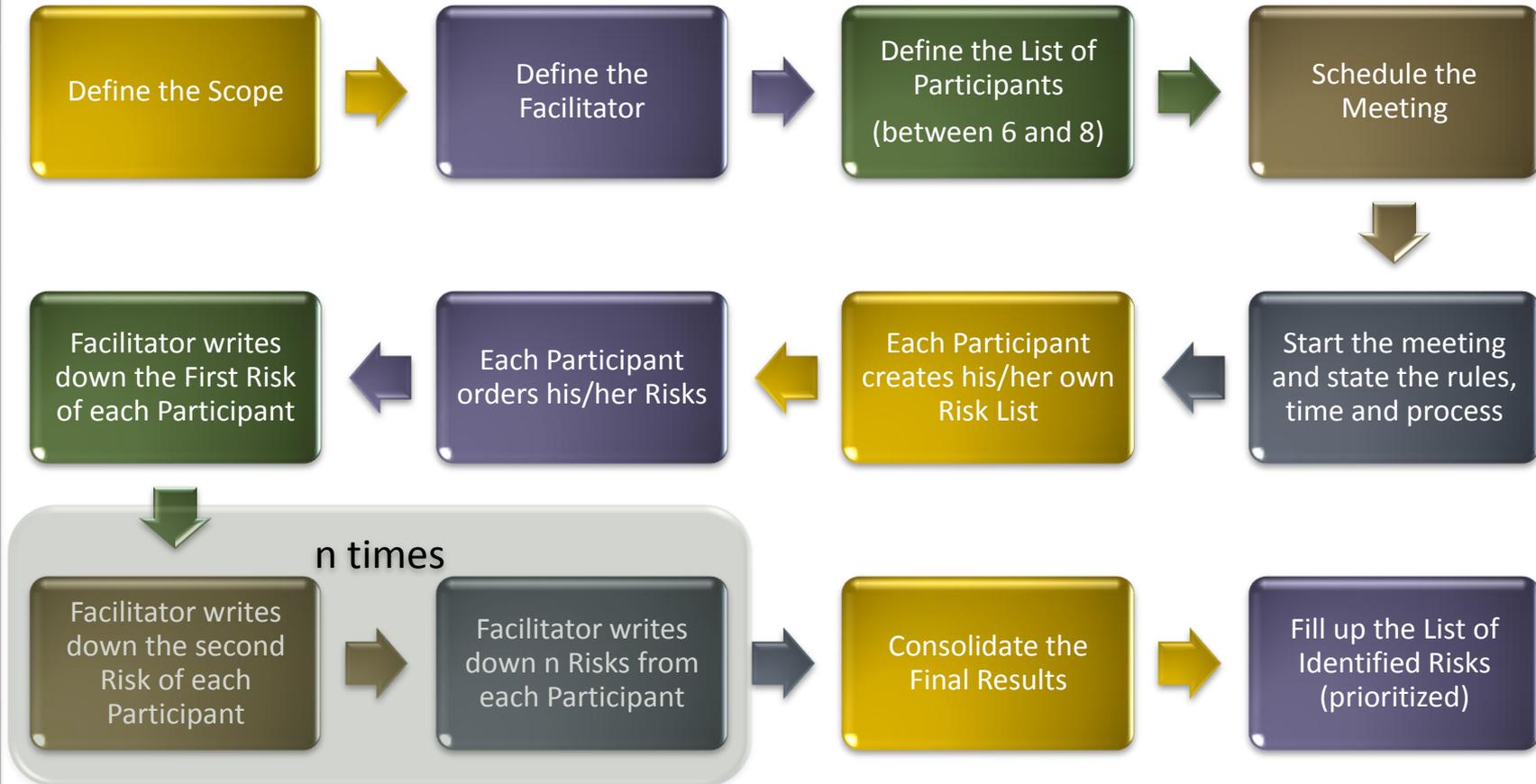
It allows a certain
degree of
prioritization

It's a mix of
individual and
group participation

Fast and effective

It lessens the
"chaos" of
brainstorming

Nominal Group Technique - Process



Crawford Slip

It's used to identify many risks in a short period of time

It used a “*slip*” or piece of paper like Post-It[®]

Individual Brainstorming

Group consolidation

Crawford Slip - Process



Analogy

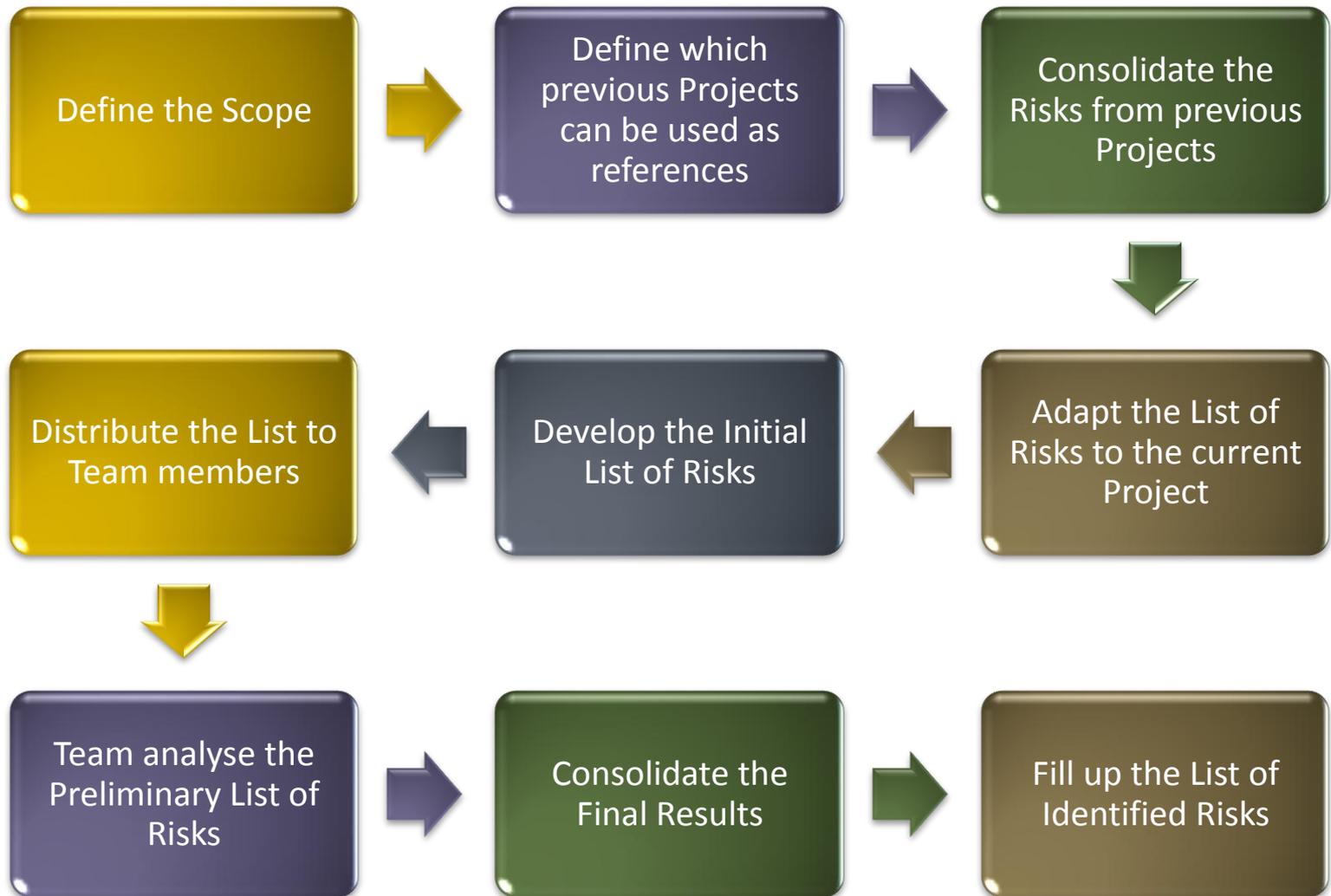


Based on previous history

A reference is needed

The available information
must be adjusted to the
current scenario

Analogy - Process



Checklist, Surveys and Templates

When there are historical data/studies/data from other organizations

Based on the concept that no new project has a complete new set of risks

Used to refine your List of Risks

Uses *Risk Breakdown Structures* to make risk identification easier

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