National events can take two approaches: they either follow a well-structured “project cycle”, or provide ad hoc support. The former are most useful for countries conducting such exercises for the first time, and seeking to build institutions and experiences into the medium to long-term. The latter are for countries which have more advanced capacity but require assistance in a key area.

Project cycles involve the implementation of an exercise over a data collection period, such as a quarter or a year. They provide support to countries via a series of missions including: demand assessment, awareness creation and training events, follow up missions, and results dissemination workshops. This is backed up by reinforcing coordination among national institutions through a National Taskforce, and intensive long-distance support and quality control between missions, using extensive technical resources contained in a National Taskforce Manual.

These pages describe the following interventions:

- National coordination
- Demand assessment missions
- Awareness, training, and dissemination events
- Follow up missions
- Long distance support
- Codes, concepts and definitions