

A key component of debt strategy analysis is the design and analysis of alternative scenarios for external debt relief (for example, to simulate maximum debt relief under the HIPC Initiative and MDRI) or debt restructuring (for example, a Paris Club agreement or debt buyback).

### **Main tasks of national external debt strategy managers**

- To review the recent history of external debt relief and restructuring
- To evaluate realistic options for future external debt relief or restructuring
- To design the appropriate debt relief or restructuring scenarios and debt category codes to conduct the simulations
- To analyse the simulation results for future debt strategy purposes

The training materials for conducting a national debt and aid strategy workshop are comprised of the following for each of the technical areas:

- training manual tasks, explaining how to do conduct the relevant tasks and analyses
- training manual tables, to assist with the analysis and recording of outcomes in Excel spreadsheets
- reference materials, providing more in-depth explanatory and background information, including on international best practices

The CBP workshop manual also contains the preliminary documents setting out the workshop prerequisites and sample timetable and plenary, scenario and results tasks which related to the plenary sessions for all technical groups. In addition, the CBP provides a Training for Trainers Guide which accompanies the DSA national strategy workshop manual.