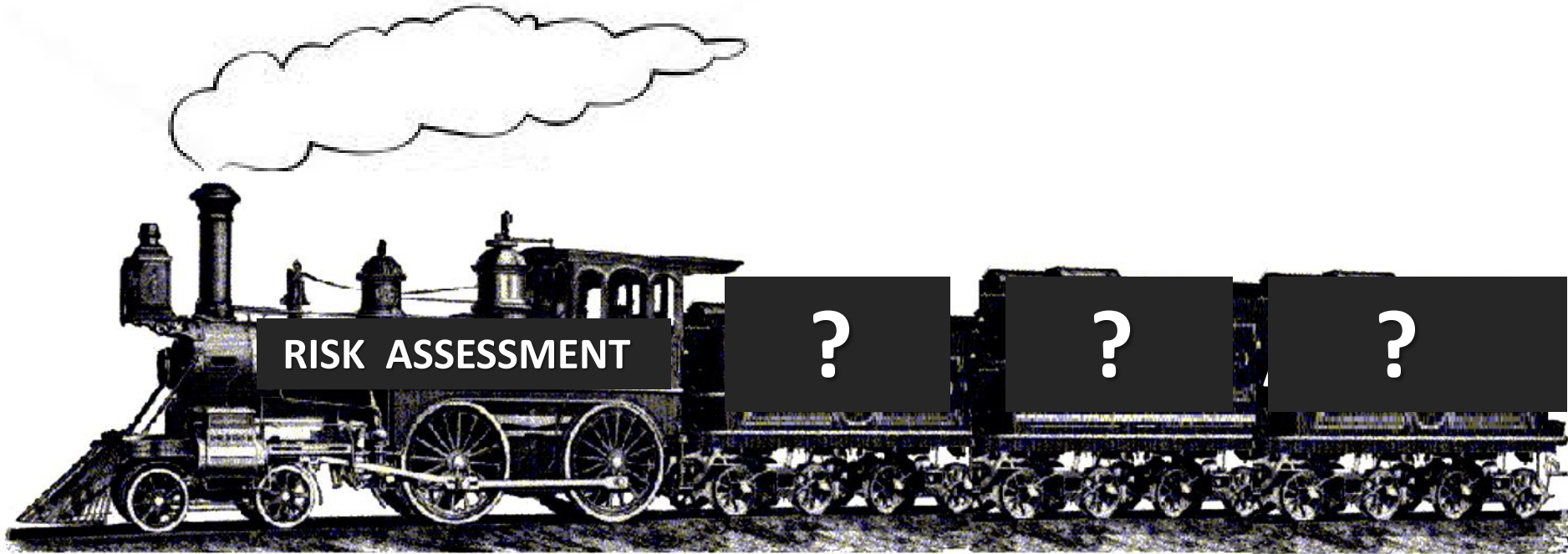


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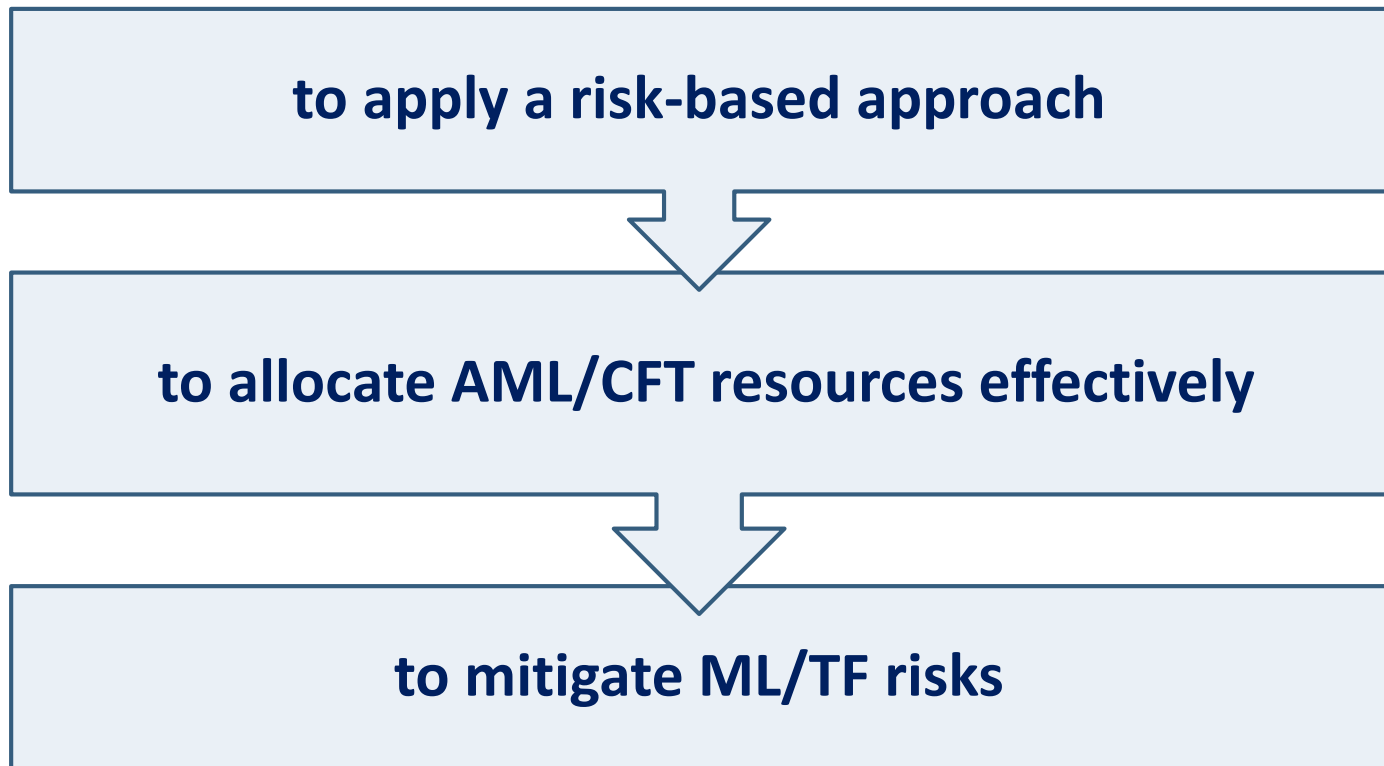
# Why do we need a risk assessment?



# Understanding Risk

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**Threats and vulnerabilities** need to be assessed:



# The challenge!

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**How can we  
assess the risks in a  
systematic and reliable way?**

**A MECHANISM AND METHODOLOGY IS NEEDED...**

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- ❑ **Our methodology**
  - ❑ **Supported ~40 jurisdictions**
- ❑ **Requirements**
  - ❑ **Broad participation of public/private sector**
- ❑ **Logistical considerations**
- ❑ **Practical & Informal Feedback**

# Thought Process

Assessing risk is the journey

Mitigation is the destination

NRA report: informs the Action Plan

# Challenges

- Lack of Data
- Focus – NRA itself not the end goal –
  - GOAL is RBA Action Plan based on a Common Understanding
- Biased/Defensive self-ratings will limit NRA benefit
- Ignoring/hiding issue(s) will not resolve them
- Importance of “Risk Differentiation”
- Need for Flexibility
- Data & Analysis & Commitment
- Unique challenges for Fragile, Lower Capacity & Poor Countries
- Often Data on “Effectiveness” not immediately available – thus include interviews, surveys & case studies
- Draw out the “Key” findings – don’t lose focus

# Lessons Learned

- Jurisdictions should have realistic understanding of time/resources required - Typically 9-12 months to complete
- Critical Role of the Coordinator
- Barriers
  - Lack of Political Will
  - Bureaucratic barriers
- Silo mentality
- Confidential report and a Sanitized (Public) Version
- Private Sector involvement strongly encouraged
- Discussion Notes
- Look at Open Source Research
- Ensure findings actually lead to mitigating actions
- If you don't cover a sector in your NRA, ensure you have "knowledge" about that sector



# NRA Process Can Help Your ME

- W/O NRA – national priorities harder to identify and RBA won't be easy
- Broad Participation in NRA often assists having the same during a ME
- Take immediate action
- Quality of NRA, Action Plan and other information often strongly shapes the workload of assessors
- Setting the Framework for evaluating effectiveness is extremely difficult for assessors in the absence of an NRA
- Assessors look at your national narrative – your common perspective on risks and responses to risk
- Countries should present their understanding of the risks before, during and after the onsite
- Process does not always guarantee country and assessor agreement

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