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Based on this Guide, the ACA2K team will gather research evidence, and engage with policymakers, in an effort to ensure maximum use of copyright law flexibilities that have the potential to increase learning materials access in the study countries. Access to both digital and hard-copy resources will be probed.

The Guide outlines the two main ACA2K project components: 1) Research; 2) Dissemination & Policy Engagement.

In the Research Component (mid-2008 to mid-2009), there shall be:

- data collection in each of the eight study countries, based on two methodologies (a legislative/policy doctrinal review and qualitative impact assessment interviews);
- writing up of Country Reviews and Executive Policy Briefs for each of the eight study countries, based on a fusion of the doctrinal and interview data; and
- a Comparative Review report, drawing comparisons, contrasts and lessons from the findings across all of the study countries.

In the Dissemination & Policy Dialogue Component (mid-2009 to early 2010), there shall be:

- distribution of project findings and document outputs via the project website and national,

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regional and international fora; and

- National Policy Dialogue Seminars in each of the eight study countries, at which project findings and policy recommendations will be presented directly to relevant stakeholders.