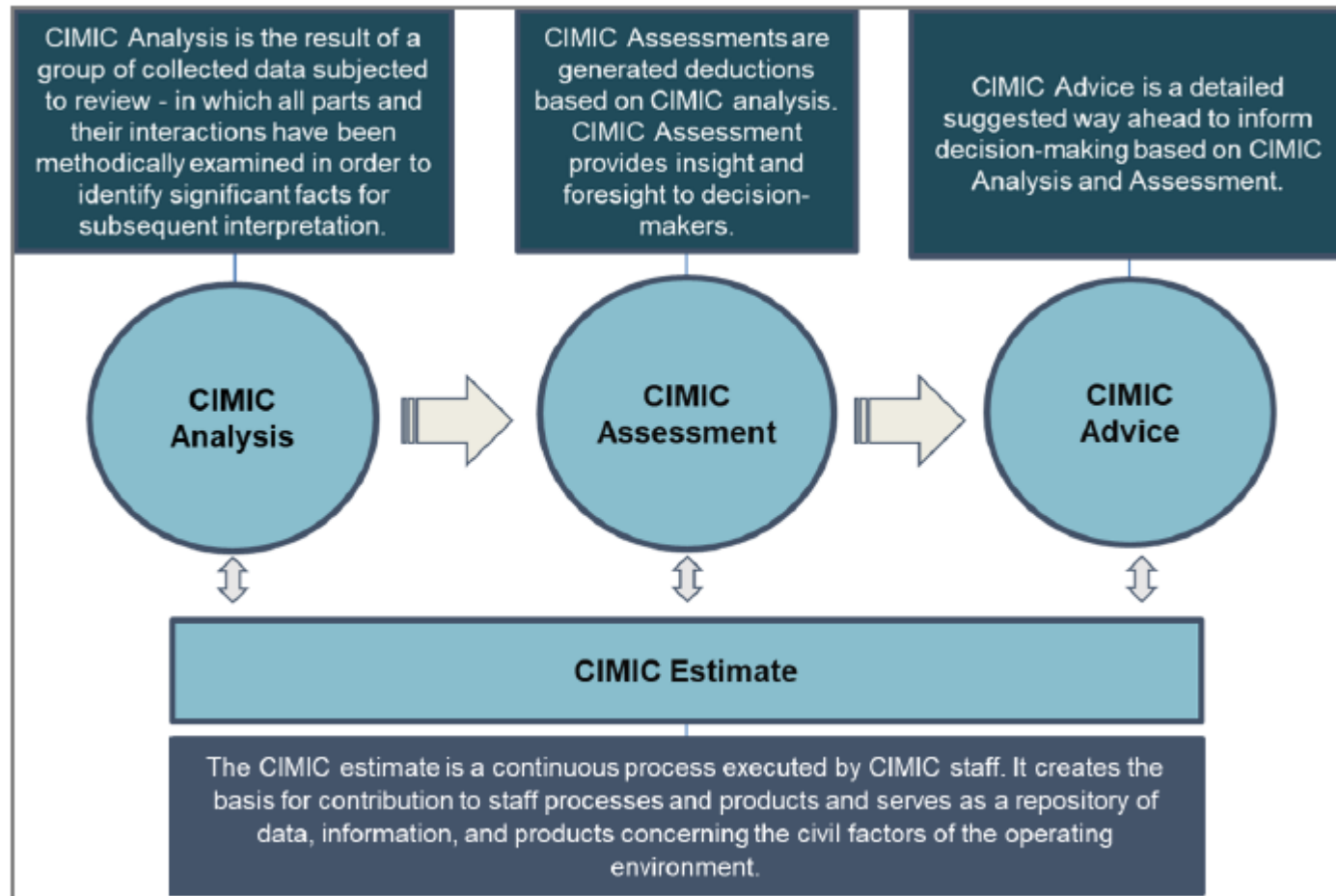


#### 8.4.5. CIMIC Estimate (workflow)



The CIMIC Estimate is a structured process that CIMIC staff use to analyze, assess, and advise on civil factors impacting a mission, ensuring their input supports the overall Operational Planning Process (OPP).

CIMIC staff continuously conduct the CIMIC Estimate to gather and organize data and information, facilitating their participation in HQ staff processes and products. This workflow is illustrated in the graphics provided.

CIMIC staff collect data through **reconnaissance** as well as **open** and **classified sources**. They analyze this information to identify key factors that may influence the mission's success. Based on

this analysis, they provide the **Commander** with informed CIMIC input, guiding the staff and shaping mission strategies.

The **Civil Factor Integration graphic** shows the three main phases of the CIMIC Estimate: **CIMIC Analysis**, **CIMIC Assessment**, and **CIMIC Advice**. Each phase builds upon the last, ensuring that the guidance provided is comprehensive and actionable.

The **second graphic** demonstrates the CIMIC Estimate's integration within the OPP, showing how CIMIC assessments contribute to planning stages and the development of essential documents like the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Operational Plan (OPLAN):

