



THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS

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What is the Peer Review Process?

- Peer Review Process is viewed as a mechanism for improving the performance of national water sector apex bodies (NWSAB) and strengthening cooperation among countries and organizations.

It involves :

- self-evaluation
- peer-visitation



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PEER REVIEW

- **A PROCESS**

- Development of Standards
- Self- Assessment
- External Review (Peer Evaluation)



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EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- **IMPROVEMENT of the NWSAB**
- **POLICY DIALOGUE AND CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION**
 - **CREATE SYNERGY WITHIN THE SECTOR**



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WHAT IS SELF-ASSESSMENT ?

An analysis of the organization's resources and effectiveness in the light of the agreed performance indicators (pi's).

It is an in-depth study that:

- focuses upon the organization's structures, programs, services and resources
- provides the basis for continuing improvement



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CRITERIA USED:

- **A MANDATED NWSAB**
- **AN ACTIVE NWSAB**
- **AN EFFECTIVE NWSAB**



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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PEER REVIEWER

- Preparation for the visit
 1. Study the SAR
 - primary source of information
 - the focal point of discussions during the visit
 2. Analyze the SAR
 - identify possible best features and recommendations
 - identify areas to be probed



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Preparations before the visit

- Jot down questions:
 - what needs to be verified from the SAR, e.g., statements and claims made by the agency
 - key players who need to be interviewed
 - other exhibits you need to review during the actual visit



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DURING THE VISIT

- **A. Start with an orientation meeting**
 - sets the tone for the work that is to follow
 - defines working procedures and timetable
 - schedule meetings and interviews with management and staff
- **Share your analysis of the SAR with team members**
- **Agree on issues that need probing**



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Verification Activities

- Your primary task is to verify or validate claims and statements made in the SAR through the following:
 - Interviews/Dialogues
 - Review of Exhibits, Documents, and Publications



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DURING THE VISIT

- VISIT FACILITIES AND OTHER RESOURCES
- CHECK DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE



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AT THE END OF THE VISIT

- Write a clear and well-organized report
- Present your report to the Team
- Share the highlights of the Team Report with the Agency



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