

PEER REVIEW

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Definition

PR – the evaluation of work by one or more people of similar competence to the producers of the work (peers)

Examples

- Academic papers
- OECD – PR for particular areas (eg econ policy – to environment)
- National SD strategies

PR for NSDS

- **France 2004 – 2005:**
IIED developed methodology and successfully tested
- **Netherlands – 2007 (1st EU country)**
- **Burkina Faso - 2007-08**
- **UNDESA – similar approach (1st = Korea: 2007)**

Principles

- **Cost-effective**
- **Relatively simple and replicable approach**
- **Relatively short time**
- **Non-judgemental**
(Not to 'name and shame')
- **Sharing of experience and lessons**
- **Options-based – non prescriptive**

Factors in designing approach

- **Ability to tailor to country needs and circumstances**
- **Purpose and utility of PR may differ, eg according to:**
 - Stage country is at (eg just starting - initiating first NSDS; or reached 3rd, 4th or later version)
 - Stage in NSDS cycle (eg analysis, design, implementation, review/revision)
- **Preference or need for way conclusions presented – Options: eg**
 - Discussion (non-judgemental)
 - Stronger approach (judgement on performance)
 - Recommendations

Basic steps

1. Decision to undertake peer review

- Define benefits (convince politicians)
- Define objectives
- Define the means (finance, expertise)

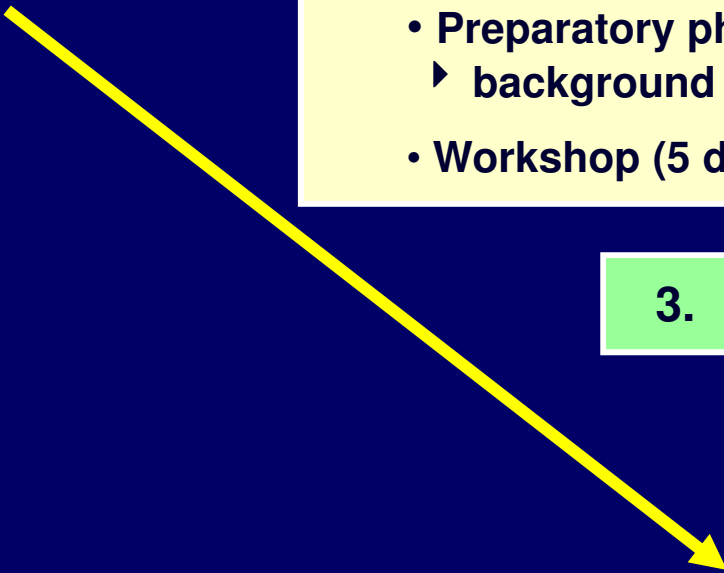
2. Applying the methodology

- Preparatory phase (information papers, interviews
 - background report
- Workshop (5 days)

3. Preparing report

4. Deciding how to use the report, eg

- To benefit and improve NSDS
- To influence change



PR of NBSAPs

Targets

- Examine quality/effectiveness of biodiversity **mainstreaming in key policies, strategies & plans** (national, local, sector).
- Examine quality of a **NBSAP as vehicle for mainstreaming** (process, content, both)

Broad options for PR of biodiversity mainstreaming

- **Domestic PR** – commissioned by lead organisation
 - Mix other ministries, NGOs, independent national experts
- **Use framework for Internal review?** (not really PR)
- **International PR process**
 - Equivalent ministries & other actors from one or more countries

Quality/effectiveness of NBSAP as vehicle for mainstreaming

- **Whether/how actors involved in NBSAP revision process**
- **How NBSAP sought to ensure coordination & integration of biodiversity with development priorities**

For your attention !

