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# Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Plans by 2005: Why, What, and How?

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**Description / Abstract**

This document has been written to support reform processes in water resources management and development, incipient or well underway, and to guide the development towards Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) as proposed in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002. Article 26 of this states that countries should “Develop IWRM and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries...” This guidance document discusses what these plans are all about under the overall umbrella of IWRM. Focus is on IWRM. The “water efficiency plan” is considered as an important component of IWRM, and hence as an integral part of the IWRM plan. As discussed in the document, IWRM is a cyclic and long-term “process.” Hence, the “IWRM plan” can be seen as a milestone in this process, where the status of the process is documented.

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