Exercise 2: Review Capacity To Adopt and Implement the NGSS

**Objective(s) for participants:**

* Arrive at a consensus on current areas of strength and challenge in the critical elements of NGSS adoption and implementation.

**Instructions:**

Read through the diagnostic tool and take notes individually on evidence of strength or challenge for each critical element.

Determine who has access to/holds the evidence.

Use the evidence to arrive at an individual rating for each critical element.

Share individual ratings (weak = 1 to strong = 4) with the group by marking on flipchart paper.

* Discuss and come to consensus as a group on areas of relative strength and challenge across the critical elements.

**Materials needed:**

Copies of the diagnostic tool for each participant

Flipchart paper and/or handouts with the template

* Markers

**Exercise notes:**

Guiding questions for discussion:

* + What were some of the strongest ratings? What was the evidence behind them? What were the weakest ratings and their evidence?
  + Does our evidence match our ratings across elements? What adjustments do we need to make?
  + What does this tell us about where we need to focus?
* You may not need to bring the group to complete consensus; the discussion and agreement on evidence is more important than any specific rating.

**Template for Exercise 2**

| **Element** | **Rating (1–4)** | **What Is the Evidence — and What Is the Level of Transparency and Access to the Evidence?** |
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| Aspiration |  |  |
| Past and present performance |  |  |
| State’s role and approach |  |  |
| Targets and trajectories |  |  |
| Stakeholder engagement strategy |  |  |
| Routines for monitoring progress |  |  |
| Other |  |  |