

Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Regulators in Africa – Country Profile Angola

General information	
Region	Southern Africa
Surface area	1,246,700 km ²
Total Population	33,086,278 (INE, 2022)*
Urban pop.	67%
Rural pop.	33%
Access to basic water services	57% (JMP, 2020)**
Access to basic sanitation services	52% (JMP, 2020)**



WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water	Sanitation	Water	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Regulation by agency			
Name of Regulator	Regulatory Institute for Electricity Services and Water Supply - Instituto <i>Regulador dos Serviços de Electricidade e de Água</i> (IRSEA)			
Year of establishment	2016			
Policy				
Legal instrument	Presidential Decree No 59/16 – Regulatory institute for electricity services, water supply and wastewater sanitation (IRSEA) status			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	18 Public water and sanitation companies (EPAS)			
Type of service providers	Sub national public utilities			

Key functions of IRSEA

- Developing different sector regulations;
- Issuing recommendations on national policies and strategies;
- Proposing tariff regulation and recommending the setting of tariffs and prices to the Tariff Board;
- Evaluating and auditing the definition and application of tariffs;
- Issuing recommendations on tariffs compliance and sanctions for non-compliance
- Monitoring the legal and regulatory compliance regarding the licensing requests, tender and concession processes

Note: Application of ministerial regulation

The Instituto *Regulador dos Serviços de Electricidade e de Água* (IRSEA) is the main regulatory authority of WSS in Angola. However, ministerial regulation is also applied by the Ministry of Energy and Water (MINEA) through its National Water Directorate (DNA). DNA responsibilities include the supervision and coordination of policy implementation; definition, implementation and monitoring of standards, regulations and sustainable management procedures for WSS systems and proposing studies to define the tariffs to be applied to WSS services.

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