



Eastern and Southern Africa  
Water and Sanitation Regulators Association

Cooperating to promote effective development of water and sanitation regulation

# Who we are

## About ESAWAS

The Eastern and Southern Africa Water and Sanitation (ESAWAS) Regulators Association is a network of water supply and sanitation regulators, formed by an MoU in 2009 to enhance the regulatory capacity of members to deliver quality and effective regulation to achieve public policy objectives through cooperation and mutual assistance.

ESAWAS is registered under the Societies Act Cap 119 of the Laws of Zambia and is governed by a constitution ratified among the members. The seat of Secretariat is Zambia and is hosted by NWASCO.

## Our Vision



To be a global leader in promoting effective and innovative regulation of water supply and sanitation services.

## Our Mission



To facilitate the development of effective regulation of water supply and sanitation services in the Eastern and Southern African region.

## Key Objectives

# 01

### Capacity building and information sharing

Facilitate information sharing and skills training at national, regional and international level to enhance capacity of members in WSS regulation.

# 02

### Regional regulatory co-operation.

Identify and encourage the adoption of best practices to improve the effectiveness of WSS regulation in the region.



# What we do?

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- A photograph of a woman with braided hair drinking water from a public tap. The background is a textured wall.
- i. Promote quality regulation and monitor and evaluate regulatory practices.
  - ii. Strengthen the operational capacity of the WSS regulators for the effective, efficient, and sustainable provision of WSS services.
  - iii. Achieve a better understanding of each member's regulatory system.
  - iv. Enhance the understanding by members of good regulatory governance.
  - v. Facilitate information sharing and promote networking among members.
  - vi. Promote and support the enhancement of independence among the regulators.
  - vii. Promote research on various aspects of regulation.
  - viii. Establish working relationships with other agencies that promote regulatory development.
  - ix. Promote a peer-review mechanism amongst the members.

# Our Core Activities

- **Regulatory Peer Reviews** - hands on interrogation of regulatory systems and practices to establish what works, what can be adopted or adapted.
- **Regional Benchmarking Report** - comparative analysis of utility performance across the region to incentivise service Improvements.
- **Sanitation Regulation Framework** - guide regulators on implementing Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) regulation that Incorporates Onsite/ non-sewered/ off grid sanitation.
- **Research and Development** - collation and dissemination of good regulatory practices towards effective regulation.
- **Capacity Development** - training initiatives for members.
- **External Services Unit** - technical assistance to non-members and various stakeholders.
- **Annual General Conference** - platform for knowledge and experience sharing.



# Members

The Association currently counts **12** members among which 9 are autonomous regulators having full membership status, one water association and 2 government departments as associate members.



National Water Supply and Sanitation Council

**Zambia**



Autoridade Reguladora de Águas, Instituto Público

**Mozambique**



Water Services Regulatory Board

**Kenya**



The Instituto Regulador dor Servicos de Electricidade e de Agua

**Angola**



Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority

**Tanzania**



Water Services Association of Malawi

**Malawi**



Autorité de Régulation des secteurs de l'Eau potable et de l'Énergie

**Burundi**



**water & sanitation**

Department:  
Water and Sanitation  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Department of Water and Sanitation

**South Africa**



Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority

**Rwanda**



Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority

**Zanzibar**



Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority

**Lesotho**



**Ministry of Water and Environment**

REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Water Utility Regulation Department

**Uganda**

# Who we work with

ESAWAS has established partnerships to support the execution of its activities and extend its Africa-wide and global reach as follows;



The African Water and Sanitation Association (AfWASA)



The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)



Sanitation and Water For All



The International Benchmarking Network (IBNET)



The International Water Association (IWA)



Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor

The Water and Sanitation for Urban Poor (WSUP)



World Health Organization (WHO) - RegNet



Water Integrity Network (WIN)



UN Habitat



WORLD BANK GROUP

World Bank Group (WBG)

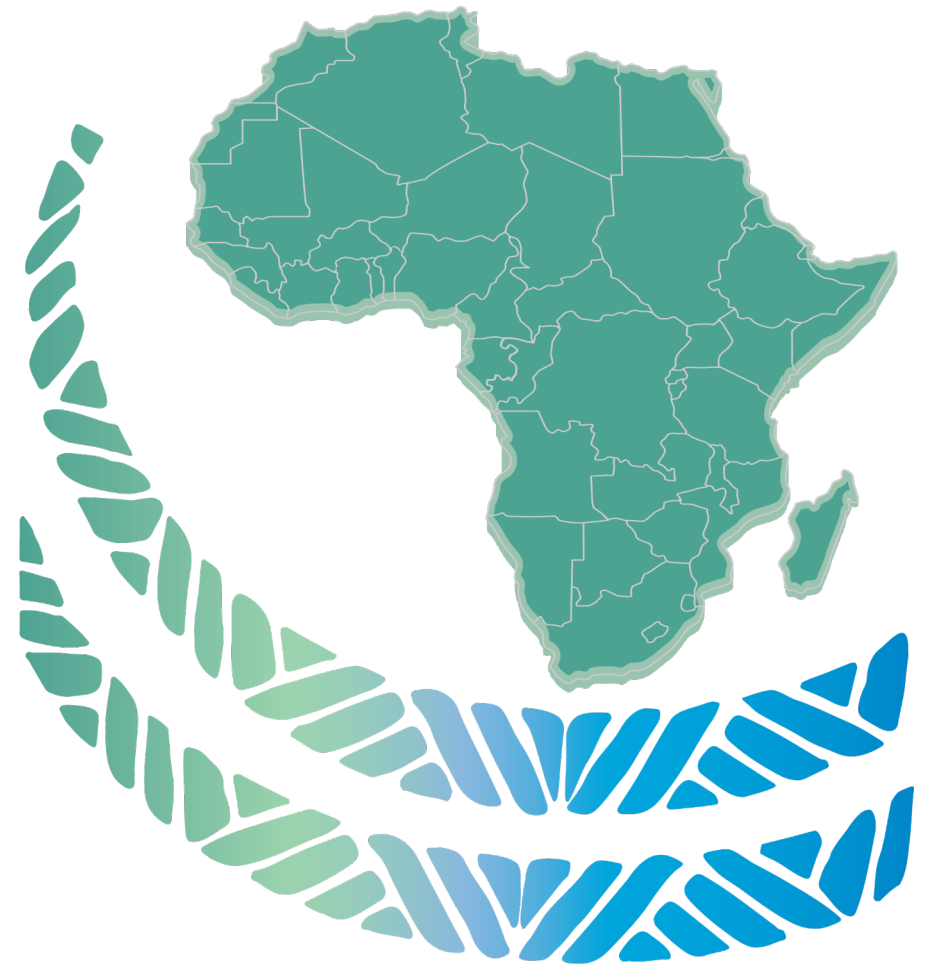


African Development Bank (AfDB)

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