

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



General information	
Region	Central Africa
Surface area	267,667 km ²
Total Population	2,341,179 (WB, 2021)*
Urban pop.	90%
Rural pop.	10%
Access to basic water supply services	85.34% (JMP, 2020)**
Access to improved sanitation services	49.82% (JMP, 2020)**

WSS Regulatory Status

	Water		Sanitation	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Type of Regulation	Regulation by agency			
Name of Regulator	<i>Agence de Regulation du Secteur de l'Eau Potable et de l'Energie Electrique (ARSEE)</i>			
Year of establishment	2010			
Policy	National Water and Sanitation Policy			
Legal instrument	Ordonnance N° 0019/PR/2010			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1 (SEEG)			
Type of service providers	Parastatal Company			

Key functions of ARSEE

- Ensuring compliance with laws and regulations
- Executing and monitoring of contracts between the State and service providers
- Promoting effective competition and financial viability
- Review and approval of water tariffs
- Granting of licenses and concessions
- Suspension or withdrawal of licenses and concessions in case of serious breaches
- Management of disputes between users and service providers.

Note: WSS service regulation skewed towards urban water supply

Regulation of WSS services in Gabon is developed mainly for urban water supply services provided by “Société d’Energie et d’Eau du Gabon (SEEG)”. The Ministry of Energy and Hydraulic Resources (MEH) ensures technical regulation by entering into contract with SEEG and ARSEE ensures the compliance with laws and contract provisions as well as other economic regulatory responsibilities. Rural water is loosely regulated by the Directorate of Rural Hydraulics while regulatory framework for sanitation is under development by the Directorate of Sanitation; both directorates are within MEH ([Ref](#))

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