

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



General information	
Region	Central Africa
Surface area	27,834 km ²
Total Population	12,309,600 (ISTEEBU, 2020)*
Urban pop.	13.7%
Rural pop.	86.3%
Access to improved water supply services	83% (DHS, 2017)**
Access to improved sanitation services	39% (DHS, 2017)**

WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Regulation by Agency			
Name of Regulator	<i>Autorité de Régulation des secteurs de l'Eau potable et de l'Energie (AREEN)</i>			
Year of establishment	2018			
Policy	National Water Policy			
Legal instrument	Decree No. 100/159 of 5 November 2018			
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1 (REGIDESO)			
Type of service providers	National Public Utility			
Key functions of AREEN				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor & regulate activities related to drinking water provision, • Promote competition and participation of the private sector in drinking water production and distribution, • Develop the rules guiding tariff setting • Ensure application & monitoring of tariffs, • Protect interest and rights of consumers. 				
Note: Ministerial intervention in WSS Regulation				
<p>AREEN is the national regulatory agency for both urban and rural water supply and sanitation but ministerial regulation is also applied at some extent. The Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines (MINHEM) in addition to policy formulation, it determines key performance indicators of WSS sector and oversees administrative functions of the sector and national water and electricity utility, REGIDESO that reports to it.</p>				
*Source	**Source	For more information on AREEN, click here		