

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



General information	
Region	Central Africa
Surface area	475,442 km ²
Total Population	24,348,251 (INS, 2019)*
Urban pop.	59.4%
Rural pop.	40.6%
Access to improved water supply services	74.9% (INS, 2020)**
Access to improved sanitation services	60% (INS, 2020)**

WSS Regulatory Status

	Urban		Rural	
	Water Supply	Sanitation	Water Supply	Sanitation
Type of Regulation	Regulation by contract			
Name of Regulator	Ministry of energy and Water - <i>Ministère de l'Energie et de l'Eau</i> ; (MINEE)			
Year of establishment				
Policy	Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Policy Letter			
Legal instrument				
Area of Jurisdiction	National			
Number of regulated service providers	1 (CAMWATER)			
Type of service providers	National Public Utility			
Key functions of MINEE				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting standards, • Technical regulation of water supply services, • Compliance monitoring and reporting • Enforcement including issuance of fines • Protect interest and rights of consumers. 				
Note: Ministerial Regulation of rural water and sanitation services				
<p>Regulation by contract is the dominant form of regulation applied to Cameroon Water Utilities Corporation (CAMWATER) for urban and peri-urban water supply service provision. The State, through MINEE enters into contract with CAMWATER and the Performance Contract Monitoring Committee is established to define key performance indicators and monitor the compliance with contract provisions. Other rural water and sanitation services are provided by Decentralized Territorial Committees and private operators under directives given by MINEE and the Ministry of Decentralisation and Local Government (Ministerial Regulation form)</p>				
* Source ** Source		For more information about MINEE, click here		