

Institutional framework of water resources assessment and management in Sierra Leone

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Abstract Today, as demand steadily increases in the wake of population growth and the improved quality of life, the sustainable management of water resources is becoming a more challenging task. This paper therefore examines the advantages and disadvantages of both the old and new institutional frameworks of water resources assessment and management, and makes suggestions on the way forward. In conclusion, the new institutional framework is in a better position to provide Sierra Leone with sustainable water resources assessment and management policies, even though there are difficulties of understanding among the parties and the modifications in the decentralized approach may introduce conflicts of interest. Therefore, the government needs to expedite the effective implementation of the water resources assessment and management policy based on the new institutional framework.

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