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Dear iKNOW Politics members,

We are pleased to share with you the latest edition of the [iKNOW Politics](#) Newsletter. Inside, you will find a summary of the latest activities and online features, highlights from our social media channels and a summary of the latest e-Discussion. In addition, we present the most recent interviews conducted with women in politics. They tell us why capacity building matters and share their visions on how to advance gender parity in politics. Last but not least, trending stories from around the world are highlighted and we invite you to visit our platform's [news section](#) and browse our [online library](#) which boasts over 400 new resources.

Members are encouraged to send us suggestions and ideas on how to improve the platform and share relevant stories with us by sending an e-mail to iknowpolitics@unwomen.org

The iKNOW Politics Team

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

New iKNOW Politics YouTube channel



iKNOW Politics has launched its [new YouTube Channel](#), featuring exclusive interviews with women and men in politics from across regions and many others who have a stake in advancing women's political participation and leadership. They share their stories, visions and advice. We would like to invite members to sign up to the new iKNOW Politics YouTube channel.

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E-Discussion on Eliminating Discriminatory Laws and Closing Gender Gaps

From 16 May to 24 June, iKNOW Politics hosted an e-Discussion on [Eliminating Discriminatory Laws and Closing Gender Gaps](#). Twelve experts from the Americas, the Arab region, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and Sub-Saharan Africa took part, providing different perspectives from politicians, judges, academics and civil society representatives. The responses of this e-Discussion clearly stressed the importance of joint efforts between different actors who have a stake in amending and eliminating discriminatory laws, including, women's organizations, women politicians, and research institutions.

Contributions were submitted by the following individuals and are available on the iKNOW Politics platform:

- [Fauzia Butt](#) (Pakistan)
- [Xenia Díaz Castillo](#) (El Salvador)
- [Carmen Alanís Figueroa](#) (Mexico)
- [Elina Hatakka](#) (Finland)
- [Kirthi Jayakumar](#) (India)
- [Shirin Shabana Khan](#) (India)
- [Sahro Ahmed Koshin](#) (Somalia)
- [Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra](#) (India)
- [Manuela Rodríguez](#) (Mexico)
- [Catherine Watuka](#) (Kenya)
- [Lana Zananiri](#) (Jordan)



The summaries of this e-Discussion are available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish

Capacity building is key for women politicians

In a recent [interview](#) for iKNOW Politics, Canadian MP Pam Damoff, highlighted the importance of offering capacity building opportunities to strengthen women's political skills. iKNOW Politics regularly features useful resources that can support women to participate successfully in all aspects of the political process and collaborates with organizations that train women to become effective political leaders. The most recent materials available in the online library are:

- [Handbook for Monitoring Women's Participation in Elections](#)
- [Access to Justice for Women Victims of Sexual Violence in Mesoamerica](#)
- [Global Report on Gender Equality in Public Administration](#)
- [Toolkit on how to build the capacities of women politicians and political parties](#)
- [Workshop on Public Speaking: Effective Presentation and Communications](#)
- [Manual for facilitators: breaking barriers and empowering young women to participate in democratic politics](#)
- [Welcome manual for women elected municipal officials](#)
- [1-on-1 coaching on negotiation](#)
- [Workshop on "Open Government Projects"](#)
- [Handbook on European non-discrimination law](#)
- [Mayor's Guide: Accelerating Gender Equality. Strengthening Communities by Advancing Women and Girls](#)

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Most recently, iKNOW Politics participated in the Women's Campaign School at Yale University, which took place from 13 to 17 June. The School has been around for twenty years, operating as a non-partisan, issue-neutral leadership program, whose mission is to increase the number and influence of women in elected and appointed office in the United States and around the globe. iKNOW Politics attended one day of school and had the opportunity to interview 12 students and experts, who emphasized the importance of networking and confidence-building for effective campaigning. Watch the interviews on the iKNOW Politics YouTube channel.

What's trending?

The iKNOW Politics Team searches, collects and promotes news on women's political participation and leadership every day. In this newsletter, we would like to bring to your attention two topics that were extensively covered on the website.

Violence Against Women in Politics

Violence against women in politics (VAWP) has received considerable media attention during the past weeks. It is not a new phenomenon, but recent tragic events, led to a series of public statements calling to take this issue up on international, national and local agendas. The stories and responses to these events were covered on iKNOW Politics. To further support efforts, including those of the iKNOW Politics partners, to end gender-based harassment and violence in politics, we will moderate an e-Discussion on this topic throughout August and September.

- [Madelaine Albright calls to protect women in politics](#)
- [New Protocol Presented in Mexico to Deal with Cases of Political Violence Against Women](#)
- [The Mesoamerican Initiative for Women Defenders of Human Rights offers data on violence against women in politics in this region](#)
- [Protests spread all over the world to condemn the murder of Berta Cáceres](#)
- [Almost all of Israel's 32 women in parliament have been sexually harassed or assaulted](#)
- [Half of Labour's female councillors in Glasgow to quit 'macho' council](#)
- [IPI Interviews South Sudan's MP, Hon. Betty Ogwaro, on the difficult situation for women in her country](#)
- [Ghana started a process to establish a Women's Situation Room](#)
- [Women in politics and cyber abuse in the United Kingdom](#)
- [Panel Discussion on "Electing Women Leaders"](#)
- [Tanzania: Women participation in polls ups amid challenges, IRI report says](#)
- [Violence against women in politics boosted in the era of internet-based political communication](#)
- [Canadian MP Michelle Rempel paints picture of routine sexism in Parliament](#)

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Political violence of sexist nature is not a new issue, but one that continues to hurt women in politics. With increasing numbers of female candidates running for office, media sexism and attacks that include sexist language were noted in 2016. Women politicians in turn are exposing cases of sexual harassment in politics. In France, seventeen high-level French women politicians published a [letter](#), calling to end impunity of sexual harassment in politics. Similar related stories on this topic were covered on iKNOW Politics.

- [Sexism in Politics 2016: What can we learn so far from media portrayals of Hillary Clinton and Latin American female leaders?](#)
- [Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton Faces Sexism on Twitter](#)
- [Julia Gillard, former Australian prime minister, urges Americans to call out sexism against Hillary Clinton](#)
- [The World Economic Forum Addresses the Issue of Sexism in Politics](#)
- [The Guardian view on sex abuse: lessons from home and abroad](#)
- [Violence against women in politics boosted in the era of internet-based political communication](#)
- [Women in politics and cyber abuse in the United Kingdom](#)
- [New study on the negative effects of 'system of beauty' for women in politics](#)

In 2017, women may run U.S, U.K., Germany and the UN at same time

With Theresa May as the United Kingdom's Prime Minister, Angela Merkel as Germany's Chancellor and the possibility of having a woman running the United States for the first time in history, the prospect is growing that a powerful group of women will run influential countries. Global institutions are following, with the International Monetary Fund's Managing Director Christine Lagarde, and chances that the top position within the United Nations is going to a woman in 2017. More such breakthroughs were reported on iKNOW Politics.

- [Historic gains for women in politics worldwide](#)
- [New Trend in Women World Leaders?](#)
- [The Women on Top Theory](#)
- [What Clinton's candidacy means to women worldwide](#)
- [Theresa May becomes Britain's second female Prime Minister](#)
- [NATO appoints first woman as Deputy Head](#)
- [Moldova takes historic step to promote gender equality in politics](#)
- [Linda Burney becomes the first female Indigenous MP in Australia's history](#)
- [Jamaica to introduce legislated gender quotas](#)
- [Virginia Raggi becomes first female Mayor of Rome](#)
- [Gains for women in Viet Nam's National Assembly](#)

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NEW FEATURE: THEMATIC PAGES

To facilitate instant access and learning on a specific topic related to women's political participation (e.g. political parties, campaigns, elections, finance and budgeting), iKNOW Politics has developed a new feature, which will house different types of materials on a specific issue on one page. It includes, publications, videos, projects, news stories and much more. The first thematic page will be launched in September and will cover Parliaments and Representatives. iKNOW Politics will continue to expand this feature with more topics throughout 2016.

Parliaments and Representatives

WHAT'S NEW

HIGHLIGHTED PUBLICATIONS

- The Jevon Banda Effect: Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in Malawi**
Author: Tereza Hery
Chicago
Date of Release: April 2015
- Report on Equality between Women and Men 2015**
Author: [Name]
Date of Release: 2015
- Women in Leadership: Why It Matters**
Author: [Name]
Date of Release: 2015

PROJECTS AND STORIES

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
Book: *The Highest Glass Ceiling: Women's Quest for the American Presidency*
09.06.2016
Victoria Woodhull in 1872, Margaret... More
- SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**
Infographic of the Institute for Inclusive Security on women's inclusion in the Syria Peace Talks
06.04.2016
As the Syria peace talks continue, Syrian women... More

GLOBAL

- #YouthState: Public and Civic Participation**
04.05.2016
Young people are not at the center of political... More
- Women in Conflict and Peace**
12.01.2016
International IDEA has identified Political... More

LEARN AND INTERACT

VIDEO AND INTERVIEWS

COURSES AND MODULES

INTERACTIVE MAP OF WOMEN IN AMERICAN STATE LEGISLATURES FOR 2016
Approximately 1,809 women serve in the 50...
Apr 18 2016

France24: The long road to parity
In this special edition of France24's program "...
Jun 03 2016

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- UNDP**
A Five Day Induction for Myanmar MPs
More...
- IDEA**
International IDEA holds a workshop series to empower women from nine political parties in Tunisia
More...
- UN WOMEN**
UN Women debuts "We Are Here" documentary series
More...
- MAURITANIA**
Mauritania female MPs in move to protect women and girls
More...

USEFUL LINKS

- Candidate Project**
- List of National Action Plans for the implementation of UNSCR 1325**
- Wishes, Demands and Priorities of National and Regional Women's Organisations in the MENA Region**

PARTNER UPDATES

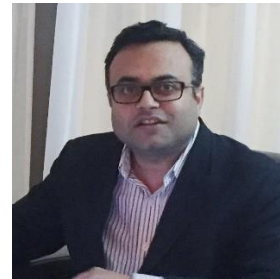
The iKNOW Politics partner organizations are contributing with their specific mandate and expertise to make advancements in women's political participation a reality. Listed below are some of the latest materials produced by each iKNOW Politics partner:

- IDEA:** [International IDEA holds a workshop series to empower women from nine political parties in Tunisia.](#) ; [Interparty Dialogue Skills Training Module](#)
- UNDP:** [A Five Day Induction for Myanmar MPs.](#)
- IPU:** [IPU's Forum of Women Parliamentarians.](#)
- UN WOMEN:** [UN Women debuts "We Are Here" documentary series.](#)

IKP COMMUNITY

Our contributors

iKNOW Politics would like to extend its thanks to our dedicated Contributor, Uday Nagaraju from the United Kingdom. He firmly believes that equitable participation of women and other underrepresented groups in politics and policy making is pivotal in sustaining democracy.



To grasp trends in women's political participation and leadership in the U.K., Uday regularly interviews women politicians. He has shared his most recent interviews with the iKNOW Politics Team and we have made them available on the platform. These are: Member of the House of Lords [Baroness Sandip Verma](#), Member of Parliament [Seema Malhotra](#), and Chair of the London Assembly [Jennette Arnold](#).

We rely on our members and contributors to stay on top of trends in various countries and around the globe. Interested in becoming part of the iKP Community as a Contributor? Send us an email at connect@inknowpolitics.org with a short CV/resume and a motivation statement.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with women and men political leaders is a key feature of iKNOW Politics. Activists, academics and members of the civil society are also regularly interviewed and we have conducted [24 new interviews](#) with individuals who speak about the importance of inclusive political processes that encourage women, youth, minorities and persons with disabilities to become agents of change (e.g. interviews with newly elected Canadian and Scottish MPs). Others, particularly those conducted during the CSW60 at the jointly organized IPU-UNW Parliamentary Event, demonstrate how women MPs can address gaps between gender-sensitive legislation and practices.



NEWS & RESOURCES

iKNOW Politics uploads relevant news, in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, for and about women in politics daily on its website and social media platforms. Its online library now features over 15,000 resources, including research papers, legal frameworks, online courses and training material, case studies, databases, and blogs. Since the publication of the last newsletter in March, 409 new resources (52 in Arabic, 203 in English, 54 in French and 100 in Spanish) are available in the [online iKNOW Politics library](#).

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News articles focused on relaying success stories of women politicians as countries elect women to high political offices and initiate legislative reforms conducive to women's access in politics. Many news articles also focused on the growing acts of violence against women in politics and its effects on democratic institutions and processes. New resources such as training guides, toolkits, reports and videos act as supportive martial for women to be effective leaders in political parties, parliaments and public institutions in general.



ABOUT US

iKNOW Politics is a unique platform on women in politics, designed to connect members and build knowledge through e-discussions, webinars, interviews, videos, a rich online library of resources, a calendar of events and daily world news. Created in 2007, iKNOW Politics is a joint project of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women). Meet the iKNOW Politics team [here](#)

