Dear Friends,

We are pleased to introduce our latest report on women in politics. In this report, we highlight the challenges and opportunities women face in their political careers, as well as the progress made towards gender equality.

**Online Violence Against Women in Politics**

In a survey conducted by The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), 70% of women politicians reported experiencing some form of online violence. The most common forms of violence were threats of death, rape, beatings or abduction. Women politicians in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa were most affected by these types of violence.

**Women’s Participation in Public Life**

Women are active in both the formal and informal public spaces, including in feminist movements, civic demonstrations and social media campaigns. As political institutions, such as in feminist movements, civic demonstrations and social media campaigns, women are transforming institutional and traditional activism and civic spaces. Social media tools enable digital activism and informal spaces to drive change for a more democratic and sustainable equality and women’s empowerment agenda in all spheres of life.

**Interviews**

*Eveline Fischer*

Director of the UN Women Global Centre for Women’s Political Participation

*Klimtina Farahat Hijazi*

Member of Parliament, Uganda

Nicholas Mladewitsch

Member of Parliament, Finland

**News and Resources**

We offer news and resources to inspire innovators and actual politicians to work towards more inclusive societies. Our library features over 20,000 news articles and resources aimed at promoting women’s political participation.

**Partner Updates**

Our partner organizations are commitment that ensures our mission is realized. This month, we highlight the work of the UN Women in supporting women’s rights and gender equality.

**About Us**

IKNOW Politics is a unique platform on women in politics, designed to connect practitioners and researchers on issues related to political and public engagement shared their experience and recommendations. Do not hesitate to click here or visit our website iknowpolitics.org to learn more.

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**The latest news**

- The capital of Peru, Lima, has appointed an indigenous Maori as its first woman foreign minister. Jacinda Ardern leads the most diverse cabinet in New Zealand. Women made up 21% of the new cabinet, compared to 18% in the last term, and the cabinet includes 29 politicians under 40 years old. Click here to learn more.
- Kuwait’s parliamentary elections have ended with women making up only 2% of the 326 seats. Of the 326 candidates, only five were women, none of whom managed to win their races. Click here to learn more.
- Japan recently elected its 23rd female parliamentarian. The country now has a total of 31 women in its 463-seat lower house, an increase of four from the previous election. Kibowa Faridah Hajjat, a member of the main opposition party, won a seat in the coast of Tanzania. Click here to learn more.
- Jordan has elected its first female member of parliament. The country’s lower house has appointed too many women in its government, violating a rule that dictates at least 40% of government positions should go to women. The capital of Jordan, Amman, has elected its first female mayor. Click here to learn more.

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All the best,

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