Dear friends,

We are pleased to share with you this newsletter for the latest news and resources on women's leadership and political participation. Click on the buttons below to read the English and French versions. We hope you enjoy this update.

Take care,
The iKNOW Politics Team

In the Spotlight

Closing the Gender Gap in Politics

While some countries are making progress towards gender balance in politics, the world is far from achieving parity. The latest UN Women's Generation Equality Forum highlighted the need for bold, innovative and urgent action to accelerate progress towards gender parity in politics by 2030.

In this year’s 2020 Generation Equality Forum of the United Nations, delegates adopted the Generation Equality Forum Forward-looking Commitments. These commitments aim to achieve gender parity in politics by 2030. The world cannot afford to wait any longer to advance toward gender balance in politics. The world is a better place when women lead.

From 11 to 16 May 2021, we celebrated an International Day for Women's Political Participation. Let’s keep moving! We are committed to accelerating progress towards gender parity in politics. Here are some of the latest resources from our expert partners.

News and Resources

We share news and resources on women and gender equality in politics, including world news, the latest developments, upcoming events, and more. Take a look at the latest updates.

Interviews

We interview experts and leaders to highlight their insights and experiences. Click here to learn more.

Partner Updates

Our partner organizations are committed to advancing gender equality in politics. Take a look at their latest updates.

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The latest news


United States

President Biden has nominated or announced his intent to nominate a higher percentage of women to federal judgeships and cabinet-level positions by taking all necessary measures to break barriers and accelerate progress towards parity. As of the end of March 2021, 29.9% of U.S. judges and 29.4% of U.S. cabinet positions were filled by women.


Canada

Canada’s newly elected and gender balanced Constitutional Assembly, which is charged with drafting Canada’s new constitution, is comprised of 30 members, 15 men and 15 women. The Assembly’s work is intended to support the federal government in leading Canada to a new constitutional agreement with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis.


Chile

In August 2020, in the aftermath of the protests that swept the country following the death of a young man in police custody, Chile’s newly elected and gender balanced Constitutional Assembly, where women are in the majority, was tasked with drafting a new constitution to replace the one imposed by the Pinochet dictatorship.


Somalia

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Malaysia

In 2018, Malaysia elected the world’s first woman Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad’s lead the body tasked with drafting new text to replace the Pinochet-era constitution. Click here to learn more.


Mexico

Elisa Loncon, an Indigenous Mapuche woman and academic, to lead the body tasked with drafting new text to replace the Pinochet-era constitution. Click here to learn more.


South Africa

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Samoa

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Ghana

Since 2017, women’s representation in government has increased from 7% to 24%, surpassing the global average of 27%. This has been achieved through various strategies such as quotas, affirmative action, and political parties setting targets for women candidates.


Peru

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