Dear friends,

As 2021 comes to a close, we are pleased to share this newsletter for the latest news and resources on women’s leadership and political participation. Click on the buttons below for the Arabic, French, and Spanish versions. We hope you enjoy this update!

Happy holidays from all of us,
Team iKNOW Politics

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In the Spotlight

Violence Against Women in Politics: A Growing Danger For Democracy

Sexism, harassment, and attacks are often used as tools to discredit and silence women leaders, including women candidates, and discourage them from participating in public life and developing political careers. In this video, we asked women leaders about the impact of violence against women in politics and the solutions they propose to make politics a safe space for all women.
Did you know? An Inter-parliamentary Union study found that over 44% of surveyed women parliamentarians received threats of death, rape, beatings or abduction during their term. More than 80% of the female MPs who took part in the survey said they suffered psychological violence over the course of their mandate.

Have you taken our survey yet?

We’re always looking for ways to serve you better. Please take 2 minutes to share your thoughts in this survey and help us improve our website! Share your feedback in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic.
The latest news

- **Germany**’s new government will have more women in its cabinet than ever before, with incoming Chancellor Olaf Scholz appointing 8 women and 8 men as ministers. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- In **Libya**, Laila ben Khalifa and Hunaida Tumia are the only two women to stand for president in a field of 98 registered candidates – evidence that a decade of chaos has entrenched the country’s patriarchal politics. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **Sweden**’s parliament elected Social Democratic Party leader Magdalena Andersson as the country’s first ever woman Prime Minister. Ms. Andersson is preceded by 33 men on the post. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Fears that another bitterly disputed presidential election might plunge **Honduras** into chaos eased after the governing party conceded to the opposition candidate Xiomara Castro, making her the country’s first woman president. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Dame Sandra Mason was elected as the first President of **Barbados**, replacing Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State. The country’s Prime Minister is Ms. Mia Mottley, also the first woman to hold the position. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- As in 2008, 2010 and 2014, none of the women candidates standing in **Tonga**’s 2021 November general election were successful. The twelve women candidates received 11% of the total votes. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- None of the 26 women who stood in **Qatar**’s first ever legislative election were successful. Voters elected 30 men to fill the 30 seats of the 45-seat Shura Council. The remaining 15 members are appointed by the ruling Emir. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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Eri Tokunaga
Member of Parliament
Japan

Liselott Blixt
Member of Parliament
Denmark

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News and Resources
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**Partner Updates**

Our partner organizations are contributing with their specific mandate and expertise to make advancements in women’s political participation a reality. Find below some of the latest resources from International IDEA, IPU, UNDP, and UN Women.
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