



iKNOW POLITICS

international Knowledge Network of **Women** in Politics



Best Wishes for the New Year!

Dear friends,

As 2017 draws to an end, we wish to express our appreciation to our partners, followers and supporters who have been championing women's political participation around the world.

We are pleased to share with you the latest news from iKNOW Politics in this newsletter issue. We invite you to visit our newly redesigned website, latest e-Discussion and most recent videos and interviews below.

All the best,
The iKNOW Politics Team



In the Spotlight

Website Re-launch and Panel Discussion on VAWP

To mark the iknowpolitics.org website re-launch, our partners gathered on 29 November for a discussion on Ending Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) during the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence. Click below to watch the recording of the session.



More frequent, and more often psychological and sexual in nature than political violence, VAWP deprives women of exercising their political rights fully, freely and in security. A recent [UN Women](#) and [UNDP programming guide on violence against women in elections](#) shows that VAWP is widespread globally, manifesting both publicly and privately as acts of election violence, restricted movement to vote, politically motivated sexual assault or gender-specific psychological abuse. A 2016 [study](#) by the [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) (IPU), based on in-depth interviews with female Members of Parliament, showed troubling levels of psychological, sexual and physical violence, especially through social media and in the premises of the parliament.

[Go to the website](#)

Male Champions for Women's Political Participation

Highlights from our latest e-Discussion

The e-Discussion on [Engaging Male Champions for Women's Political Participation](#) was co-convened in collaboration with [International Gender Champions](#) (ICG) from 6 September to 12 October 2017. Fourteen participants from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab region, Asia, the Americas and Europe engaged in the online debate and submitted contributions. As leaders, experts, members of civil society organizations, students and representatives of government institutions, the participants stressed the

urgent need for male leaders to play a more active role in supporting women's leadership and political participation.

[Read the summary of the e-Discussion](#)

Facebook Live Roundtable with Gender Champions

The e-Discussion was supported with a Facebook Live streaming of a roundtable discussion on 2 October on the topic with male and female ICG champions based in Geneva. The roundtable included Michael Møller, the Director-General of the UN in Geneva, Elayne Whyte Gómez, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the UN in Geneva, and Nazhat Shameem Khan, Ambassador of Fiji to the UN in Geneva. The roundtable was moderated by Martin Chungong, Secretary General of IPU.



Interviews

01

Michael Møller

Director-General of the United Nation
Office at Geneva

[Video interview](#)



02

Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Chief of the Strategic Planning and Membership Department at the International Telecommunication Union

[Video interview](#)

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Akbar Khan

Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

[Written interview](#)

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News and Resources

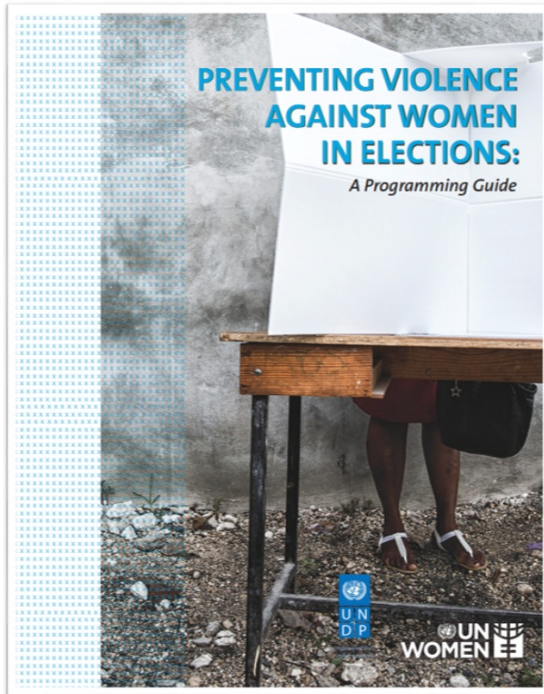
iKNOW Politics shares news and resources in four languages for and about women in politics daily on its website and social media pages. Its online library features over 16,600 news and resources, including world news, reports, research papers, online courses and training material, case studies, databases, and blogs.

[Browse the online library](#)



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. Find below some of the latest resources from International IDEA, IPU, UNDP, and UN Women.



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), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women's



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