Women in parliament

As at 1 January 2024

**Proportion of women in parliament**

26.9%

Globally, 26.9% of members of parliament are women (as at 1 January 2024)

**Women leaders of parliament**

As at 1 January 2024, 64 parliamentary chambers are led by women

23.8% of presiding officers of parliamentary chambers are women

+1.1 points compared to 1 January 2023

+2.9 points compared to 1 January 2021

**Elections in 2023**

66 chambers of parliament in 52 countries were renewed/had elections in 2023

32/66 + women members than before 2023 elections/renewals

15/66 = women members as before 2023 elections/renewals

19/66 - women members than before 2023 elections/renewals

**Progress in 2023**

Progress from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024

↑ +0.4 points

**Progress in recent years**

(in percentage points, as at 1 January of each year)

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**Share of women Chairs of permanent parliamentary committees (%)**

- Human rights 30.6%
- Gender equality 68.5%
- Foreign affairs 20.1%
- Finance 13.4%
- Defence 13.2%

**Champions in 2023**

- Regionally: The Americas have the highest proportion of women elected to parliament in 2023: 42.5% (elections were held in 9 chambers in 6 countries)

- Nationally: African countries have made the most progress after elections held in 2023 in lower/single chambers:

  - #1 Benin +18.5 percentage points
  - #2 Sierra Leone +15.9 percentage points
  - #3 Eswatini +14.4 percentage points

**Quotas work**

In chambers where no quota was applied in renewals held in 2023:

- 28.8% of those elected or appointed to parliament were women

In chambers where some form of quota was applied in renewals held in 2023:

- 23.2% of those elected or appointed to parliament were women

**Women elected in 2023**

27.6% Proportion of seats following parliamentary renewals in 2023

72.4%

28.7% of those elected in proportional representation or mixed electoral systems were women

11.6% of those elected in majoritarian or plurality electoral systems were women

**Impact of electoral system on women’s election in 2023**

- 28.7% of those elected in proportional representation or mixed electoral systems were women
- 11.6% of those elected in majoritarian or plurality electoral systems were women