

Women Cabinet Ministers

The countries are ranked according to the share of women Cabinet members who head Ministries as at 1 January 2025.

Table with columns: Rank, Country, % Women, Women/Cabinet Ministers, and a color-coded bar for the share of women. It lists 189 countries and their respective percentages, such as Nicaragua (64.3%), Cuba (58.1%), and Iceland (60.0%).

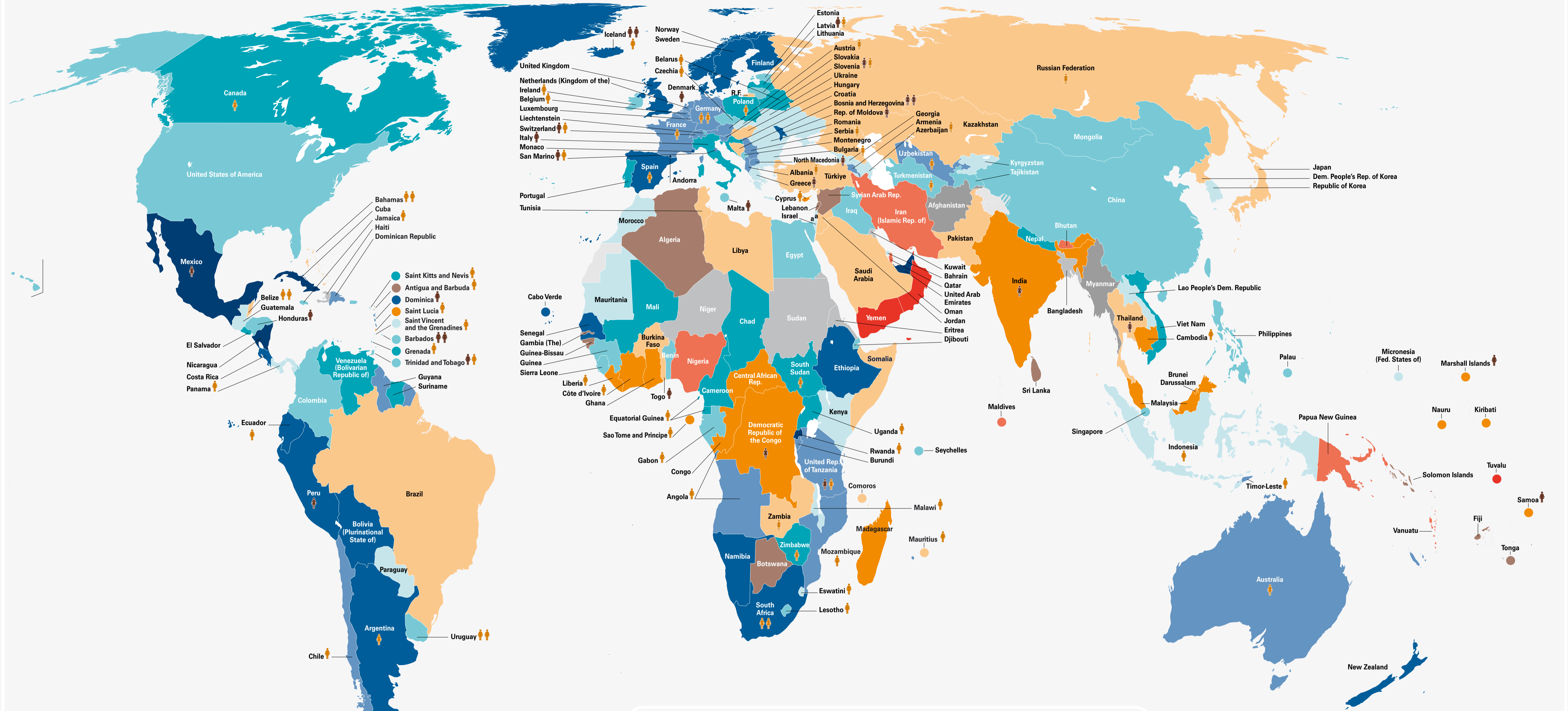


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Situation on 1 January 2025



Women in the highest positions of State

Countries with women Heads of State* (18/151 = 11.9%) and countries with women Heads of Government* (16/193 = 8.3%)

- Heads of State: Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Dominica, Greece, Iceland, India, Malta, North Macedonia, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago.
Heads of State and Government: Honduras, Marshall Islands, Mexico, San Marino**, Switzerland**, United Republic of Tanzania.
Heads of Government: Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Samoa, Thailand, Togo.

Women Speakers of Parliament* (64/270 = 23.7%)

- Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas (2 chambers), Belarus, Belgium, Belize (2 chambers), Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechia, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, France, Gabon, Germany (2 chambers), Grenada, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Panama, Poland, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa (2 chambers), South Sudan, Spain, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay (2 chambers), Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Women Deputy Speakers of Parliament (208/638 = 32.6%)

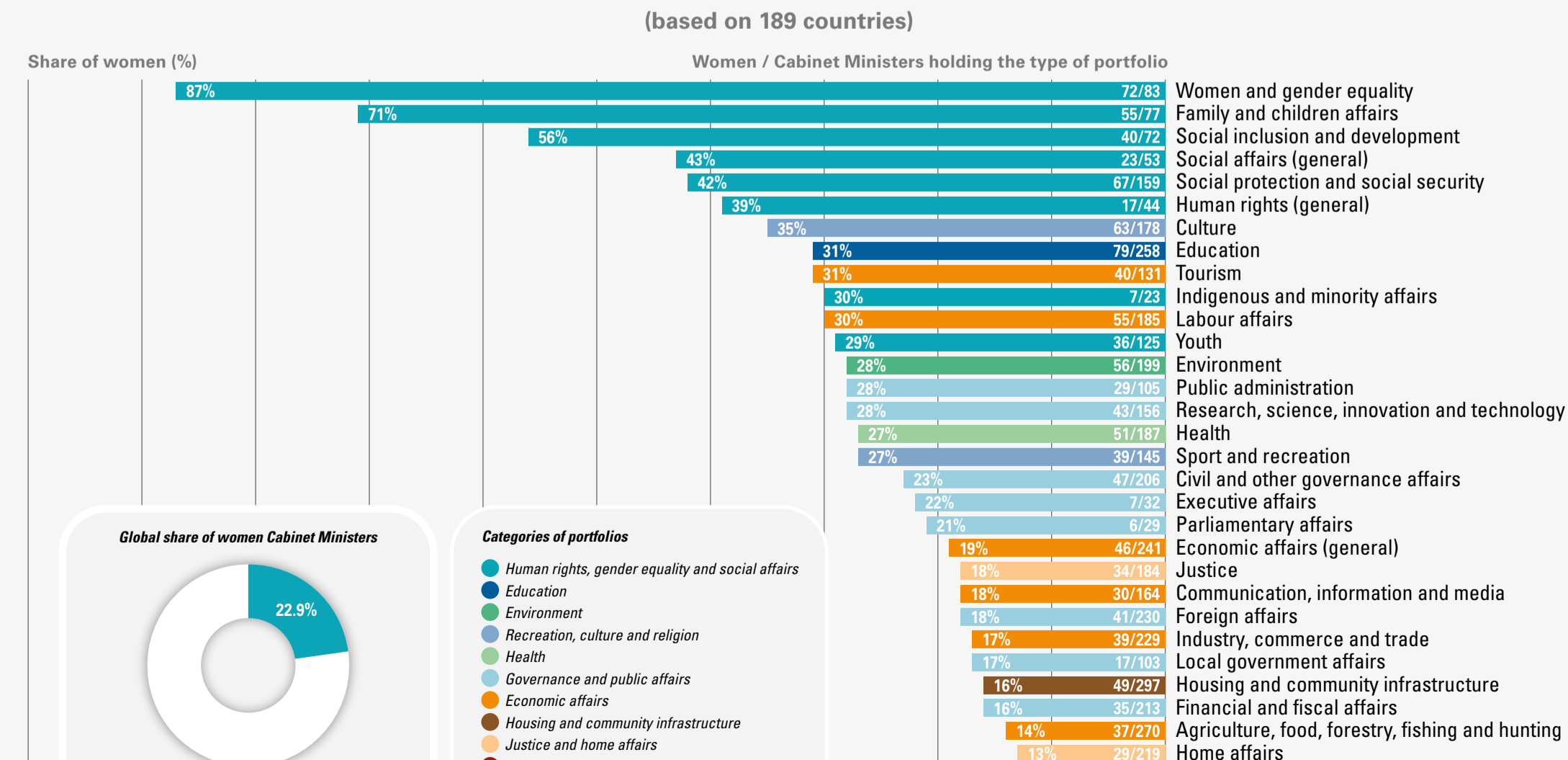
Of the 244 chambers in 172 countries for which information is available, 124 have at least one woman Deputy Speaker. Excludes countries with monarchy-based systems. On 1 January 2025, there were 270 filled positions of Speaker. Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. All parts of this Map may be reproduced for personal and non-commercial use on condition that copyright and the original data source indications are duly cited, and no modifications are made. © Inter-Parliamentary Union and UN Women, 2025.

About this map

The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in parliament on the right-hand side of the map. A world ranking of women Cabinet members who head Ministries is on the left-hand side of the map. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UN Women or of the IPU concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

Information not available: Afghanistan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Syrian Arab Republic. The total includes women and men Cabinet members who head Ministries. Heads of Government were also included where they held ministerial portfolios. Figures correspond to the most recent Cabinet appointed after 1st January 2025. Figures correspond to the most recent Cabinet appointed after 1st January 2025. Figures correspond to the most recent Cabinet appointed after 1st January 2025. Figures correspond to the most recent Cabinet appointed after 1st January 2025. Figures correspond to the most recent Cabinet appointed after 1st January 2025.

Share of women Cabinet Ministers by type of portfolio*



Global share of women Cabinet Ministers: 22.9%. Categories of portfolios: Human rights, gender equality and social affairs; Education; Environment, culture and religion; Health; Governance and public affairs; Economic affairs; Housing and community infrastructure; Justice and home affairs; Defence.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

Table showing regional averages for Americas (35.3%), Europe (31.8%), Sub-Saharan Africa (27.1%), Asia (22.1%), Pacific (20.1%), and Middle East and North Africa (18.1%). It also includes a table for single or lower house, upper house or senate, and both houses combined.

Women in parliament

The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament, reflecting elections/appointments up to 1 January 2025.

Large table listing 189 countries with columns for Rank, Country, Lower or single house, Upper house or Senate, and a color-coded bar for the percentage of women. It includes data for countries like Rwanda (53.8%), Cuba (58.7%), and Iceland (60.0%).

Footnote regarding data sources and updates, including a note about the composition of IPU regional groupings and a note about the 2024 national elections in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.