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ABOUT US

The International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) is an on-line workspace designed to advance women in politics worldwide. As a global online network, iKNOW Politics connects parliamentarians, representatives, candidates, political party leaders and members, researchers, academics and practitioners across borders, generations and other divides, equipping them with the materials, expertise and best practices necessary to make their political mark.

GOAL

iKNOW Politics' goal is to increase the participation and effectiveness of women in political life by utilizing a technology enabled forum that provides access to critical resources and expertise, stimulates dialogue, creates knowledge, and shares experiences on women's political participation.

OBJECTIVES

The project has two main objectives:

- ⊙ To facilitate a global knowledge network that links iKNOW Politics members and experts through discussions on women's political participation and gender related policies, provide access to resources and global knowledge depositories, and offer an online work-space for horizontal communication between experts.
- ⊙ To equip women at the national, regional, and grassroots levels with tools and resources that can be used to inform and support efforts aimed at increasing the numbers of women in politics, and the contribution women make in the political arena.

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ATTRIBUTES

The iKNOW Politics website plays a central role in achieving project goals by allowing participants to engage at three fundamental levels:

ACCESS RESOURCES: Provide access to news, events and an online library that contains up-to-date material and research on women in politics, including sample legislation, campaign manuals, analytical reports, and training materials. The site also provides access to information and expertise that can be requested by network members through the Ask the Experts tool.

CREATE KNOWLEDGE: New knowledge on the iKNOW Politics website is created through discussion circles, E-Discussion Forums, information exchange and consolidated expert responses to member queries on the issues of women's participation in politics. Each member is given an opportunity not only to participate in an online discussion, but also to initiate discussion circles on relevant topics. The results of such exchanges are captured and shared with other network members and the public through e-discussion summaries and consolidated responses.

SHARE EXPERIENCES: Members can share their own experiences by using tools specifically designed to facilitate the exchange of lessons learned and best practices among members of a global community committed to the advancement of women in politics.

AUDIENCE

The iKNOW Politics website serves elected women officials and women candidates, decision makers, political activists, civic groups, as well as interested public such as academics, students and practitioners worldwide.

To be accessible and widely usable, the website content and resources are offered in English, French, and Spanish, and will soon be available in Arabic.

PARTNERSHIPS

To continue to enhance the knowledge base of the resource library, organizations and other experts are invited and welcomed to contribute materials.

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STEERING COMMITTEE

The iKNOW Politics Steering Committee consists of the representatives from International IDEA, IPU, NDI, UNDP and UNIFEM.

THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY AND ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE (International IDEA), created in 1995, is an intergovernmental organization with member states from all continents, has a mandate to support sustainable democracy worldwide.



THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) is the international organization of Parliaments of sovereign States that was established in 1889. The IPU is the focal point for worldwide parliamentary dialogue and works for peace and co-operation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative democracy. In so doing it promotes women's political participation and works to enhance Parliaments' action in favor of women's rights.



THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE (NDI) is a nonprofit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide using a global network of volunteer experts. Since 1985, NDI has provided practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices and institutions. NDI has conducted programs in more than 50 countries to help women advocate on matters of policy, run for political office, be elected, govern effectively, and participate meaningfully in every facet of civic and political life.



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. UNDP is on the ground in 166 countries, working with people on their own solutions to global and national development challenges.



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN (UNIFEM) is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategies to foster women's empowerment and gender equality.





“While the winds of change have begun to blow, women remain on the fringes of political power. That is why the creation of iKNOW Politics, the premier network for women in politics, will provide women with the tools necessary to participate meaningfully in every facet of political life.”

Her Excellency, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of Liberia



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“This is a very useful tool for women in leadership positions. iKNOW Politics offers a global platform where women politicians can reach beyond partisanship and borders to share experiences, offer support and enhance their capacity to lead. It provides a global resource centre and highlights the important experiences, challenges and aspirations of women working on the front line.”

Hon. Syringa Marshall Burnett
President of the Senate, Jamaica



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