

The Status of Women in the United Nations System and PAHO

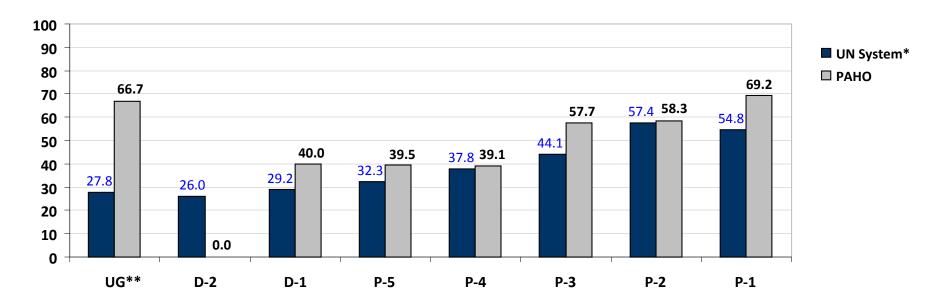
(from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009)

THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

PAHO

Gender distribution of staff in the Professional and higher categories

Percentage of women in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more in the United Nations system and PAHO as of 31 December 2009



^{*30} of 31 entities submitted data

As of 31 December 2009, women in the UN system constituted:

- **39.9%** (11,514 out of 28,849) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more;
- **28.4%** (762 out of 2,685) of all staff at the **D-1 level and above**;
- 41.1% (10,752 out of 26,164) of all staff at the P level;

Gender balance has only been achieved at the P-1 (54.8%) and P-2 (57.4%) levels.

<u>Largest increase:</u> UG (3.5% from 24.3% in Dec 2007 to 27.8% in Dec 2009)

Smallest increase: P-3 (0.6% from 43.5% in Dec 2007 to 44.1% in Dec 2009)

As of 31 December 2009, women in PAHO constituted:

- **45.0%** (200 out of 444) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more;
- **40.9%** (18 out of 44) of all staff at the **D-1 level and above**;
- **45.5%** (182 out of 400) of all staff at the **P level**;

Gender balance has been achieved or exceeded at the P-1 (69.2%), P-2 (58.3%), P-3 (57.7%) and UG (66.7%) levels.

<u>Largest increase:</u> P-3 (11.1% from 46.6% in Dec 2007 to 57.7% in Dec 2009) <u>Largest decrease:</u> UG (-33.3% from 100.0% in Dec 2007 to 66.7% in Dec 2009)

Promotions, appointments, and separations in the Professional and higher categories – 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009

^{**}UG stands for "Ungraded" and combines the ranks of Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, Director-General, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General

* PROMOTIONS *

- Promotions of women accounted for **44.8%** (1,299 out of 2,899) of all promotions to the **P-2** to **D-1 levels**, **31.2%** (82 out of 263) to the **D-1 level**, and **46.2%** (1,217 out of 2,636) to the **P-2** to **P-5 levels**.
- Gender parity in promotions was only met at the P-2 (51.5%) and P-3 (50.6%) levels.
- Lowest proportion: 31.2% (82 out of 263) at the **D-1 level**

* PROMOTIONS *

- Promotions of women accounted for **53.85%** (28 out of 52) of all promotions to the **P-2** to **D-1 levels**, **20.0%** (1 out of 5) to the **D-1 level**, and **57.4%** (27 out of 47) of promotions to the **P-2** to **P-5 levels**.
- Gender parity in promotions was met at the P-2 (83.3%), P-3 (76.9%), and P-4 (66.7%) levels.
- Lowest proportion: 20.0% (1 out of 5) at the **D-1 level**

* APPOINTMENTS *

- Appointments of women represented **45.2%** (5,190 out of 11,493) of all appointments from the **P-1 to the ungraded (UG) levels**, **26.4%** (130 out of 493) at the **D-1 level and above**, and **46%** (5,064 out of 11,004) at the **P-1 to P-5 levels**.
- Gender parity in appointments was only met at the P-1 (64.2%) and P-2 level (60.3%).
- Lowest proportion: 26.3% (31 out of 118) at the **D-2** level

* SEPARATIONS *

- **6,516 staff** in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more separated out of a total of **28,849 staff**.
- Separatons of women constituted: **40.2%** (2,622 out of 6,516) of all separations in the Professional and higher categories.
 - o **24.5%** (153 out of 624) at the **D-1 level and above**
 - o 41.9% (2,469 out of 5,892) at the Professional level (P-1 through P-5)
- <u>Major causes of separation</u>: Women constituted **42.9%** (1,592 out of 3,714) of appointments expirations, **41.4%** (441 out of 1,066) of resignations, and **29.6%** (273 out of 922) of mandatory retirements.

* APPOINTMENTS *

- Appointments of women represented **55.4%** (31 out of 56) of all appointments from the **P-1** to the **UG levels**, **20.0%** (1 out of 5) at the **D-1 level and above** and **58.8%** (30 out of 51) at the **P-1 to P-5 levels**.
- Gender parity in appointments was met or exceeded at the P-1 (50.0%), P-2 (55.6%), P-3 (57.1%), P-4 (62.5%), and P-5 (57.1%) levels.
- Lowest proportion: 25.0% (1 out of 4) at the **D-1 level**

* SEPARATIONS *

- 71 staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more separated out of a total of 444 staff.
- Separations of women constituted: **39.4%** (28 out of 71) of all separations in the Professional and higher categories.
 - o 50.0% (2 out of 4) at the **D-1 level and above**
 - o 38.8% (26 out of 67) at the Professional level (P-1 through P-5)
- <u>Major causes of separation</u>: Women constituted **55.6%** (5 out of 9) of appointments expirations, **42.9%** (9 out of 21) of resignations, and **32.0%** (8 out of 25) of mandatory retirements.

Trends in the representation of women in the Professional and higher categories – 2000 to 2009

During the period **2000-2009** in the UN system, the proportion of women appointed increased by **6.5 percentage points**, from **33.4**%(5,977 out of 17,864) in 2000 to **39.9**% (11,514 out of 28,849) in 2009.

During the period **2000- 2009 in PAHO**, the proportion of women appointed increased by **3.8 percentage points**, from **41.3%** (128 out of 310) in 2000 to **45.0%** (200 out of 444) in 2009.

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Level	% of women as of 31 Dec 2000	% of women as of 31 Dec 2009	Total change 2000-2009 (percentage points)	Average annual change 2000-2009 (percentage points)	Level	% of women as of 31 Dec 2000	% of women as of 31 Dec 2009	Total change 2000-2009 (percentage points)	Average annual change 2000-2009 (percentage points)
UG	17.4	27.8	10.4	1.2	UG	33.3	66.7	33.3	3.7
D-2	18.2	26.0	7.8	0.9	D-2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
D-1	21.4	29.2	7.8	0.9	D-1	27.6	40.0	12.4	1.4
P-5	23.5	32.3	8.8	1.0	P-5	33.9	39.5	5.6	0.6
P-4	31.0	37.8	6.8	0.8	P-4	41.8	39.1	-2.7	-0.3
P-3	41.4	44.1	2.7	0.3	P-3	55.3	57.7	2.4	0.3
P-2	54.5	57.4	2.9	0.3	P-2	44.8	58.3	13.5	1.5
P-1	62.6	54.8	-7.8	-0.9	P-1	75.0	69.2	-5.8	-0.6