

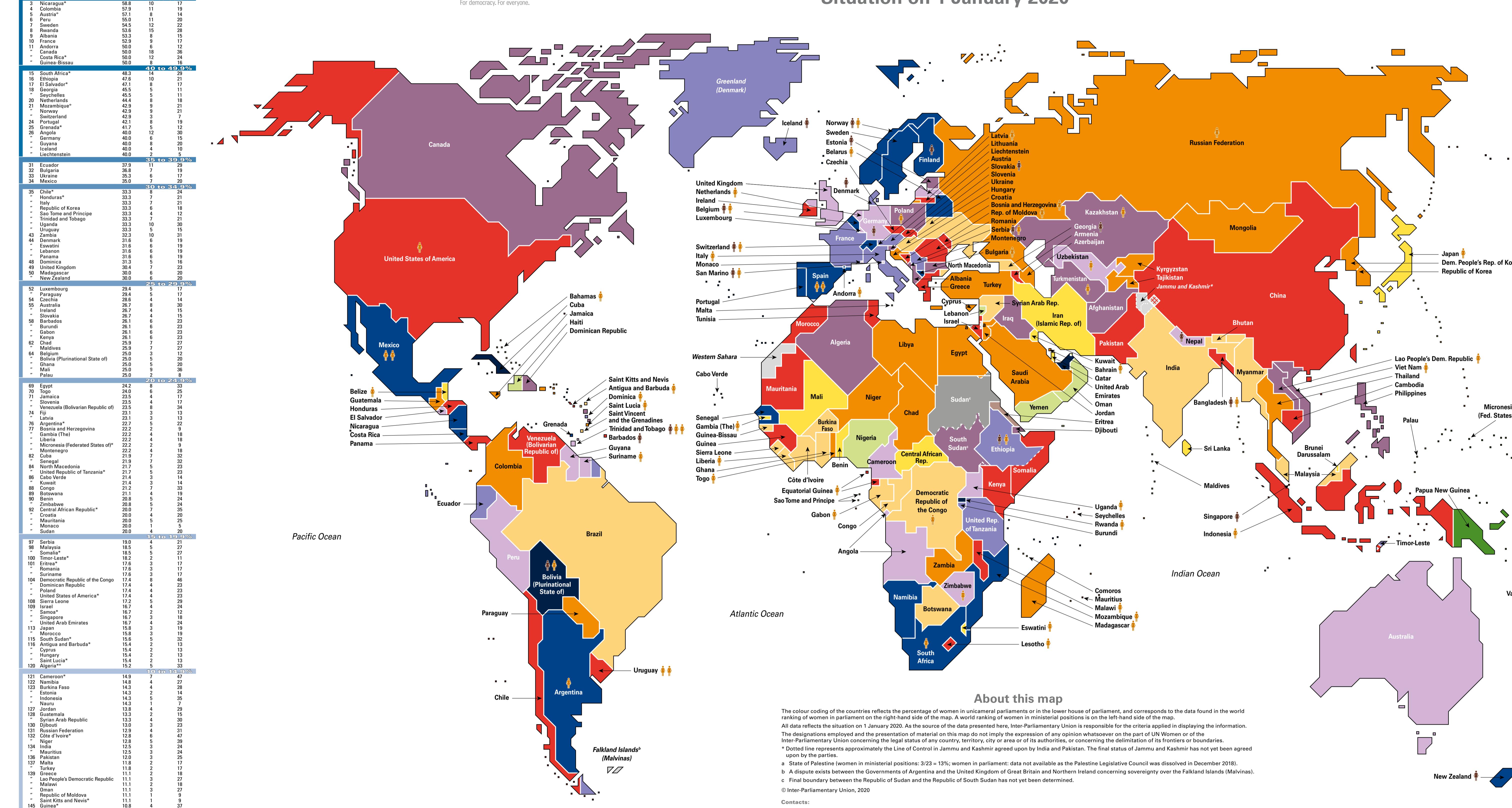
# Women in ministerial positions



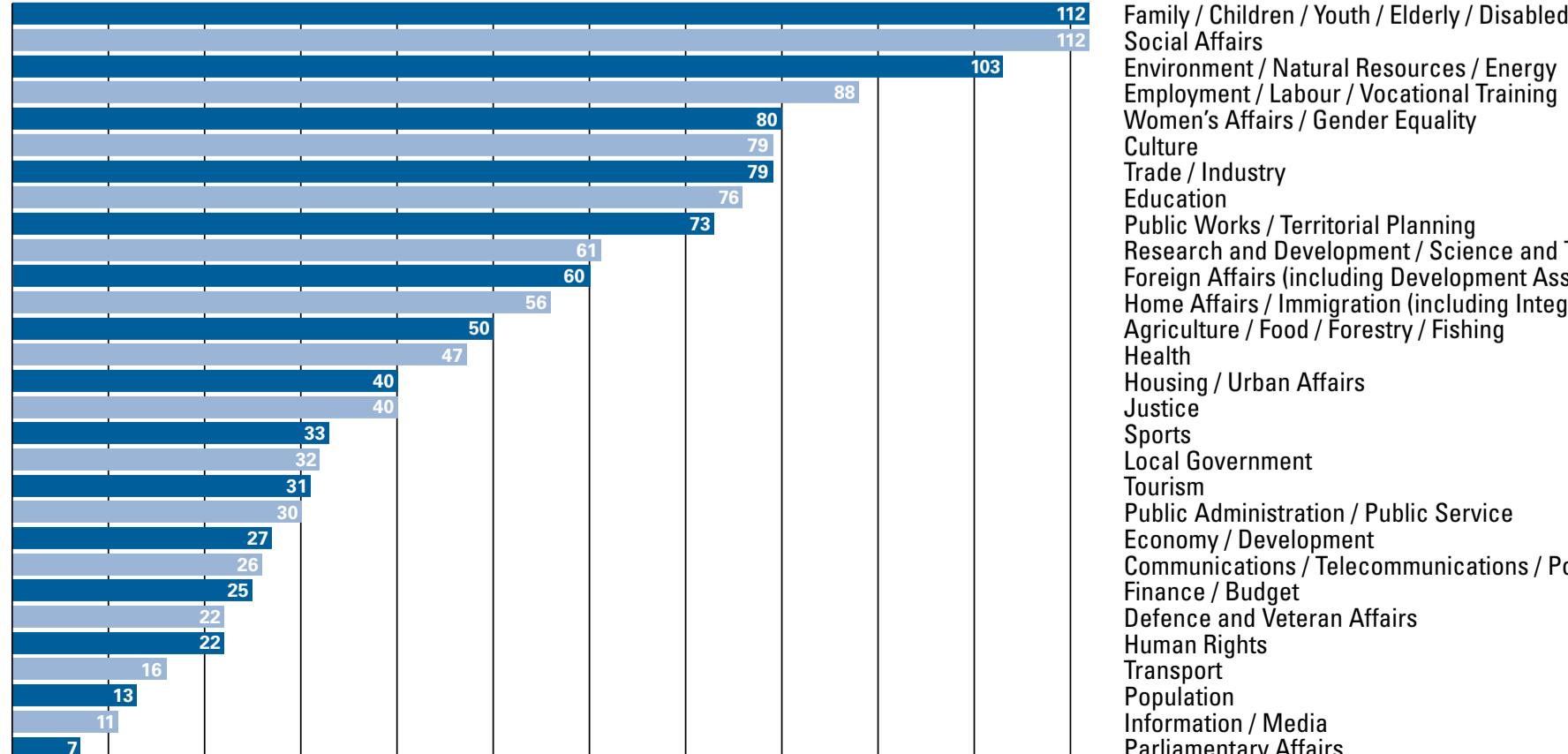
# Women in Politics: 2020



Situation on 1 January 2020



## Portfolios held by Women Ministers



## Women in the highest positions of State

### Women heads of state<sup>a</sup> (10/152 = 6.6%) and women heads of government (12/193 = 6.2%)

Bangladesh (HG), Barbados (HG), Belgium (HG), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (HS/HG), Denmark (HG), Estonia (HS), Ethiopia (HS), Finland (HG), Georgia (HG), Iceland (HG), Nepal (HS), New Zealand (HG), Norway (HG), San Marino (HS), Serbia (HG), Singapore (HS), Slovakia (HS), Switzerland (HS/HG), Trinidad and Tobago (HS)

### Women speakers of parliament<sup>b</sup> (57/278 = 20.5%)

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia (The), Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico (2 chambers), Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Serbia, South Africa, Spain (2 chambers), Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United States of America, Uruguay (2 chambers), Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.

### Women deputy speakers of parliament (147/582 = 25.3%)

Of the 220 chambers in 166 countries for which information is available, 94 have at least one woman deputy speaker.

Note: I(HS/G) - The head of state is also the head of government.

<sup>a</sup> Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.

<sup>b</sup> Out of a total of 271 parliamentary chambers, two have 2 additional speakers and three have 1 additional speaker, for a total of 278 speakers.

## World and regional averages of women in parliament

Single house or lower house 24.9%      Upper house or Senate 24.7%      Both houses combined 24.9%

### World averages

Regions are classified by descending order of the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament.

#### Nordic countries

43.9% — —

#### Americas

31.1% 32.1% 31.3%

#### Europe (Nordic countries included)

30.1% 29.1% 29.9%

#### Europe (Nordic countries not included)

28.7% 29.1% 28.8%

#### Sub-Saharan Africa

24.4% 24.1% 24.4%

#### Asia

20.5% 16.7% 20.0%

#### Middle East and North Africa

17.5% 10.8% 16.6%

#### Pacific

16.6% 43.8% 19.4%

# 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 2020.

Rank	Country	Lower house or unicameral Women %	Upper house or Senate Women %	Total Seats
1	Rwanda	61.3	49.80	38.5
2	Cuba	59.0	32.95	47.2
3	Bolivia (Plurinational State of) <sup>c</sup>	53.1	29.00	47.3
4	United Arab Emirates	50.0	20.40	40.0

<sup>a</sup> Data from UN Women. <sup>b</sup> Data from Inter-Parliamentary Union. <sup>c</sup> Data from UN Women.

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