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How To Use iKNOW Politics Network

This guide is created to help all our new and returning members.

Its simple and designed to provide easy access to networking opportunities, exchanging knowledge, staying informed and taking action.



About iKNOW Politics:

The International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (www.iKNOWPolitics.org) is an online knowledge network, jointly supported by the five partner organizations who came together to make women's political participation their collective priority and devise a strategy that would scale-up each of the organization's efforts to foster gender equality in politics:

- International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

The network aims to increase the participation and effectiveness of women in political life by utilizing a technology-enabled forum to provide access to critical resources and expertise, stimulate dialogue, create knowledge, and share experiences among women in politics.

iKNOW Politics is available in **English, French, Spanish and Arabic.**

STEP 7: TAKE ACTION

- View Testimonials
- Read Interviews
- Give Feedback
- Ask
- E-Learn

The screenshot shows the 'iKNOW politics' website interface. A navigation bar at the top includes the logo and language options: العربية, English, Español, Français. Below the navigation bar, a 'Take Action' menu is highlighted with a red arrow. The menu items are: Testimonials, Interviews, Feedback, and E-Learning. Each item has a brief description and a 'read more' link. For example, 'Testimonials' describes how members share their personal journeys, and 'E-Learning' mentions that tools are currently available. The main content area below the menu features sections for 'My Know/Politics', 'Dashboard', 'My Profile', 'My Posts', and 'My Comments'. A search bar and social media icons are also visible at the bottom of the page.

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE

The screenshot shows the language selection menu on the iKNOW politics website. The menu is titled 'International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics' and lists four language options: العربية, English, Español, and Français. A red arrow points to the 'English' option, which is circled. Below the language menu, there is a 'Take Action' menu with options for 'Stay Informed', 'Exchange Knowledge', and 'Join Us!'. The main content area below the menu features sections for 'World News', 'Current Discussions', 'Women's Parliamentary Caucuses', 'Women in Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Region', 'Strengthening women's participation and leadership in political parties', 'Political participation and other areas of decision-making', 'Election Talk', and 'Library'. Each section has a brief description and a 'read more' link. For example, 'World News' mentions that in the news section, users will find current news articles and upcoming events pertaining to women in politics. The 'Library' section mentions that users can search for resources by type of document in the menu bar, or by keyword in the search field.

STEP 2: SIGN UP & BECOME A MEMBER

The screenshot shows the iKNOW politics website with a focus on the membership section. A large green button labeled "Become a member" is at the top left. Below it, a "JOIN US!" button is circled in red. A red arrow points from the "JOIN US!" button to the "Become a member" button. The website header includes the iKNOW politics logo and navigation tabs: Network, Exchange Knowledge, Stay Informed, and Take Action. The main content area features a "World News" section with a "JOIN US!" button, a "Calendar of Events" section, and a "Popular Resources" section. The "World News" section includes a "JOIN US!" button and a "Become a member" button. The "Calendar of Events" section includes a "JOIN US!" button and a "Become a member" button. The "Popular Resources" section includes a "JOIN US!" button and a "Become a member" button.

STEP 6: STAY INFORMED

- Read Latest World News
- See Latest World Events
- Read iKNOW Politics Newsletter

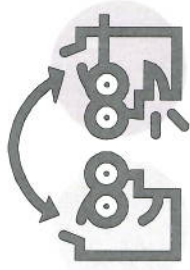
The screenshot shows the iKNOW politics website with a focus on the "Stay Informed" section. A red arrow points from the "Take Action" button to the "Stay Informed" section. The website header includes the iKNOW politics logo and navigation tabs: Network, Exchange Knowledge, Stay Informed, and Take Action. The main content area features a "World News" section, a "Calendar of Events" section, and a "Popular Resources" section. The "World News" section includes a "Stay Informed" button and a "Take Action" button. The "Calendar of Events" section includes a "Stay Informed" button and a "Take Action" button. The "Popular Resources" section includes a "Stay Informed" button and a "Take Action" button.

NEWS CALENDAR

iKNOW POLITICS NEWSLETTER

STEP 5: EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE

- Look up the LIBRARY
- Share your knowledge in E-DISCUSSIONS
- Ask a Question to Experts
- Read Responses from Experts



LIBRARY

Exchange Knowledge | Stay Informed | Take Action

Welcome back, [Databases](#) | [Library](#) | [E-Discussions](#) | [Ask The Expert](#) | [Expert Profiles](#) | [Consolidated Responses](#) | [My Profile](#) | [My Posts](#) | [My Comments](#) | [Expert Co-Mod Queue](#) | [Suggest Resources](#) | [Promote Your Event](#) | [Share Word Files](#) | [Advanced Search](#)

Library

Find the entire collection of iKNOW Politics resources. You can explore the entire collection by region or by region and topic. For resources organized by issue area and region, refer to the topics and regions sections of the site.

E-Discussions

Welcome to the iKNOW Politics E-Discussion page! E-Discussions aim to generate knowledge on a global level during week-long interactive discussions that are moderated by the iKNOW Politics team. Every E-Discussion concludes with an E-Discussion Summary, prepared by the iKNOW Politics members and based on the contributions of our participants. On this page, iKNOW Politics members can browse the ongoing E-Discussion and read the full content and summaries of previous E-Discussions.

Ask The Expert

Welcome to Ask the Expert! Before submitting your question, please review previous relevant Consolidated Responses in the resource library. In this section, members can post specific questions to the iKNOW Politics network of experts. All questions will first be forwarded to the Network Facilitator, and your patience in awaiting a response is appreciated.

Consolidated Responses

Consolidated Responses are responses to questions posed by members to iKNOW Politics Experts. iKNOW Politics experts contribute their expertise and knowledge in the preparation of the summaries.

Popular Resources

- ✓ [Direct Reference Guide to UN Security Council Resolutions](#)
- ✓ [Crafting Gender-Appealing Language: How to Promote and Protect Gender Equality in CEE and CIS](#)
- ✓ [Bridging the Gender Digital Divide](#)
- ✓ [Women and Leadership Roles](#)
- ✓ [Women and Politics in Morocco: A Gender Mainstreaming Women's Political Participation](#)

ASK THE EXPERTS

EDUCATION

FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORM and follow instructions RECEIVED IN EMAIL

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Sign up | Create new account | Log in | Register new password

Registration permits iKNOW Politics users to create personalized profiles on the iKNOW Politics space, where they can complete and filter resources according to their interests and regional preferences. Additionally, iKNOW Politics users can contribute resources, share their expertise, and connect with other members. Please complete the simple form below to get started. You will receive an email with instructions to complete the registration process. You may wish to review the site [before you complete your E-Discussion](#) before you begin.

Please select language: English

Account Information

Username:

Email address: (This email address will be used for you when you receive an email invitation to join. It will not be published on the site.)

Groups:

- Join "Sociedad Civil y Participación de Mujeres Políticas"
- Join Advocacy on Gender-based violence (GBV)
- Join Barcelona Feminism
- Join Spanish practices on a participación de mujeres en los partidos políticos

E-Discussion

- E-Discussion
- E-Discussion

My Organization: (The content of this field is subject to privacy and will not be shown publicly.)

My Affiliation: (Please indicate if you are a current employer or any groups or organizations you may be affiliated with. The content of this field is subject to privacy and will not be shown publicly.)

Word verification: (Verify using audio)

Word verification:

Popular Resources

- ✓ [Promoting Gender Equality in New Technologies and Partnerships](#)
- ✓ [Towards Advancing the MDGs in Sudan: Gender Equality](#)
- ✓ [Partnership for Budget and Gender](#)
- ✓ [Women, Peace and Security: UN Security Council Resolution 1325](#)
- ✓ [Cuba's Third Young's Rights Center and Document](#)

CHOOSE YOUR LANGUAGE

FILL IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE

CLICK ON CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

STEP 3: LOG IN WITH YOUR PASSWORD

Username: **Password:** **Log In**

International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics

Beyond Revolution: State Building in Arab States

World News

- Turkey: Women demand more voice in politics [read more](#)
- Trinidad and Tobago: Port of Spain Consensus on Transformational Leadership for Gender Equality [read more](#)
- Women in political dynasties: The distaff of office [read more](#)
- Romania: Gender equality missing from public debate [read more](#)

Current Discussions

- Discussion Circles engage users and members in active dialogue on topics of their choice that address the shared challenges faced by women leaders and candidates today [read more](#)
- Women's Parliamentary Caucuses [read more](#)
- Women in Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Region [read more](#)
- Strengthening women's participation and leadership in political parties [read more](#)
- Political participation and other areas of decision-making [read more](#)

Library

In the Library section, you will find the entire collection of iKNOW Policy research reports. You can search for resources by type, document in the menu bar, or by keyword in the search field.

Strengthening women political participation in THAILAND: Parliamentary Elections [read more](#)

JOIN → SHARE in DISCUSSIONS

International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics

Women in elections: encouraging women's voting

Discussion Circle Menu

- Create Discussion Topic
- Invite friend
- 14 members
- Manager: Helena Catt
- My membership

This group was initiated following the query of Helena Catt, a consultant for UNDP's Global Programme for Electoral Cycle Support. Helena is currently searching for best practices on how women have been encouraged to vote in developing countries for her report on Election Management Bodies. If you have good examples don't hesitate to share them here.

Her question was typical: "I'm compiling a report that showcases examples of actions introduced by Election Management Bodies in developing democracies with an aim of encouraging the electoral participation of women as voters, candidates and EMB staff at all levels. We hope to cover the following areas:

- the registration process
- the polling process, including security
- voter education and information
- internal staffing policies and actions, including appointment of Commissioners
- statements in strategic plan, vision statement
- gender mainstreaming mechanisms
- enforcement of candidate gender quotas by EMBs
- data collection and reporting that allows or shows gender position

From material on Know Politics and ACE I have examples from:

- Separate polling booths or stations in Lebanon, Jordan, Pakistan and Yemen
- Palestine procedure for women wearing a veil
- South Africa 1994 election various education and training programmes
- Issues around family voting in Mozambique
- Morocco 2002 education and media work
- Use of radio, song and film to counter illiteracy in Malawi, Afghanistan, Mali, Kenya
- Women only registration teams in Afghanistan

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JOIN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

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Network Exchange Knowledge Stay Informed Take Action

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Search for a group by name

Discussion Circles

Group	Description	Manager	Posts	Members	Join
WOMEN IN AMERICA	A discussion circle on best practices by encouraging women to vote	MELISSA SUE	1	13	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL FRANCHISE	A discussion circle on how to enter politics with a focus on advocating and conflict resolution in America	ANGIE		22	Join
WOMEN AND CONGRESS	This discussion circle has been created to focus on the high level meetings of Bills on transportation and governmental	ANGIE	1	40	Join
WOMEN AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	Discussion Circle by the IWP	ANGIE	11	55	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	APPROACHING POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT ON WOMEN'S PARLIAMENTARY COUNCILS	ANGIE	10	6	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	This discussion aims to continue dialog started at the conference on encouraging women's participation and leadership in political parties.	ANGIE	10	6	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	Discussion on how women politicians can advocate against DV?	ANGIE		211	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	In this circle, iKNOWpolitics members share their opinions and experiences about the participation of young women in politics and public life.	ANGIE	9	1,397	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	What are some of the creative strategies used by women around the world to first and foremost campaign funds?	ANGIE	3	228	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	How do women's successes in political participation influence other areas of social justice?	ANGIE	33	4,298	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	Participation of young women in politics	ANGIE	19	4,184	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	Women's role in their men?	ANGIE	46	4,731	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	Women's Participation in the House, Senate and State	ANGIE	17	3,897	Join
WOMEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT	This circle focuses on the role of women in politics.	ANGIE	27	4,112	Join

[Create a New Discussion Circle](#)

CREATE A NEW DISCUSSION CIRCLE

DASHBOARD: COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

- All the latest information on the network
Your complete profile

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Dashboard

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My Comments

Expert Qs

Mod Queue

Suggest Resources

Promote Your Event

Share World News

Advanced Search

Latest Discussions

Latest Library Additions

Latest World News

Upcoming Events

Featured Interview

Upcoming Events

TELL OTHERS ABOUT YOU in "MY PROFILE"

YOUR PICTURE

The screenshot shows the user profile page for 'Piyoo' on the iKNOW politics website. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** About, Exchange Knowledge, Stay Informed, Take Action, Log in, Password, Search, Register, Log out, JOIN US!
- Language:** العربية, English, Español, Français
- Header:** International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics
- Profile Summary:**
 - About:** Piyoo
 - Personal Information:** My Affiliation (iKNOW Politics and UNIFEM), My Organization (iKNOW Politics), My Job Title (Project Manager), My Organization's Profile (www.iknowpolitics.org), My Organization's Web site (www.iknowpolitics.org)
 - My Areal(s) of Expertise:** Project Manager and Knowledge Network Facilitator (iKNOW Politics)/92
- My Biography and Story:** A section for the user's bio.
- My Areas of Expertise:** A list of expertise areas.
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Annotations include a red arrow pointing to the profile picture area and a bracket labeled 'INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF' encompassing the profile details.

STEP 4: NETWORK

- Join ongoing discussion circle
- Start "OPEN" discussion circle
- Start "CLOSED" discussion circle

Network

The screenshot shows the 'Network' section of the iKNOW politics website. It features a navigation bar with 'Network', 'Exchange Knowledge', 'Stay Informed', and 'Take Action'. The main content area is titled 'International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics' and includes a search bar, login fields, and a 'JOIN US!' button. Below the header, there are several sections:

- Current Discussions:** A list of discussion topics with checkboxes, including 'Women's Parliamentary Caucuses', 'Women in Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Region', 'Strengthening women's participation and leadership in political parties', and 'Political participation and other areas of decision-making'.
- World News:** A section with a globe icon and a list of news items, including 'Turkey: Women demand more voice in politics', 'Trinidad and Tobago: Port of Spain Consensus on Transformational Leadership for Gender Equality', 'Women in political dynasties: The distaff of office', and 'Romania: Gender equality missing from public debate'.
- Election Talk:** A section with a bar chart icon and a list of election-related news items, including 'Election Talk: A space for members to discuss election related activities and/or other organizations active in the area of electoral processes to share their experiences'.
- Popular Resources:** A section with a list of resources, including 'Beyond Revolution: State Building in Arab States', 'Role of Women in Arab States', 'Promoting Gender Equality in New Aid Modalities and Partnerships', 'Towards Achieving the MDGs in Sudan: Centrality of Women's Leadership and Gender Equality', 'Parliament, the Budget and Gender', and 'Women, Peace and Security: UNIFEM Supporting Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325'.

Annotations include a red arrow pointing to the 'Network' link in the navigation bar and a bracket labeled 'Network' encompassing the main content area.

