



International Women's Day

Special Edition

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Reflections from the Secretary-General - International Women's Day 2015



On International Women's Day International IDEA reasserts its commitment to advancing women's participation and representation and promoting gender equality in democracy building processes and institutions.

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Yves Leterme, Secretary-General

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Women and Democracy - inaction is not an option

The year 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women where the progressive blueprint on advancing women's rights – the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action – was articulated and agreed upon. Twenty years on what has been achieved?

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Women in politics - achieving key milestones

International Women's Day 2015 with a theme of #MakeItHappen. What milestones and achievements in terms of women in politics can we celebrate from 2014?


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Overcoming political exclusion of indigenous women in Mexico

Read the inspiring story of how one woman triumphs in

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■ NEW RELEASES

Money in Politics

Throughout the world today, politics has become an expensive affair, to the extent that money is now among the greatest threats to democracy.

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English-Myanmar Glossary of Democratic Terms (Myanmar)

Provides accessible and value-neutral explanations of terms relevant to Myanmar's transition to democracy.



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her fight against the social and political marginalization of indigenous women in Mexico.

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Political finance and gender equality - Kenya report

Money is among the greatest threats to democracy in today's politics and is recognised as a key barrier for women who wish to run for office. International IDEA links the issue of gender and political finance in this forthcoming report based on research conducted in Kenya during 2014.

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Working on achieving effective parity in Latin America

Sixteen Latin American countries currently have a legal measure to try to increase the number of women nominated. However, the impact on women's chances of getting elected to office is as of yet unverified. What is the current state of play in Latin America?

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Nepali women and statelessness

Women's rights to pass citizenship onto their children are under threat in Nepal due to lack of adherence to the existing progressive legislation, with government officials not respecting these provisions even after a recent order issued by the Supreme Court.

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The mothers of the constitution - Tunisia

The International IDEA and NIMD "Respect for Women's Political Rights: Participation and Leadership of Women in Politics in Tunisia" programme was launched in Tunisia, April 2014, Read more about this innovative project.

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Bolivia: 49 per cent of women elected to parliament

The elections of 12 October 2014, have reconfigured the conformation of the Bolivian parliament, in which women reached 51% representation in the Legislative Assembly, placing the country in the second place worldwide in the scope of parity.

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Challenge of defining 'gender' in Myanmar language: 'English-Myanmar Glossary of Democratic Terms' published

Earlier this year the first edition of the 'English-Myanmar Glossary of Democratic Terms' was launched at International IDEA's Myanmar office.

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Looks at electoral reform initiatives in eight countries.

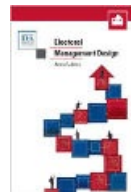
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Electoral Management Design: Revised edition

This handbook provides comparative experience of and best practices on EMB structures and funding models, as well as means for evaluating performance.

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Political Parties and Citizen Movements in Asia and Europe

Diverse groups of citizens, often including high numbers of youth, have made an increasing impact on democratic processes in Asia and Europe.

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