

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2017.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
1	Bolivia	52.9	9	17
2	France	52.9	9	17
3	Nicaragua	52.9	9	17
4	Sweden	52.2	12	23
5	Canada	51.7	15	29
6	Slovenia	50.0	6	12
40 to 49.9%				
7	Iceland	47.1	4	9
8	Denmark	42.9	9	21
9	South Africa	41.7	15	36
10	Albania	40.0	8	20
11	Liechtenstein	40.0	4	10
12	Norway	38.9	19	49
13	Finland	38.5	5	13
14	Spain	38.5	6	16
15	Netherlands	37.5	6	16
16	New Zealand	37.0	10	27
17	Peru	36.8	7	19
18	Uganda	36.7	11	30
19	Lithuania	35.7	7	19
20	Colombia	35.3	6	17
35 to 34.9%				
21	Chile	34.8	8	23
22	Germany	33.3	5	15
23	Zambia	33.3	10	30
24	Dominica	31.3	5	16
25	Dominica*	31.3	5	16
26	Mauritania	30.8	8	26
27	Switzerland	30.8	13	42
28	United Kingdom	30.8	8	26
29	Costa Rica	30.8	8	26
30	Andorra	30.0	3	10
25 to 24.9%				
31	Panama	29.4	5	17
32	Estonia	28.6	4	14
33	Switzerland	28.6	2	7
34	Trinidad and Tobago	28.6	6	21
35	Belgium	28.6	6	21
36	Ecuador	27.5	11	40
37	Peru	27.5	11	40
38	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	27.5	6	22
39	Honduras	27.5	6	22
40	Saint Lucia*	27.3	3	11
41	Ireland	26.7	4	15
42	United Arab Emirates	26.7	8	30
43	Ireland	26.3	5	19
44	Swaziland	26.3	5	19
45	Cuba	25.7	9	35
46	Indonesia	25.7	9	35
47	Cuba	25.7	9	35
48	Philippines	25.0	2	8
49	Philippines	25.0	2	8
20 to 19.9%				
50	Mali	24.2	8	33
51	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	24.2	8	33
52	Australia	24.1	7	29
53	Namibia	24.0	6	25
54	Romania	24.0	6	25
55	Romania*	24.0	6	25
56	Bahamas*	23.5	4	17
57	Guinea	23.3	3	13
58	Austria	23.1	3	13
59	Lebanon	23.1	3	13
60	Tunisia	23.1	6	26
61	Tunisia	22.9	9	39
62	Burundi	22.7	5	22
63	Poland	22.7	5	22
64	Angola	22.2	2	9
65	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.2	4	18
66	Malawi*	22.2	4	18
67	Portugal*	22.2	4	18
68	Republic of Moldova	22.2	4	18
69	Dominica*	22.2	4	18
70	El Salvador	21.4	3	14
71	Greece	21.4	3	14
72	El Salvador	21.4	3	14
73	Nicaragua	21.1	4	19
74	Côte d'Ivoire	20.9	9	43
75	Dominican Republic*	20.9	8	40
76	Croatia	20.9	5	24
77	Croatia	20.9	5	24
78	Costa Rica	20.9	5	24
79	Costa Rica	20.0	1	5
80	Costa Rica	20.0	1	5
81	Sierra Leone	20.0	6	30
82	Sierra Leone	20.0	6	30
83	Sierra Leone	20.0	6	30
84	Togo	20.0	4	20
85	United Republic of Tanzania	20.0	4	20
15 to 14.9%				
86	Israel*	19.0	4	21
87	Timor-Leste	18.8	3	16
88	Timor-Leste	18.8	3	16
89	Lesotho	18.2	4	22
90	Timor-Leste and Principe*	18.2	4	22
91	Gabon	17.9	5	28
92	Madagascar	17.9	5	28
93	Czechia	17.6	3	17
94	Maldives	17.4	4	23
95	Central African Republic	17.4	4	23
96	Cameroon	17.1	7	41
97	Cameroon	16.7	3	18
98	Algeria	16.7	3	18
99	Algeria	16.7	3	18
100	Yemen	16.7	3	18
101	Yemen	16.7	3	18
102	Yemen	16.7	3	18
103	Yemen	16.7	3	18
104	Nauru*	16.1	1	6
105	Zimbabwe	16.1	5	31
106	Zimbabwe	16.1	5	31
107	Japan	15.8	3	19
108	Japan	15.8	3	19
109	Mexico	15.8	3	19
110	Fiji*	15.4	2	13
111	Paraguay	15.4	2	13
112	Samoa	15.4	2	13
10 to 9.9%				
113	Benin	14.3	3	21
114	Kyrgyzstan	14.3	3	21
115	Kyrgyzstan	14.3	3	21
116	Tuvalu*	14.3	1	7
117	Sierra Leone	13.8	4	29
118	Sierra Leone	13.8	4	29
119	Algeria	13.3	2	15
120	Mongolia	13.3	2	15
121	Burkina Faso	13.0	3	23
122	Morocco	13.0	3	23
123	Morocco	12.0	3	25
124	Nigeria	12.0	3	25
125	Barbados*	11.8	4	34
126	Egypt	11.6	5	43
127	Democratic Rep. of the Congo*	11.6	5	43
128	Sudan*	11.4	2	18
129	Armenia*	11.1	2	18
130	Georgia	11.1	2	18
131	Saint Kitts and Nevis*	11.1	1	9
132	Thailand	11.1	1	9
133	Iraq	10.5	2	19
134	Bhutan	10.0	3	30
135	China	10.0	3	30
136	Ethiopia	10.0	3	30
137	Marshall Islands	10.0	1	10
138	Mauritius	9.7	2	20
5 to 4.9%				
139	Equatorial Guinea*	9.7	3	31
140	Iran (Islamic Republic of)*	9.7	3	31
141	Russian Federation	9.7	3	31
142	Cambodia	9.1	1	11
143	Cyprus	9.1	1	11
144	Republic of Korea	9.1	2	22
145	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*	9.1	1	11
146	Malaysia	9.1	3	33
147	Antigua and Barbuda*	9.1	1	11
148	Lao People's Democratic Republic	7.4	2	27
149	Iran	7.1	1	14
150	Kuwait	6.7	1	15
151	Somalia	6.3	2	32
152	Bangladesh*	6.3	2	32
153	Malta	6.3	1	16
154	Uman	6.3	1	16
155	Qatar	6.3	1	16
156	Syrian Arab Republic*	5.9	1	17
157	Tajikistan	5.9	1	17
158	Djibouti	5.8	1	17
159	Yemen	5.8	1	17
160	Yemen	5.3	1	19
161	Singapore	5.0	1	20
162	Yemen*	5.0	1	20
0 to 0%				
163	Bahrain	4.5	1	22
164	Solomon Islands*	4.3	1	22
165	Sri Lanka	4.3	2	47
166	Viet Nam	4.3	2	47
167	Brazil	4.0	1	25
168	Turkey	3.7	1	27
169	Nepal	3.7	1	27
170	Belarus*	3.6	1	28
171	Lebanon	3.4	1	29
172	Papua New Guinea*	3.1	1	32
173	Armenia*	2.9	1	34
0 to 0%				
174	Azerbaijan	0.0	0	16
175	Belize*	0.0	0	14
176	Brunei Darussalam	0.0	0	16
177	Comoros	0.0	0	10
178	Guinea-Bissau*	0.0	0	24
179	Hong Kong	0.0	0	11
180	Kiribati*	0.0	0	14
181	Kiribati*	0.0	0	14
182	Palau*	0.0	0	8
183	Palau*	0.0	0	8
184	Marina	0.0	0	7
185	Saudi Arabia	0.0	0	29
186	Tonga	0.0	0	12
187	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
188	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
189	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
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196	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
197	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
198	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
199	Yemen*	0.0	0	12
200	Yemen*	0.0	0	12

Demographic People's Republic of Korea, Georgia, Haiti, Libya, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States of America and Uzbekistan

* Appointments to the country's ministerial positions are not yet completed.

1 The total includes deputy prime ministers and ministers. Prime ministers, heads of government were also included when they held ministerial portfolios. Vice-presidents and heads of government or public agencies have not been included.

Source: IPU. Data obtained from national governments, permanent missions to the United Nations and IPU's publicly available information.

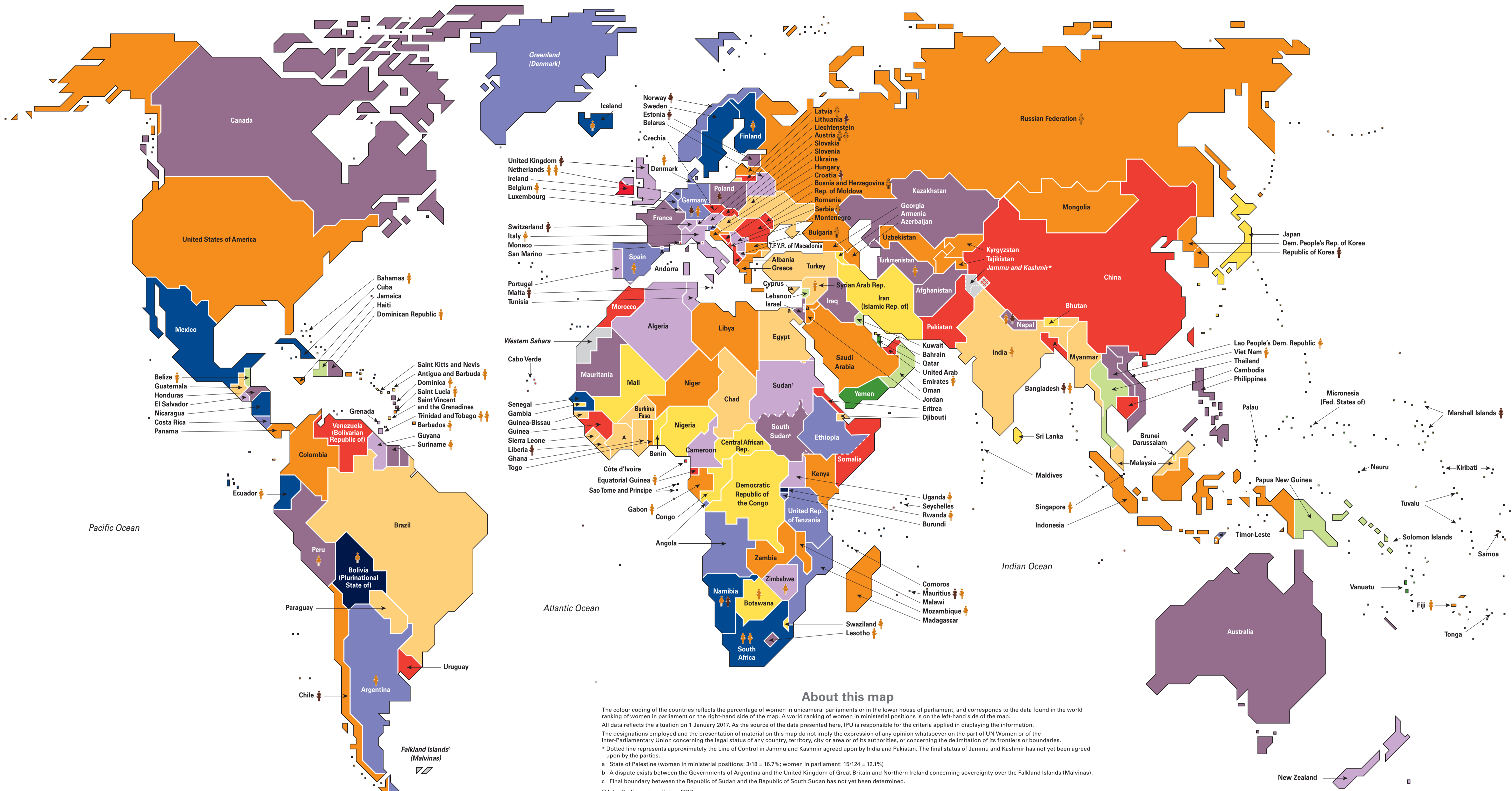


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Situation on 1 January 2017



About this map

The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in ministerial positions on the right-hand side of the map. A world ranking of women in ministerial positions is on the left-hand side of the map. All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2017. As the source of the data presented here, IPU is responsible for the criteria applied in displaying the information.

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* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

a. State of Palestine (women in ministerial positions: 31/8 = 16.7%; women in parliament: 15/124 = 12.1%)

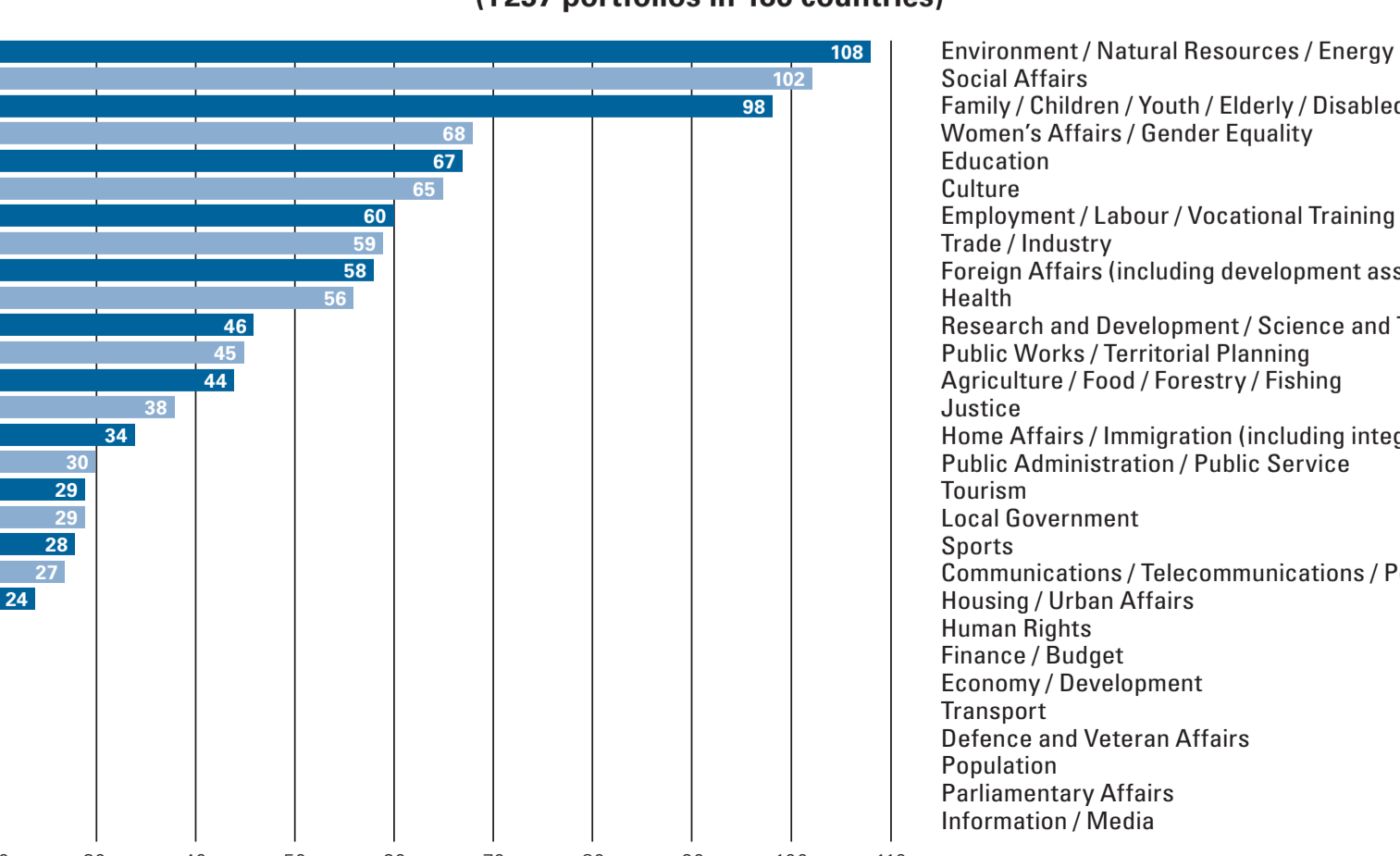
b. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

c. Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

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Portfolios held by women ministers



Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state¹ (11/152=7.2%) and women heads of government (11/193=5.7%)

Bangladesh (HG), Chile (HS/HG), Croatia (HS), Estonia (HS), Germany (HG), Liberia (HS/HG), Lithuania (HS), Malta (HS), Marshall Islands (HS/HG), Mauritius (HS), Namibia (HG), Nepal (HS), Norway (HG), Poland (HG), Republic of Korea (HS/HG), Switzerland (HS/HG), United Kingdom (HG)

Women Speakers of parliament² (53/278=19.1%)

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria (2 chambers), Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize,* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Iceland,** India, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands (2 chambers), Peru, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa (2 chambers), Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe

Women deputy speakers of parliament (158/595=26.6%)

Of the 230 chambers in 172 countries for which information is available, 102 have at least one woman deputy speaker.

Note: (HS/HG) = The head of state is also the head of government.
1 Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.
2 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.
* Formally elected on 13 January 2017 to replace the former Speaker, whose mandate ended on 1 January 2017.
** Elected Speaker as result of the October 2016 general elections. Her formal election was held on 24 January 2017, when the Althingi reconvened after the Christmas break.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	23.4%	22.9%	23.3%
Regional averages			
Regions are classified by descending order of the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament. The regional groupings used herein are those of the IPU.			
Nordic countries	41.7%	—	—
Americas	28.3%	27.5%	28.1%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	26.4%	26.0%	26.3%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	25.0%	26.0%	25.2%
Sub-Saharan Africa	23.8%	22.1%	23.6%
Asia	19.6%	16.3%	19.3%
Arab States	18.9%	12.6%	18.0%
Pacific	15.0%	37.1%	17.4%

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 2017.

Rank	Country	Lower or single house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
1	Sweden	47.2	47.2	47.2
2	Denmark	46.9	46.9	46.9
3	Cuba	46.8	295/672	46.8
4	Iceland	47.6	30/63	47.6
5	Nicaragua	45.2	42/82	45.2
6	Sweden	43.6	152/349	43.6
7	Senegal	42.7	84/150	42.7
8	Mexico	42.6	213/500	36.7
9	Finland	42.0	84/	