

Women in Ministerial Positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions.

Reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2010.

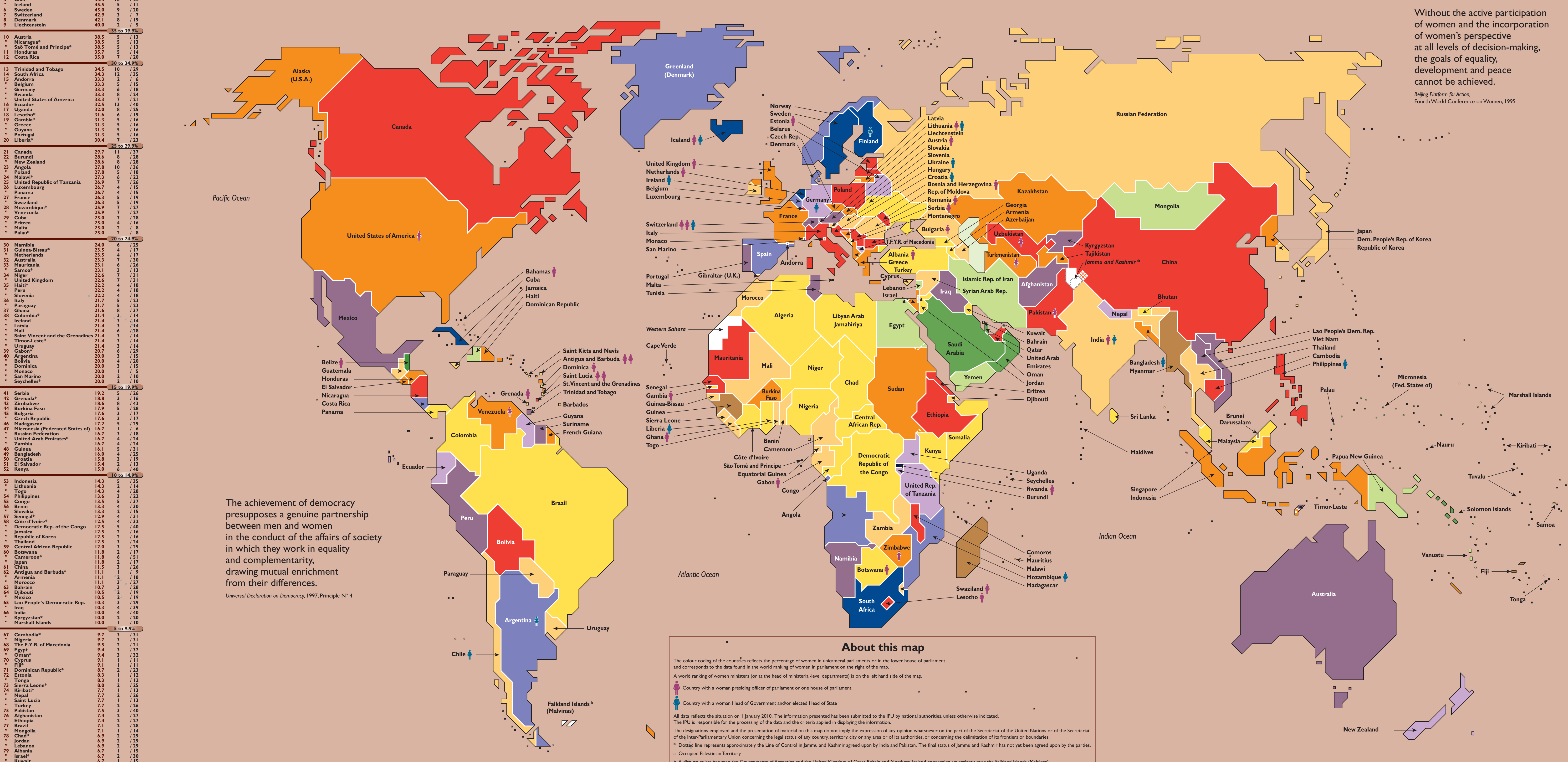
Table with columns: Rank, Country, Lower House, Women, Total Ministers. Lists countries like Finland, Spain, Norway, Chile, Iceland, etc.



Women in Politics: 2010



Situation on 1 January 2010



The achievement of democracy presupposes a genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society in which they work in equality and complementarity, drawing mutual enrichment from their differences.

Universal Declaration on Democracy, 1997, Principle N° 4

About this map. Explains color coding and data sources. Includes contact information for the UN Division for the Advancement of Women.

Women in Parliament

The countries are ranked and color-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament.

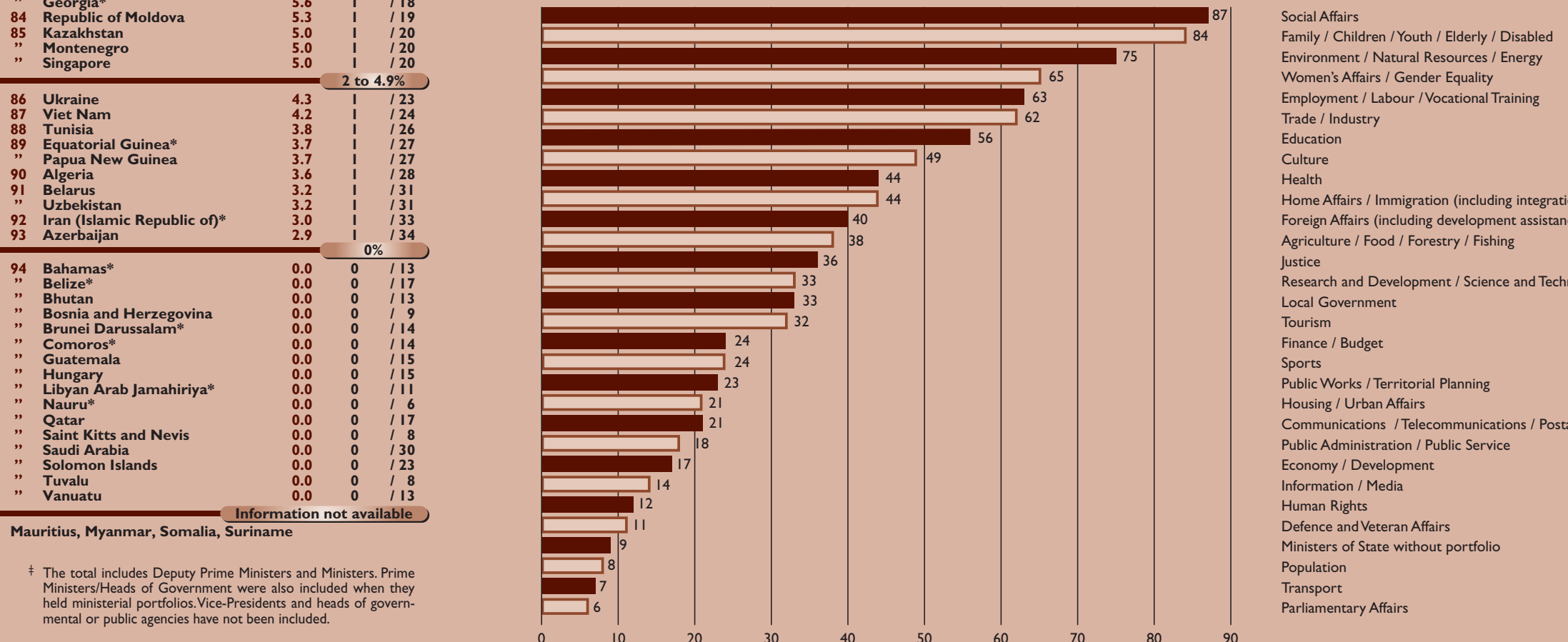
Reflecting elections/appointments up to 1 January 2010.

Table with columns: Rank, Country, Lower House, Women, Upper House, Women, Total Seats. Lists countries like Rwanda, Sweden, South Africa, Cuba, Iceland, etc.

Without the active participation of women and the incorporation of women's perspective at all levels of decision-making, the goals of equality, development and peace cannot be achieved.

Beijing Platform for Action, Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995

Portfolios held by Women Ministers (1056 portfolios, for 188 countries)



Women in the Highest Positions of State

Summary of women in highest positions. Includes statistics for Head of State (HS) and Head of Government (HG), and a list of 187 Parliaments with their bicameral status.

World and Regional Averages of Women in Parliament

Table showing world and regional averages for women in parliament. Includes columns for Single or Lower House, Upper House or Senate, and Both Houses combined, with percentages for Americas, Europe OSCE, Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Pacific, and Arab States.

Source: Information obtained from Governments, Parliament Missions to the United Nations, or publicly available information which is indicated in (1).