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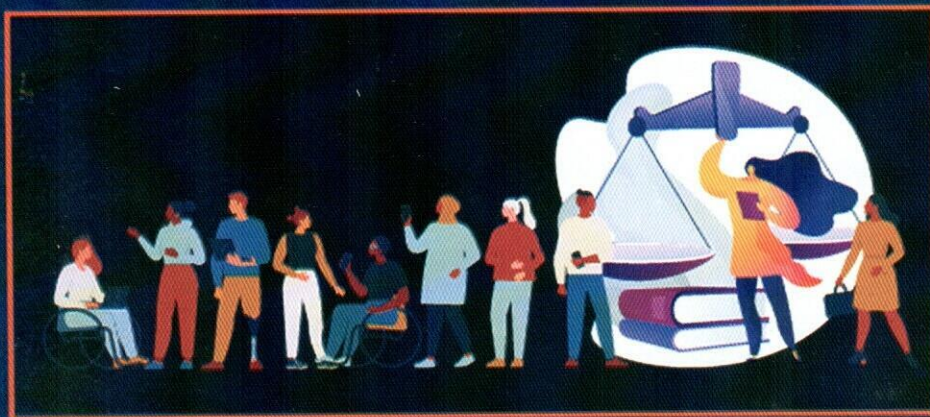
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Women's political participation and leadership in Ethiopia: General Overview

Studies show that more than half of the population of Ethiopia are women. Nevertheless, the data from the UN Women, as of February 2021 shows that Women make up only 38.8% of the national parliament and the majority of political parties including the ones with liberal reputations are led completely by men, with women participating in little to no significant decision-making.

Thus, women are excluded from political leadership of structures that enable decision-making. Concerns about women's invisibility in political process, policy-making, participation in the power structure and decision-making process and their influence continued to dominate public discourse in our country. Strategies to ensure women's voices, concerns and experiences, including policies and programs in political spheres are very crucial.

Participation in public decision-making, peace, security and dialogue agenda is a human right!



Power or resource imbalances that lead to different forms of discrimination against groups of women in a society are in conflict with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination of Women (CEDAW), which have been ratified by most states in the world including Ethiopia. It is our duty to narrow the gender gap through individual opportunities and welfare; and to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality, justice and freedom.

Women's political participation benefits the whole society!



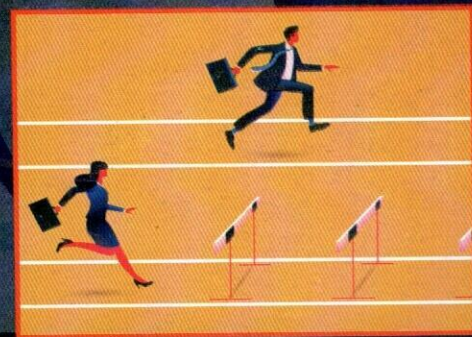
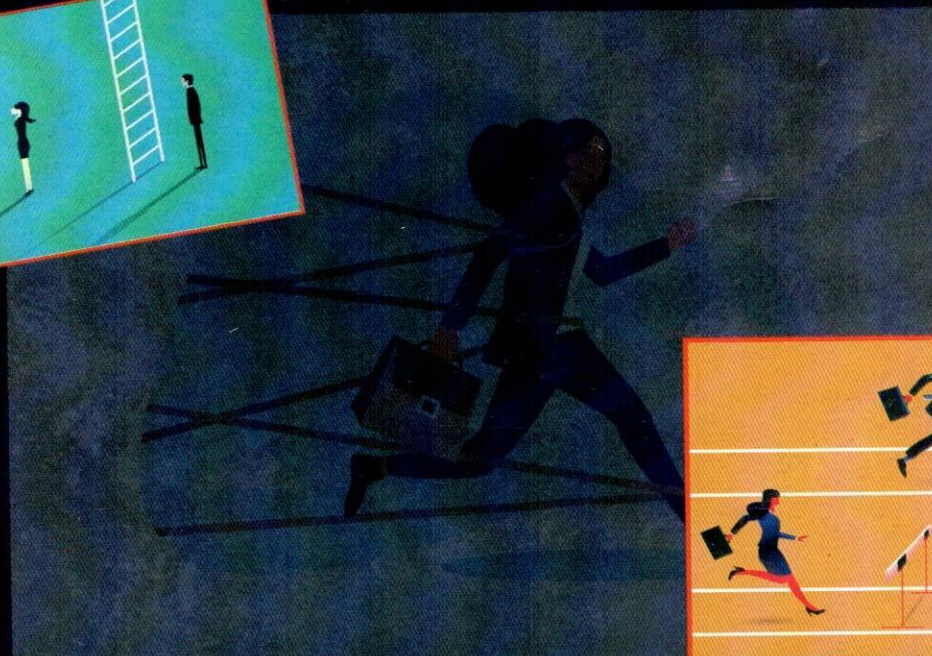
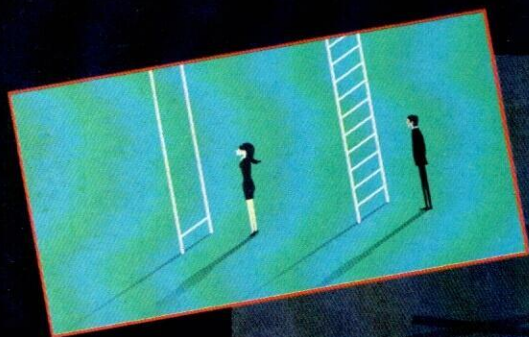
Increasing women's participation in decision making in different sectors diversifies and enriches policies for the benefit of all citizens. Promoting women's participation in policymaking is also a prerequisite for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Every Woman has the Right to Play a Role in Politics & Decision-making Process!



Obstacles to women's political participation are both practical and structural!



The barriers to women's participation in public decision-making are context driven and range from practical challenges to discriminatory practices embedded in decision-making structures. Structural obstacles are the most persistent; and boosting women's access to politics alone does not yet guarantee equality in voice and influence. This underscores the need to identify and tackle structural power imbalances in the political systems.



How can we increase Women's Political Participation and leadership?

- ✓ Strengthen women's voices to be heard on a national level.
 - ✓ Advocate women's issues to be heard in the media sector.
- Conduct systematic discussion and strategic intervention that fits to the current realities of women's situation.
- ✓ Engage the decision makers and bring key stakeholders to the allianceship
 - ✓ Eliminate structural and legal obstacles that hinder all girls and women's participation in politics and decision-making; and hold those obstructing them accountable.
 - ✓ Organize capacity building training programs for young people, women and men on political systems, girls' and women's right to participation and roles in decision-making, as well as unconscious bias and inclusion.
 - ✓ Introduce temporary quota systems and inclusive gender-sensitive leadership pathways to help bring all girls and women into political spheres.
 - ✓ Secure equal visibility of female politicians and decision-makers; and promote more inclusive representation of leadership.
 - ✓ Promote women in leadership and decision-making roles at all levels, including peace negotiation tables and in humanitarian emergencies.

- ✓ Promote community and support programs that foster leadership skills for girls and women; and promote gender equality.
- ✓ Support women's leadership in the workplace through greater inclusion in executive positions and on corporate boards.
- ✓ Fund grassroots level organizations that build the capacity of girls and women to participate both individually and collectively in social, economic, political and public life.

About EWLA

The Ethiopian Women Lawyers' Association was established at the federal level in 1995 by Women lawyers and re-registered as a Local Organization in accordance with the Civil Society Organization. It has been working for more than 25 years to promote women's social, economic, political and legal rights to help women exercise their constitutional and other rights.

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Currently, EWLA, in partnership with NDI, is implementing a project entitled "Ensuring Women's Safe and Equal Participation in the Political and Democratic process for Sustainable Peace" which is aimed at facilitating greater participation of women in political decision making through advocating for adoption and implementation of more women-inclusive political reforms on Violence Against Women in Politics (VAW-P).

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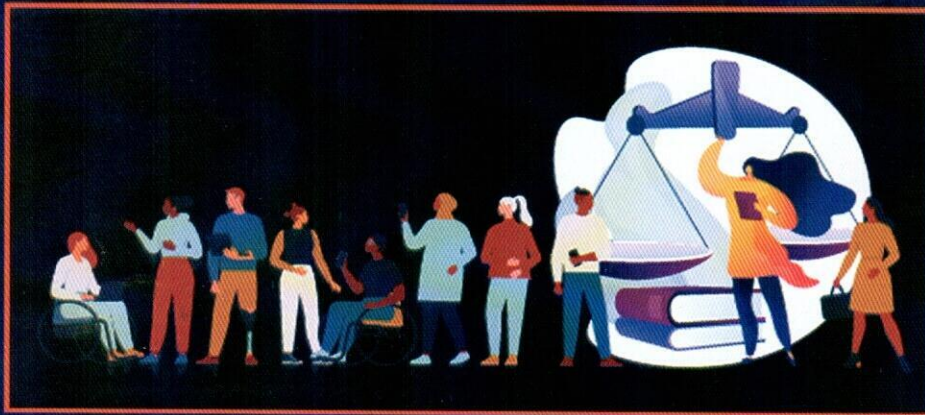


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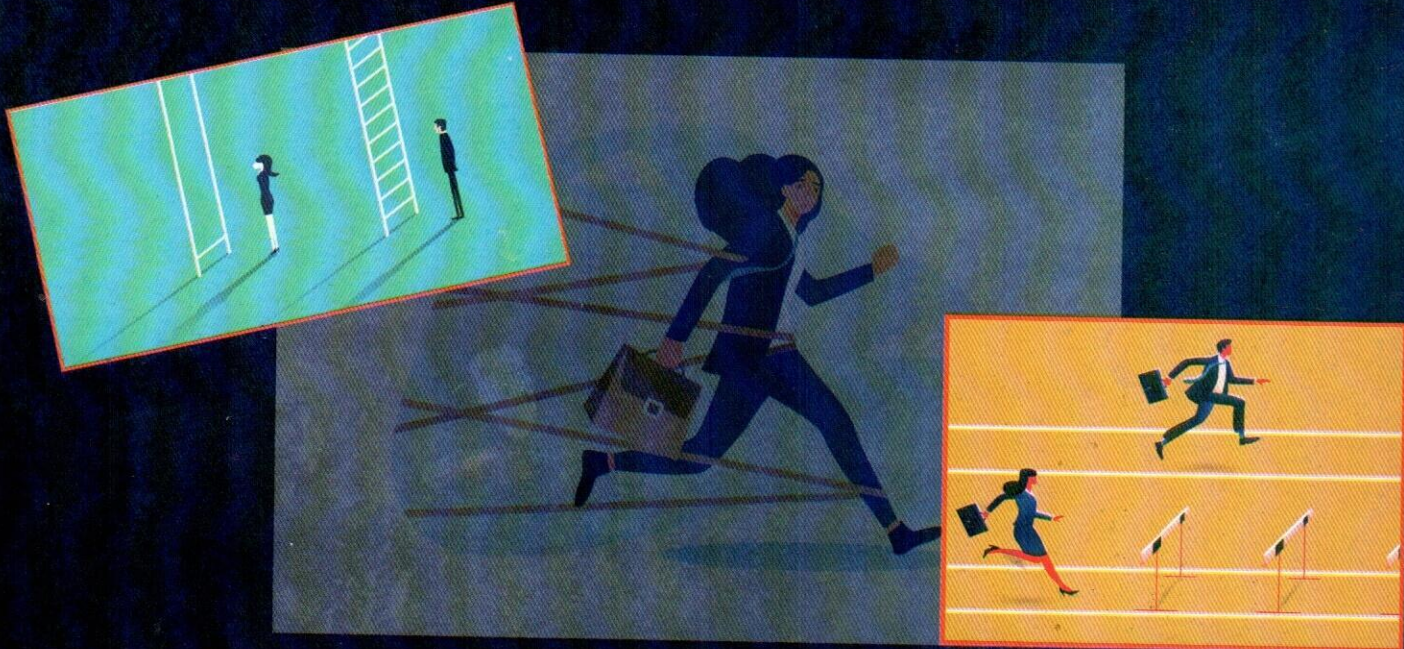
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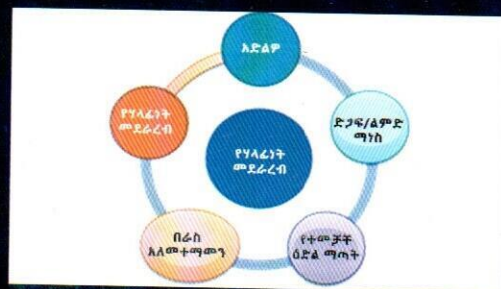
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- ✓ በየደረጃው ያሉ ሴቶችን የመሪነት እና የውሳኔ ሰጪነት ሚና ለማሳደግ የሰብአዊ መብት ተቋማትን ጨምሮ የጠረጴዛ ዙሪያ የሰላም ድርድርና ውይይት ማድረግ
- ✓ የሴቶችን መብትና ለሴቶች የአመራር ክህሎትን የሚያዳብሩ ፕሮግራሞችን የሚደግፉና የሰርዓተ-የታ እኩልነትን የሚያበረታቱ ተቋማትን ለማህበረሰቡ ማስተዋወቅ እና ማበረታታት
- ✓ በተቋማትና በድርጅቶች ያሉ የሴት አመራሮችን በመደገፍ በስራ አስፈጻሚነትና በቦርድ ሰብሳቢነት ቦታዎች ውስጥ እንዲካተቱ ማድረግ።
- ✓ ልጃገረዶችና ሴቶች በማህበራዊ፣ ኢኮኖሚያዊ፣ ፖለቲካዊ እና ህዝባዊ ጉዳዮች ውስጥ እንዲሳተፉ አቅማቸውን የሚገነቡ ስራዎችን ለሚሰሩ የህዝብና የግል ድርጅቶች የገንዘብ ድጋፍ ማድረግ

ስለ ኢትዮጵያ የሕግ ባለሙያ ሴቶች ማኅበር

ማኅበሩ እ.ኤ.አ በ1987 ዓ.ም ከተቋቋመበት ጊዜ ጀምሮ ላለፉት 25 ዓመታት በላይ የሴቶችን ማህበራዊ፣ ኢኮኖሚያዊ፣ ፖለቲካዊ እና ሕጋዊ መብቶች እንዲታወቁ በማድረግ ሴቶች በሕገ-መንግስቱ እና በሌሎች ሕጎች በተመላከቱ መብቶቻቸው እንዲጠቀሙ የሚያግዙ ስራዎችን ሲሰሩ ቆይቷል ።

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ናሽናል ዴሞክራቲክ ኢንስቲትዩት (NDI) እ.ኤ.አ ከ2021 የኢትዮጵያ ሀገራዊ ምርጫ ጀምሮ ከማኅበራችን (ከኢ.ሕ.ባ.ሴ.ማ) ጋር በአጋርነት በመስራት ላደረገው የገንዘብና የቴክኒክ ድጋፍ እንዲሁም ላሳየው ፍላጎት ላቅ ያለ ምስጋና እናቀርባለን። ማኅበሩ በኤንዲአይ እና በዩኤስኤአይዲ ድጋፍ በ2021 የኢትዮጵያ ብሄራዊ ምርጫ ጊዜ “በምርጫ ወቅት በሴቶች ላይ የሚፈፀሙ ጥቃቶችን (VAW-E)” አስመልክቶ የተቀረጸ ፕሮጀክት ተግባራዊ አድርጓል።

ኤንዲአይ በአሁኑ ወቅት ደግሞ ከኢ.ሕ.ባ.ሴ.ማ ጋር አጋርነቱን በማጠናከር “የሴቶች አስተማማኝ እና እኩል የፖለቲካና የዴሞክራሲ ተሳትፎ መረጋገጥ ለዘላቂ ሰላም” የተሰኘና በፖለቲካ አመራር ሴቶች ላይ የሚፈጸም ጥቃት (VAW-P) በሚቆምበት ሁኔታ ላይ የሴቶችን ተሳትፎ ያካተተ የሕግ ማሻሻያ እንዲደረግ የሚያስችል ጫና ለመፍጠር ያለመ ፕሮጀክት ቀርጾ በመተግበር ላይ ይገኛል።

የለጋሽ እውቅና

የዚህ እትም የገንዘብ ድጋፍ በዩናይትድ ስቴትስ ዓለም አቀፍ ልማት ኤጀንሲ (የኤስኤአይዲ) እና በናሽናል ዴሞክራቲክ ኢንስቲትዩት (ኤንዲአይ) በኩል የአሜሪካ ሕዝብ ባደረገው ልባዊ ድጋፍ ነው። በመሆኑም እዚህ የተገለጹት አስተያየቶች የኢ.ሕ.ባ.ሴ.ማ እንጂ የግድ የኤንዲአይ፣ የዩኤስኤአይዲ ወይም የዩናይትድ ስቴትስ መንግስትን አመለካከት የሚያንፀባርቁ አይደሉም።

