Women Parliamentarians in the 11th Parliament

How are they doing?

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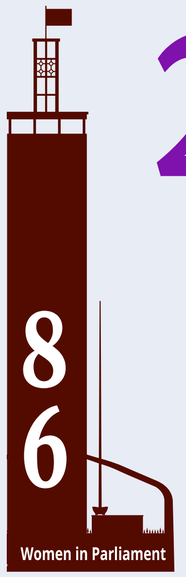


21% of Parliamentarians are women. The Kenyan Constitution expects **33%**

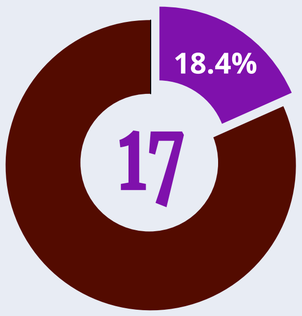
Women in the **National Assembly**

20% 68 out of 349

Women in the **Senate**

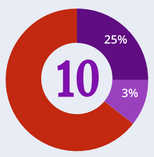
27% 18 out of 67

Women leadership in house committees



Out of 92 positions

National Assembly

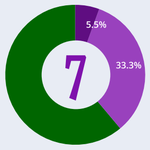


Committees 28

Chair: 7

Vice Chair: 3

Senate



Committees 18

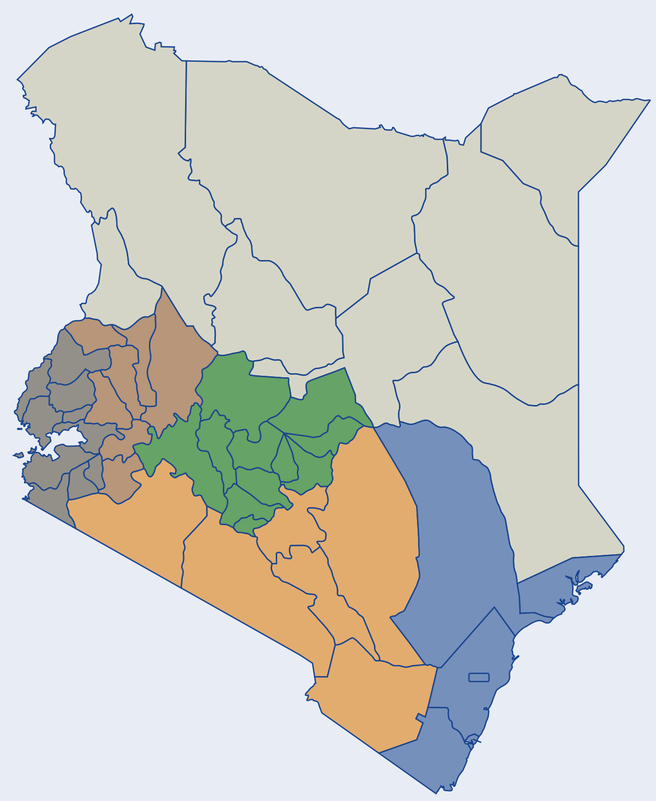
Chair: 1

Vice Chair: 6

What did the Women speak about in Parliament?

AGRO-CLIMATIC and SOCIO-ECONOMIC COUNTY ZONES

The **counties** in each region have similar **climate** and **economic** drivers and consequently their challenges are largely the same.



NORTHERN Region | SOUTH EASTERN Region | MOUNT KENYA Region | COASTAL Region | NORTH RIFT Region | WESTERN Region

Who are the hardest working Women in the 11th Parliament?

These leading **Women Parliamentarians** have been chosen based on the **quality** and **quantity** of their outputs

NORTHERN Region

JOYCE EMANIKOR WOMEN REP — **TURKANA County**

FATUMA IBRAHIM — WAJIR County — WOMEN REP
MAISON LESHOOMO — SAMBURU County — WOMEN REP

COASTAL Region

ZAINAB CHIDZUGA WOMEN REP — **KWALE County**

MISHI JUMA — MOMBASA County — WOMEN REP
HALIMA DURI — TANA RIVER County — WOMEN REP

SOUTH EASTERN Region

RACHAEL NYAMAI MP — **KITUI SOUTH Constituency**

SUSAN MUSYOKA — MACHAKOS County — WOMEN REP
JOYCE LAY — TAITA TAVETA County — WOMEN REP

NORTH RIFT Region

JOYCE LABOSO MP — **SOTIK Constituency**

CECILIA NGETICH — BOMET County — WOMEN REP
GRACE KIPTUI — BARINGO County — WOMEN REP

MOUNT KENYA Region

FLORENCE KAJUJU WOMEN REP — **MERU County**

PRISCILLA NYOKABI — NYERI County — WOMEN REP
ANNAH GATHECA — KIAMBU County — WOMEN REP

WESTERN Region

MILLIE ODHIAMBO MP — **MBITA CONSTITUENCY**

GLADYS WANGA — HOMABAY County — WOMEN REP
ROSE OGENDO — KISUMU County — WOMEN REP

NOMINATED MPs

AMINA ABDALLA

SUNJEEV BIRDI
ZULEIKHA JUMA

NOMINATED SENATORS

AGNES ZANI

BEATRICE ELACHI
ELIZABETH ONGORO

KEY FINDINGS

Women County Representatives do not only represent women's agenda but also all the challenges faced in their counties including those that affect men.

Women Parliamentarians have the ability to support each other for influence and use theirs numbers for leverage on important issues.

Women Parliamentarians contributions are greatly influenced by their level of education, professional background, work and life experience.

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DISCLAIMER:

i) Speaker Lobby members and Majority leaders - courtesy of their official offices are by defaulll the most vocal Parliamentarians.

ii) Records of Parliamentarians sharing surnames e.g. Omondi, Nyaga are null and void. Hansard entries are hard to distinguish as the records do not always include their initials.

iii) Mzalendo has gathered data from the Hansards (National Assembly and Senate) as published by Parliament and analysed the verbal presence of parliamentarians to find out the top performing representatives in the both Houses, using a simple quantitative metric – the total number of times the Member of Parliament spoke on the floor as indicated by the Hansard.

iv) While it is difficult to measure the quality of a single Parliamentarian, oral statements made on the floor of the House are an important performance measure for both MPs and Senators.

Citizens can use the number of oral statements made on the floor of National Assembly or Senate to tell whether or not their elected representative is participating in policy and legislative discussions. i.e i.e. did the MP or Senator make valuable comments? Are the MPs and Senators speaking on issues important to their constituents? Is the MP or Senator delivering on campaign promises?

v) To provide a comprehensive metric on Parliamentarians performance, information on their committee participation, individual voting records and attendance data would be useful to have. But with the limited access to attendance, voting records and committee minutes, Mzalendo has chosen to work with the information that is readily accessible.

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