

WOMEN IN POLITICS SUPPORT UNIT



Women in the 7th Parliament

Current Position of Zimbabwean Women in Politics

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Providing support to women in Parliament and Local Government in Zimbabwe aiming to increase women's qualitative and quantitative participation and influence in policy and decision making.

WOMEN LEGISLATORS IN THE 7TH SESSION OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PARLIAMENT

Parliament of Zimbabwe 2008

- Women make up 20% of the 7th Parliament of Zimbabwe.
- 55 women legislators in the 7th Parliament out of a total of 301 legislators.
- 23 women in the Upper House (Senate).
- 34 Women in the Lower House (House of Assembly).
- Edna Madzongwe is the current Senate President.
- Nomalanga Khumalo is the Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

WOMEN IN THE UPPER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT		
Number of Women in Senate	Name of Senator	Political Party
1	Siphiwe Ncube	MDC (M)
2	Agnes Sibanda	MDC (T)
3	Gladys Dube	MDC (T)
4	Enna Chitsa	MDC (T)
5	Sekai Holland	MDC (T)
6	Rorana Muchiwa	MDC (T)
7	Monica Mutsvangwa	ZANU PF
8	Kersencia Chabuka	MDC (T)
9	Getrude Chibhagu	ZANU PF
10	Angeline Dete	ZANU PF
11	Alice Chimbudzi	ZANU PF
12	Jenia Manyeruke	ZANU PF
13	Gladys Mabhuza	ZANU PF
Senate President 14	Edna Madzongwe	ZANU PF
15	Chiratidzo Gava	ZANU PF
16	Viginia Katyamaenza	ZANU PF
17	Imelda Mandaba	ZANU PF
18	Tambudzani Mohadi	ZANU PF
19	Sithembile Mlotshwa	MDC (T)
20	Tariro Mutingwende	ZANU PF
21	Virginia Muchenge	ZANU PF
22	Angeline Masuku	ZANU PF
23	Thokozile Mathuthu	ZANU PF

Current Position of Women

- 23 Women Senators out of a total of 91.
- Constitutionally 3 more Senators are yet to be appointed. (there might be more after the negotiations are concluded)
- Women constitute 25% of 2008 Upper House
- President of the Senate is female

WOMEN IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT		
No. Women MPs	Name of MP	Political Party
1	Dorcas Sibanda	MDC(T)
2	Tabitha Khumalo	MDC(T)
3	Thokozani Khupe	MDC(T)
4	Evelyn Masaiti	MDC(T)
5	Theresa Makone	MDC(T)
6	Jessie Majome	MDC(T)
7	Lucia Matibenga	MDC(T)
8	Paurina Mpariwa	MDC(T)
9	Margaret Matienga	MDC(T)
10	Lynette Karenzi	MDC(T)
11	Sibonile Nyamuedza	MDC(T)
12	Alice Mwaemura	ZANU PF
13	Margaret Zinyemba	ZANU PF
14	Betty Ngoro	ZANU PF
15	Joice Mujuru	ZANU PF
16	Beatrice Nyamupinga	ZANU PF
17	Tracy Mutinhiri	ZANU PF
18	Lilian Zemura	ZANU PF
19	Memory Chinomona	ZANU PF
20	Olivia Muchena	ZANU PF
21	Aqualinah Katsande	ZANU PF
22	Rosemary Goto	ZANU PF
23	Sarah Mahoka	ZANU PF
24	Editor Matamisa	MDC(T)
25	Fungai Chaderopa	ZANU PF
26	Bertha Chikwama	ZANU PF
27	Neddie Masukume	ZANU PF
28	Sithembiso Nyoni	ZANU PF
Deputy Speaker	Nomalanga Khumalo	MDC(M)
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30	Dorothy Mangami	ZANU PF
31	Flora Buka	ZANU PF
32	Darcus Maposhere	ZANU PF
33	Ellina Shirichena	ZANU PF
34	Anastasia Ndlovu	ZANU PF

Current Position of Women

- There are 34 women in Lower House of Assembly out of a total of 210
- The Deputy Speaker of Parliament is female
- Women now constitute 16,1% in the Lower House.

ELECTION RESULTS BREAKDOWN

	Total no. seats being contested	Total no. of candidates	No. of women who contested	% of women who contested	No. of constituencies women were contesting in	% of seats women were contesting for	No. of constituencies with women as only candidates	No of women who won	% Representation in Senate
Senate	60	198	64	32%	43	72%	3	21	35%
House of Assembly	210	775	118	15,2%	90	43%	1	34	16,1%
Parliament	270	973	182	19%	133	49%	4	55	20%