

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN TUNISIA

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Targeted area
Municipalities of Sfax ville, Sakiet Ezzit, Agareb, Mahres in Sfax Governorate (Tunisia)

Context

Although Tunisian women acquired several rights thanks to the Personal Status Code of 1956, and despite their active role in professional life and civil society, women's presence in decision-making positions at all levels (political parties, local councils, parliament...) remains much below their expectations. For this reason, women's participation in political life and in the decision-making process in the Tunisian society in transition, is becoming an urgent need to reinforce equality between women and men and ensure parity. Moreover, the Article 45 of the new Constitution stipulates that the State must work to achieve parity between women and men in elected councils.

Objective

To support women's participation as candidates in the upcoming 2017 municipal elections, in order to promote women's role in local governance, political life and decision making in Tunisia.

Activities

The campaign intends to mobilize as much actors as possible, in particular the media, the deputies of the National Assembly and the local deputies, on the importance to have women in the highest decision-making positions and women elected in municipal councils. The campaign will include discussion meetings and workshops with civil society, political parties and independent women; the creation of pedagogical material for raising awareness about gender equality and women's representation in the local councils; and training of women potential candidates to the municipal elections on leadership, gender, local governance and communication. In addition to that, an outreach campaign including the distribution of flyers and realizing flash mobs, a press conference, an online petition and other activities in public spaces will be organized.

Start date

March 2017

Link for more information

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