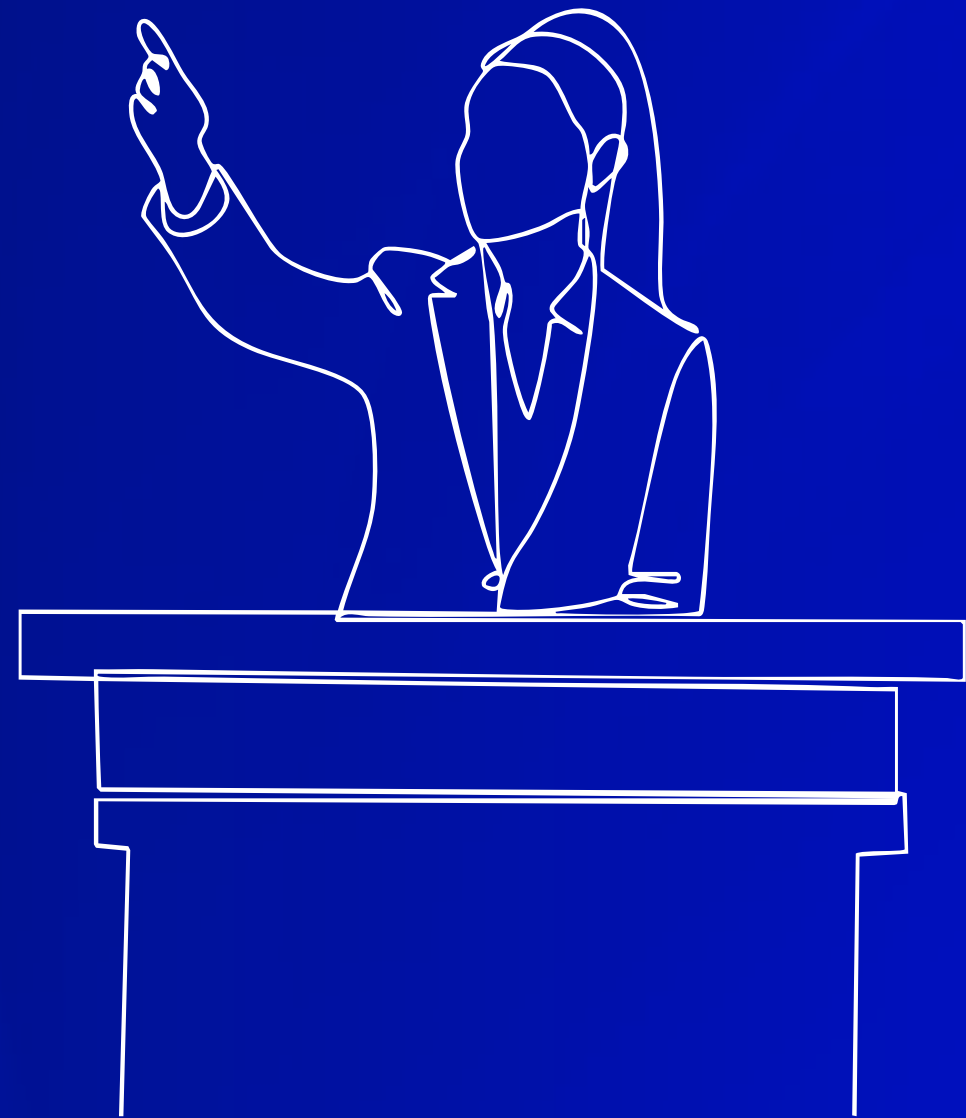


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**Today, we
celebrate the role
of parliaments in
strengthening
democracy, and
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for inclusive,
gender-equal
representation
across Africa.**



**Theme:
Achieving
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Action by Action**

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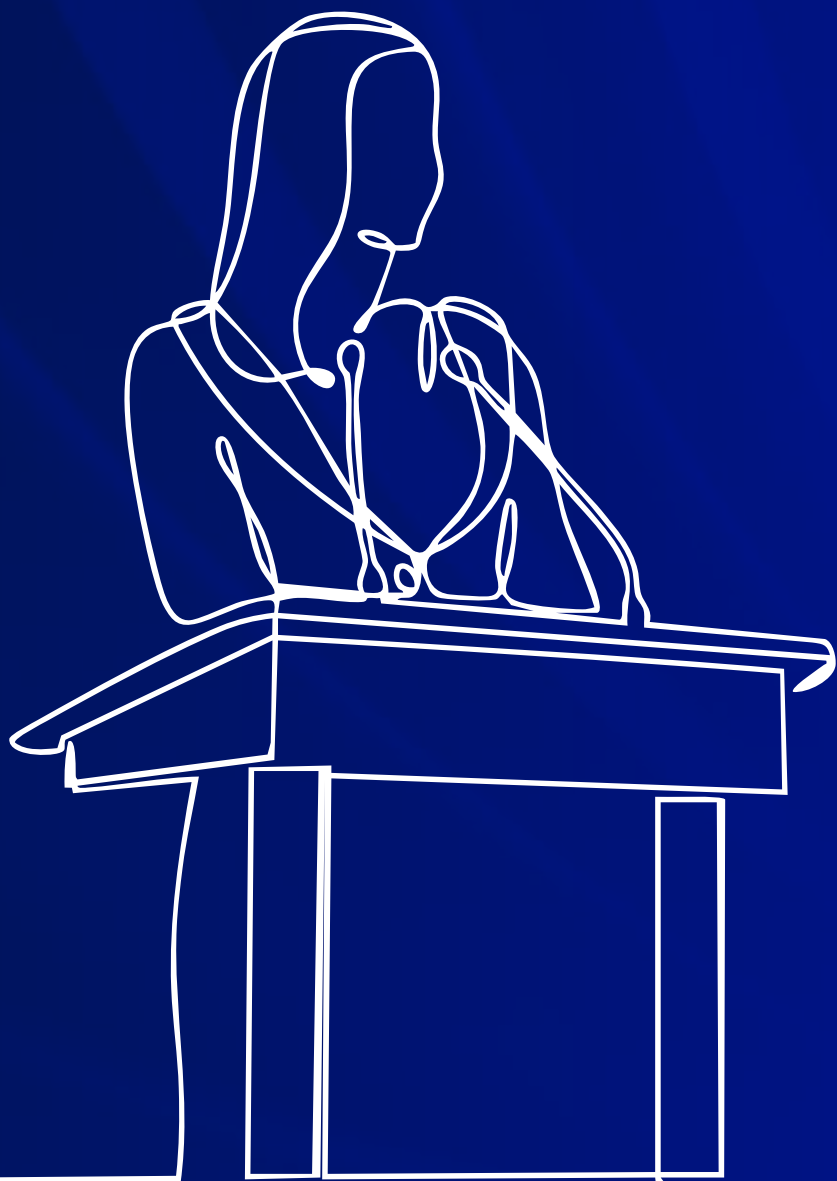
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Why Gender Equality in Parliament Matters



Laws affect women differently, yet most parliaments remain male-dominated.

Inclusive parliaments create better laws, stronger democracies, and more equitable societies.

Gender parity is not optional. It's foundational.

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Where Does Africa Stand?



**Only 1 in 4 parliamentarians
in Africa is a woman.**



Some bright spots:



- Rwanda: 61.3% women in parliament
- Senegal: Gender parity law since 2010
- South Africa: 46% women MPs

But many countries still lag far behind.

- ⊘ Gender bills are still facing challenges in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and others.
- 🔍 Representation gaps persist in leadership positions and committee roles.
- ⛔ Many women still face barriers to entry: patriarchy, financing and harassment.

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What Legis360 Is Doing

We are:

- Tracking gender-focused legislation across West Africa
- Monitoring representation stats and committee leadership
- Supporting CSOs and citizens to demand gender accountability
- Using tech to make parliaments more open, inclusive, and people-centered

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Action by Action: What You Can Do

- Track how your MP votes on gender bills
- Support and amplify women candidates
- Demand accountability on stalled gender reforms
- Work with civic tech and advocacy groups pushing for legislative change



 **Join the Movement for Gender-Inclusive Parliaments**
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