

Gender Equality Provisions in Constitutions Worldwide (179 one or the other, 83 both)

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Africa

Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Madagascar, and São Tomé and Príncipe are not included in the study because there is no reliable English translation of their constitutions.

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/2/Africa-Constitutions%20pdf.pdf>

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Angola	√	√	
2. Benin			
3. Botswana	√	√	
4. Burkina Faso	√	√	
5. Burundi	√	√	
6. Cameroon	√		
7. Central African Republic	√		
8. Chad	√	√	√
9. Comoros	√		
10. Republic of the Congo	√	√	
11. Democratic Republic of the Congo	√	√	√
12. Cote d’Ivoire			
13. Djibouti			
14. Equatorial Guinea	√	√	
15. Eritrea		√	
16. Ethiopia	√	√	√
17. Gabon			
18. Gambia	√	√	√
19. Ghana	√	√	√
20. Guinea	√	√	
21. Kenya	√	√	
22. Liberia	√		

23. Malawi		√	√
24. Mali	√	√	
25. Mauritania	√		
26. Mozambique	√	√	√
27. Namibia	√	√	
28. Niger	√	√	√
29. Nigeria	√	√	
30. Rwanda	√	√	
31. Senegal	√	√	
32. Seychelles	√		
33. Sierra Leone	√	√	
34. Somalia		√	
36. South Africa	√	√	
37. South Sudan	√		√
38. Sudan	√	√	√
39. Suriname	√	√	
40. Swaziland	√	√	√
41. Tanzania	√	√	
42. Togo	√	√	
43. Uganda	√	√	√
44. Zambia	√	√	
45. Zimbabwe	√	√	√
Totals:	39	33	13

Countries with an Equality Provision

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Burkina Faso
4. Burundi
5. Cameroon

6. Central African Republic
7. Chad
8. Comoros
9. Republic of the Congo
10. Democratic Republic of the Congo
11. Equatorial Guinea
12. Ethiopia
13. Gambia
14. Ghana
15. Guinea
16. Kenya
17. Liberia
18. Mali
19. Mauritania
20. Mozambique
21. Namibia
22. Niger
23. Nigeria
24. Rwanda
25. Senegal
26. Seychelles
27. Sierra Leone
28. South Africa
29. South Sudan
30. Sudan
31. Suriname
32. Swaziland
33. Tanzania
34. Togo
35. Uganda
36. Zambia
37. Zimbabwe

Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Burkina Faso
4. Burundi
5. Chad
6. Republic of the Congo
7. Democratic Republic of the Congo
8. Equatorial Guinea
9. Eritrea
10. Ethiopia
11. Gambia
12. Ghana
13. Guinea
14. Kenya
15. Malawi
16. Mali
17. Mozambique
18. Namibia
19. Niger

20. Nigeria
21. Rwanda
22. Senegal
23. Sierra Leone
24. Somalia
25. South Africa
26. Sudan
27. Suriname
28. Swaziland
29. Tanzania
30. Togo
31. Uganda
32. Zambia
33. Zimbabwe

Countries with Rights of Women Provision

1. Chad
2. Democratic Republic of the Congo
3. Ethiopia
4. Gambia
5. Ghana
6. Malawi
7. Mozambique
8. Niger
9. South Sudan
10. Sudan
11. Swaziland
12. Uganda
13. Zimbabwe

Arab States and North African Countries

The study notes, “Three of these countries—Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia—have interim constitutions that suspend earlier versions. While Egypt and Libya’s interim constitutions include some substantive rights that are shown here, Tunisia’s interim constitution is more about how to organize government during transition. For this reason, we have included provisions from its earlier constitution for reference only.”

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Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Algeria	√		
2. Bahrain	√	√	
3. Egypt	√		
4. Iraq	√		
5. Jordan		√	
6. Kuwait	√		
7. Lebanon	√		
8. Libya	√		
9. Morocco	√	√	
10. Oman	√	√	
11. Occupied Palestinian Territories	√		
12. Qatar	√	√	
13. Saudi Arabia			
14. Syria	√		√
15. Tunisia	√		
16. United Arab Emirates			
17. Yemen	√		√
Totals:	14	6	2

Countries with an Equality Provision	
1.	Algeria
2.	Bahrain
3.	Egypt

4.	Iraq
5.	Kuwait
6.	Lebanon
7.	Libya
8.	Morocco
9.	Oman
10.	Occupied Palestinian Territories
11.	Qatar
12.	Syria
13.	Tunisia
14.	Yemen

Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision	
1.	Bahrain
2.	Jordan
3.	Morocco
4.	Oman
5.	Qatar

Countries with Rights of Women Provision	
1.	Syria
2.	Yemen

Asia and Asia Pacific

The study includes 25 Asian and 14 Asian Pacific Countries.

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/2/Asia-and-Asia-Pacific-Constitutions%20pdf.pdf>

Asia

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Afghanistan		√	
2. Bangladesh	√	√	
3. Bhutan		√	
4. Cambodia	√	√	√
5. China	√		√
6. India	√	√	
7. Indonesia		√	
8. Iran	√	√	√
9. Japan		√	
10. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	√		√
11. Republic of Korea	√	√	
12. Laos	√		√
13. Malaysia		√	
14. Maldives	√		
15. Mongolia	√	√	
16. Myanmar	√	√	
17. Nepal		√	√
18. Pakistan	√	√	
19. Philippines			√
20. Singapore		√	
21. Sri Lanka	√	√	
23. Thailand	√	√	
24. Timor-Leste	√	√	√
25. Vietnam	√	√	√
Totals:	17	20	9
Asian Countries with an Equality Provision			
1.	Bangladesh		

2. Cambodia
3. China
4. India
5. Iran
6. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
7. Republic of Korea
8. Laos
9. Maldives
10. Mongolia
11. Myanmar
12. Pakistan
13. Sri Lanka
14. Thailand
15. Timor-Leste
16. Vietnam

Asian Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. Cambodia
5. India
6. Indonesia
7. Iran
8. Japan
9. Republic of Korea
10. Malaysia
11. Mongolia
12. Myanmar
13. Nepal
14. Pakistan
15. Singapore
16. Sri Lanka
17. Thailand
18. Timor-Leste
19. Vietnam

Asian Countries with Rights of Women Provision

1. Cambodia
2. China
3. Iran
4. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
5. Laos
6. Nepal
7. Philippines
8. Timor-Leste
9. Vietnam

Asia Pacific

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Australia			
2. Fiji	√	√	
3. Kiribati	√	√	
4. Marshall Islands		√	
5. Micronesia			
6. Nauru	√		
7. New Zealand		√	
8. Palau		√	
9. Papua New Guinea	√		
10. Samoa		√	
11. Solomon Islands	√	√	
12. Tonga			
13. Tuvalu	√	√	
14. Vanuatu	√		
Totals:	7	8	0

Asian Pacific Countries with an Equality Provision

1. Fiji
2. Kiribati
3. Nauru
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Solomon Islands
6. Tuvalu
7. Vanuatu

Asian Pacific Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision

1. Fiji
2. Kiribati
3. Marshall Islands
4. New Zealand
5. Palau
6. Samoa
7. Solomon Islands
8. Tuvalu

Asian Pacific Countries with Rights of Women Provision

None

Central Asia and Eastern Europe

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/2/Central-Asia-and-Eastern-Europe-Constitutions%20pdf.pdf>

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Albania		√	
2. Armenia		√	
3. Azerbaijan	√		
4. Belarus	√		
5. Bosnia & Herzegovina	√	√	
6. Bulgaria	√	√	
7. Croatia	√		
8. Czech Republic	√		
9. Estonia	√	√	
10. Georgia			
11. Hungary	√		
12. Kazakhstan		√	
14. Kyrgyz Republic	√	√	
15. Latvia		√	
16. Lithuania		√	
17. Macedonia	√		
18. Moldova	√		
19. Montenegro	√	√	√
20. Poland	√	√	√
21. Romania		√	
22. Russian Federation	√		
23. Serbia	√	√	√
24. Slovak Republic	√		
25. Slovenia	√	√	
27. Turkey	√		
28. Turkmenistan	√		√
29. Ukraine	√	√	
30. Uzbekistan	√		√

Totals:	24	15	5
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Countries with an Equality Provision	
1.	Azerbaijan
2.	Belarus
3.	Bosnia & Herzegovina
4.	Bulgaria
5.	Croatia
6.	Czech Republic
7.	Estonia
8.	Hungary
9.	Kyrgyz Republic
10.	Macedonia
11.	Moldova
12.	Montenegro
13.	Poland
14.	Russian Federation
15.	Serbia
16.	Slovak Republic
17.	Slovenia
18.	Turkey
19.	Turkmenistan
20.	Ukraine
21.	Uzbekistan

Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision	
1.	Albania
2.	Armenia
3.	Bosnia & Herzegovina
4.	Bulgaria
5.	Estonia
6.	Kazakhstan
7.	Kyrgyz Republic
8.	Latvia
9.	Lithuania
10.	Montenegro
11.	Poland
12.	Romania
13.	Serbia
14.	Slovenia
15.	Ukraine

Countries with Rights of Women Provision	
1.	Montenegro
2.	Poland
3.	Serbia
4.	Turkmenistan
5.	Uzbekistan

Europe and North America

The U.N. Gender Equality and Constitutions Comparative Provisions study lists 27 total European and North American countries. However, Norway was omitted in the final results because there was no reliable English translation of their constitution, which was amended in 2012. According to the study, San Marino's constitution "is composed of a series of acts. . ." and is not included in the study. Therefore, 25 of the 27 countries are included in the data below. The study notes that the Vatican City, which has a constitution of six fundamental laws, is included. <http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/2/Europe-and-North-America-Constitutions%20pdf.pdf>

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Austria	√	√	
2. Andorra		√	
3. Belgium	√	√	
4. Canada	√		√
5. Cyprus	√	√	
6. Denmark			
7. Finland	√	√	
8. France	√		√
9. Germany	√		
10. Greece	√		
11. Iceland	√		
12. Ireland			
13. Italy	√		
14. Liechtenstein	√		
15. Luxembourg	√		
16. Malta	√	√	√
17. Monaco			
18. Netherlands	√		
19. Portugal	√	√	
20. Spain	√	√	
21. Sweden		√	√
22. Switzerland	√	√	
23. United Kingdom		√	
24. United States			
Totals:	17	11	4

Countries with an Equality Provision

1. Austria
2. Belgium
3. Canada
4. Cyprus
5. Finland
6. France
7. Germany
8. Greece
9. Iceland
10. Italy
11. Liechtenstein
12. Luxembourg
13. Malta
14. Netherlands
15. Portugal
16. Spain
17. Switzerland

Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision

1. Austria
2. Andorra
3. Belgium
4. Cyprus
5. Finland
6. Malta
7. Portugal
8. Spain
9. Sweden
10. Switzerland
11. United Kingdom

Countries with Rights of Women Provision

1. Canada
2. France
3. Malta
4. Sweden

Latin America and the Caribbean

The study lists 42 total Latin American and Caribbean countries. However, Aruba, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua are omitted in the final results because these constitutions have no reliable English translation. Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, and Saint Barthélemy are omitted because these islands are recognized as French regions. The U.S. Virgin Islands are also omitted because they have yet to draft and ratify a constitution. Therefore, 33 of the 42 countries are included in the data below.

<http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/Library/Publications/2013/2/LAC-Constitutions%20pdf.pdf>

Country	Equality Provision	Non-Discrimination Provision	Rights of Women Provision
1. Antigua & Barbuda	√	√	
2. Argentina			
3. Bahamas	√	√	
4. Barbados	√	√	
5. Belize	√	√	
6. Bolivia	√	√	
7. Brazil	√	√	
9. Chile	√		
10. Colombia	√	√	√
11. Costa Rica		√	
12. Cuba	√	√	√
13. Dominica	√	√	
14. Dominican Republic	√		
15. Ecuador	√	√	√
16. El Salvador			√
17. Grenada	√	√	
18. Guatemala	√		
19. Guyana	√	√	√
20. Jamaica		√	
21. Mexico		√	
22. Panama		√	
23. Paraguay	√	√	√
24. Peru		√	
26. St. Kitts & Nevis	√	√	

27. St. Lucia	√	√	
28. St. Vincent & the Grenadines	√	√	
29. Suriname	√	√	
30. Trinidad & Tobago	√	√	
32. Uruguay			
33. Venezuela	√	√	
Totals:	24	27	6

Countries with an Equality Provision

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Bahamas
3. Barbados
4. Belize
5. Bolivia
6. Brazil
7. Chile
8. Colombia
9. Cuba
10. Dominica
11. Dominican Republic
12. Ecuador
13. Grenada
14. Guatemala
15. Guyana
16. Paraguay
17. St. Kitts & Nevis
18. St. Lucia
19. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
20. Suriname
21. Trinidad & Tobago
22. Venezuela

Countries with a Non-Discrimination Provision

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Bahamas
3. Barbados
4. Belize
5. Bolivia
6. Brazil
7. Colombia
8. Costa Rica
9. Cuba
10. Dominica
11. Ecuador
12. Grenada
13. Guyana
14. Jamaica
15. Mexico
16. Panama

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| 17. | Paraguay |
| 18. | Peru |
| 19. | St. Kitts & Nevis |
| 20. | St. Lucia |
| 21. | St. Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 22. | Suriname |
| 23. | Trinidad & Tobago |
| 24. | Venezuela |

Countries with Rights of Women Provision
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| 1. | Colombia |
| 2. | Cuba |
| 3. | Ecuador |
| 4. | El Salvador |
| 5. | Guyana |
| 6. | Paraguay |

SUMMARY:

Africa

37 countries have an equality provision
 33 have a non-discrimination provision
 8 countries have one or the other
 30 countries have both
 4 countries have neither

Arab States/North Africa

14 countries have an equality provision
 5 countries have a non-discrimination provision
 9 countries have one or the other
 4 countries have both
 2 countries have neither

Asia

16 countries have an equality provision
 19 countries have a non-discrimination provision
 8 countries have one or the other
 12 countries have both
 1 country has neither

Asia Pacific

7 countries have an equality provision
 8 countries have a non-discrimination provision
 7 countries have one or the other
 4 countries have both
 3 countries have neither

Central Asia and Eastern Europe

21 countries have an equality provision
15 countries have a non-discrimination provision
16 countries have one or the other
9 countries have both
1 country has neither

Europe and North America

17 countries have an equality provision
11 countries have a non-discrimination provision
9 countries have one or the other
8 countries have both
4 countries have neither

Latin America and Caribbean

22 countries have an equality provision
24 countries have a non-discriminations provision
9 countries have one or the other
19 countries have both
3 countries have neither

TOTALS:

134 countries have an equality provision
115 countries have a non-discrimination provision
66 countries have one or the other
86 countries have both
18 countries have neither