

The Community of Democracies and Gender Equality

The Community of Democracies (CoD) is a global intergovernmental coalition comprised of the Governing Council Member States that support adherence to common democratic values and standards outlined in the Warsaw Declaration.

The Community of Democracies is committed to the advancement of women's participation in public life, in line with its Strategic Plan 2018-2023, which sets gender equality as one of the cross-cutting themes mainstreamed into all CoD activities, and the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda that recognizes Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality as crucial to the achievement of all SDGs. Most recently, the CoD efforts towards advancing gender equality in public life focused on two important areas: improving women's political participation at all levels of governance and engaging women in sustaining peace.

Examples of activities



The CoD Working Group on Women and Democracy provides a platform to discuss and foster women's political participation, representation and leadership. The Working Group is chaired by Lithuania.



This Policy Brief outlines the progress and challenges to the implementation of SDGs in Afghanistan until August 2021, particularly SDG5 on gender equality, and provides a set of recommendations.



Women in Peacebuilding: Stories features interviews with women leaders in peacebuilding to highlight their contributions, achievements, and discuss challenges faced by women working in these fields.



This publication takes a global perspective examining women's roles in sustaining peace in post-conflict countries in Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, and Africa. Each chapter identifies best practices and outlines challenges for engaging women in sustainable peace in each region.



This series of interviews brings together a diverse set of voices of women activists and politicians to discuss their experiences of leadership during crises in each world region.