

Table 2.7 Gender Equality and Opportunity

	29 Percentage of Seats held by Women in National Parliament		
	1990	2000	2013
Developing Member Economies^a	14.6	13.8	19.3
Central and West Asia^a	20.2	7.1	20.4
Afghanistan	3.7	27.3 (2006)	27.7
Armenia	35.6	3.1	10.7
Azerbaijan	12.0 (1997)	12.0	16.0
Georgia	6.8 (1997)	7.2	12.0
Kazakhstan	13.4 (1997)	10.4	24.3
Kyrgyz Republic	1.4 (1997)	1.4	23.3
Pakistan	10.1	2.3 (1999)	19.5
Tajikistan	2.8 (1997)	2.8	19.0
Turkmenistan	26.0	26.0	16.8
Uzbekistan	6.0 (1997)	6.8	22.0
East Asia^a	20.1	19.9	22.5
China, People's Rep. of	21.3	21.8	23.4
Hong Kong, China	...	...	...
Korea, Rep. of	2.0	3.7	15.7
Mongolia	24.9	7.9	14.9
Taipei, China	...	...	...
South Asia^a	6.0	7.2	18.9
Bangladesh	10.3	9.1	19.7
Bhutan	2.0	2.0	8.5
India	5.0	9.0	11.0
Maldives	6.3	6.0 (2001)	6.5
Nepal	6.1	5.9	33.2
Sri Lanka	4.9	4.9	5.8
Southeast Asia^a	10.4	14.6	17.6
Brunei Darussalam	...	...	...
Cambodia	5.8 (1997)	8.2	20.3
Indonesia	12.4	8.0 (2001)	18.6
Lao PDR	6.3	21.2	25.0
Malaysia	5.1	10.4 (2001)	10.4
Myanmar	...	...	6.0
Philippines	9.1	12.4	22.9
Singapore	4.9	4.3	24.2
Thailand	2.8	5.6	15.8
Viet Nam	17.7	26.0	24.4
The Pacific^a	1.2	3.9	7.8
Cook Islands	6.0 (1991)	8.0 (2001)	4.2 (2011)
Fiji	4.3 (1997)	11.3	8.5 (2006)
Kiribati	-	4.9	8.7
Marshall Islands	3.0 (2001)	3.0 (2001)	3.0
Micronesia, Fed. States of	- (1997)	-	-
Nauru	5.6	-	5.3
Palau	- (1997)	-	-
Papua New Guinea	-	1.8	2.7
Samoa	-	8.2	4.1
Solomon Islands	-	2.0	2.0
Timor-Leste	...	26.1 (2003)	38.5
Tonga	-	- (2001)	3.6
Tuvalu	7.7	-	6.7
Vanuatu	4.3	-	-
Developed Member Economies^a	4.0	11.9	15.3
Australia	6.1	22.4	24.7
Japan	1.4	4.6	8.1
New Zealand	14.4	29.2	32.2

a Regional aggregates for the respective year headings given in the table are weighted averages using data on the total number of seats in the national parliament. Data on the total number of seats in the national parliament are from the Millennium Indicators Database Online (UNSD) and Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Sources: Millennium Indicators Database Online (UNSD), accessed 3 July 2013; Inter-Parliamentary Union, accessed 11 July 2013; for the Cook Islands: National Minimum Development Indicators Database (SPC), accessed 17 May 2013.