

## Minutes of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab World

On Friday, February 16, 2024, at the headquarters of the House of Councilors of the Kingdom of Morocco, a meeting was held for women parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab world under the theme "Empowering Women Parliamentarians to Support Development and Good Governance in Africa and the Arab World."

The meeting addressed the significant roles played by women parliamentarians in various political, economic, social, and cultural fields. It emphasized the role of parliaments in drafting and reviewing laws and legislations that promote women's empowerment and inclusion in the development process. The meeting highlighted the efforts made at all levels to enhance women's participation in all fields and emphasized their active role in contributing to development and good governance.

During the meeting, a work-paper was presented on the importance of empowering women parliamentarians to support development and enhance good governance. The challenges and obstacles facing women's empowerment in the Arab and African regions were discussed, along with strategies to address them. The meeting was further enriched with valuable contributions from the participants, who shared experiences and exchanged best practices, presenting successful policies and programs implemented by various countries to empower women and enhance their role in society.

Furthermore, the meeting reviewed the proposed Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Network of Women Parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab World, presented by the General Secretariat of the Association. The Rules were discussed, and some amendments were made before their approval.

**Subsequently, the leadership of the executive bureau of the network was elected as follows:**

-H.E Dr. Jihad Al-Fadil , Deputy Speaker of the Shoora Council of the Kingdom of Bahrain, was elected as the Chairwoman of the network.

-H.E Ms. Lindiwe Dlamini, the President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Eswatini, was elected as first Deputy Chairwoman.

-H.E Ms. Fatehah Khortal, a member of the House of Councilors of Morocco, was elected as Second Deputy Chairwoman.

-H.E Ms. Amal Essalabi, a member of the High Council of State of Libya, was elected as Rapporteur for the Arab world.

-H.E Ms. Kandia Kamara, the President of the Senate of Ivory Coast, was elected as Rapporteur for Africa ( Appointed her deputy Senator DIABY Makani to this position).

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**Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco**

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