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National Forum of Women in Political Parties

25th Anniversary of its founding Challenges and Opportunities



National Forum of Women in Political Parties

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It began in 1993 as an NGO working towards equal opportunities and gender equity in political activity.

Its members are women from all the active political parties, governed by principles of representativeness and dialogue.

Since obtaining its legal status in 1995 it is dedicated to the promotion and empowerment of women, especially those that have been candidates for elected office or internal positions within political parties.

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- **1993 Convenor of the First Women's Pact, Development and Equality**
- **1993 Recognized by PARLACEN and have participated in Regional Meetings from 1995 up to today.**
- **In 1995 formed part of the National Committee on Electoral Reforms.**
- **1995 Founders of the National Board of Women.**
- **By Law: Advisory Body to the Electoral Court.**
- **Advisory member on gender to the Ombudsman's Office.**

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- **Chapters across the country (established, revived, and being developed).**
- **Participates in national consultation processes: part of the Women's Alliance.**
- **1993-1994 Bambito I, II y III.**
- **1998 as a Forum in the 2020 National Vision.**
- **2012 in the discussions on Constitutional Reforms.**
- **11 proposals for Legal Reforms that have led to modifications to the Electoral Code and the Statutes of Political Parties.**

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- In 25 years:
- 15 nationwide projects having a direct impact on more than 2,600 female leaders and indirectly on more than 65,000 people.
- Impact on the media
- Research projects.



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Statistics

Voters 2019:

Women	1,385,076	50%
Men	1,372,747	50%
TOTAL	2,757,823	

Members of Political Parties

1,333,308	48%
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Source: Electoral Court

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History of women's participation

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Current difficulties

Barriers to women's equitable participation in elected office, as well as in management and jurisdiccional positions both in the public and private sectors.

Ambiguity in the Electoral Law on Parity.

Political violence against women.

Insufficient funding

Invisible barriers



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Strategic Alliances

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| • Electoral Court | ParlAmericas |
| • Assembly of Deputies | UNDP |
| • Ombudsman's Office | UN Women |
| • National Institute for Women (INAMU) | UNFPA |
| • Women's Secretariats of the Parties | Fes-America Central |
| • Women's Organizations | Kas |
| • Youth Organizations | Latin American Networks |

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- In 2018 initiated the project:

“Promoting Women’s Political Leadership in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

- Objectives:
 - Foster favourable conditions for women’s leadership
 - Position FONAMUPP as a place conducive to forming female leaders.

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Memorandum of Understanding



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Proposals

From the Parliament:

Continue initiatives for training young female leaders implemented together with the National Assembly of Deputies and other partner organizations.

Making reforms to the laws on parity participation with clear mandates for the Electoral Court to comply with.

Strategic alliances with other civil society organizations.

Pass legislation against Political Violence towards women.

Funding for empowerment and political training.

