Togo

An EJS Center Country Snapshot

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Togo is yet to have a woman president. Before the country changed to a parliamentary system, Togo had a woman prime minister. Despite a gender quota, women's representation in the legislature remains low.

Population
9.7 million

Female to Male
49.7% : 50.3%

GDP
$10+ billion

Governance Structure

Parliamentary

The president is the head of state. The president of the Council of Ministers is the head of government and is elected by the parliament.

Bicameral legislature

Togo has two chambers - The National Assembly and the Senate.

Ibrahim Index of African Governance Rankings: 2023

22nd
Overall Governance

34th
Political Power & Representation of Women

17th
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women

Gender Quotas

Electoral Law

Candidate lists submitted by any legally constituted political party or grouping of political parties, as well as by independent individuals must, generally, respect gender parity.

Executive

4 of 17 (24%)
Women Ministers

Portfolios held by women

- Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Togolese Abroad
- Grassroots Development and Social and Solidarity Economy
- Security
- Solidarity, Gender, Family and Child Protection

Legislature

24 of 111 (22%)
Women Members of the National Assembly

Women Committee Chairs

Information on women commitee chairs is unavailable.

15 of 59 (25%)
Women Members of the Senate

Women Committee Chairs

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Judiciary

Information on Women Justices in Highest Courts is unavailable

Courts Structure

Togo's judiciary includes the Court of Cassation, the Council of State, the Constitutional Court and specialized courts. The Court of Cassation and the Council of State are the highest courts.

Other Gender-sensitive Legislation

Law No. 98-016: bans all forms of female genital cutting, obligates any person to report any female genital cutting-related offence to a public authority, whether the act has already occurred, is in progress or is being planned.
Law No. 2007-005 on Reproductive Health: addresses the rights of women to reproductive health and states that no woman should be subjected to torture and/or violence including rape, forced and child marriage and female genital cutting.
Amended Persons and Family Code: mandates that both spouses are responsible for the management of the family, that each spouse may freely pursue a profession of his or her choice unless the other spouse objects by court order in the interest of the family and that the spouses choose the residence of the family by mutual agreement.

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About the EJS Center Country Snapshots

As part of its mission to eliminate gender disparity in public leadership – achieving #GapZero – the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development (EJS Center) launched the Country Snapshots in 2024 to capture data on the status quo of women in public leadership in Africa. By generating evidence, the EJS Center is able to build a case for more women in key public offices and inform the design of better strategies and policies for ensuring greater representation.

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