United Nation Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

## The Status of Women in the United Nations Secretariat Departments

Gender distribution of staff in the Professional and higher categories

Percentage of women in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more in the United Nations Secretariat and INTERORG as at 31 December 2010


Trends in the representation of women in the Professional and higher categories - 2000 to 2010

During the period 2000-2010 in the UN Secretariat, the proportion of women increased by $\mathbf{3 . 3}$ percentage points, from $\mathbf{3 5 . 5 \%}$ ( 1785 out of 5034 ) in 2000 to $\mathbf{3 8 . 8 \%}$ (3,945 out of 10,175 ) in 2010.

| Level | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of women } \\ \text { as of } 31 \mathrm{Dec} \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of women } \\ \text { as of } 31 \mathrm{Dec} \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total change } \\ 2000-2010 \\ \text { (percentage } \\ \text { points) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average annual } \\ \text { change } \\ 2000-2010 \\ \text { (percentage points) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Level | \% of women as of 31 Dec 2000 | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of women } \\ \text { as of } 31 \mathrm{Dec} \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | Total change 2000-2010 (percentage points) | Average annual change $2000-2010$ (percentage points) |
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| USG | 8.6 | 29.1 | 20.5 | 2.1 | USG | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| ASG | 11.8 | 25 | 13.2 | 1.3 | ASG | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| D-2 | 18.4 | 24.5 | 6.2 | 0.6 | D-2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 10.0 |
| D-1 | 30.3 | 27.6 | -2.7 | -0.3 | D-1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| P-5 | 31.0 | 30.3 | -0.7 | -0.1 | P-5 | 33.3 | 50.0 | 16.7 | 1.7 |
| P-4 | 31.8 | 36.3 | 4.6 | 0.5 | P-4 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 2.5 |
| P-3 | 39.6 | 41.3 | 1.8 | 0.2 | P-3 | 66.7 | 25.0 | -41.7 | -4.2 |
| P-2 | 48.0 | 53.5 | 5.6 | 0.6 | P-2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| P-1 | 50 | 65 | 15.0 | 1.5 | P-1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

During the period 2000-2010 in INTERORG, the proportion of women decreased by $\mathbf{1 2 . 5}$ percentage points, from 37.5\% (6 out of 16) in 2000 to $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ (5 out of 10) in 2010

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As of 31 December 2010, women in the UN Secretariat constituted:

- $\mathbf{3 8 . 8 \%}(3,945$ out of 10,175$)$ of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more;
- $\mathbf{2 6 . 9 \%}$ (207 out of 770) of all staff at the D-1 level and above;
- $\quad \mathbf{3 9 . 7 \%}(3,738$ out of 9,405$)$ of all staff at the $\mathbf{P}$ level;

Gender balance has only been achieved at the P-2 (53.5\%) and P-1 (65\%) levels.
Largest increase: USG ( $20.5 \%$ from $8.6 \%$ in Dec. 2000 to $\mathbf{2 9 . 1 \%}$ in Dec. 2010) and in ASG level(13.2\% from 11.8\% in Dec. 2000 to $25 \%$ in 2010);
Largest decrease: D-1 ( $-2.7 \%$ from $30.3 \%$ in Dec 2000 to $27.6 \%$ in Dec 2010)

As of 31 December 2010, women in INTERORG constituted:

- $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ ( 5 out of 10 ) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more;
- $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ (1 out of 1 ) of all staff at the $\mathbf{D} \mathbf{- 1}$ level and above;
- $\mathbf{4 4 . 4 \%}$ (4 out of 9 ) of all staff at the $\mathbf{P}$ level;

Gender balance has been achieved at the P-4 and D-2 (100\%) and P-5 (50\%) .
Largest increase: D-2 (100\% from 0\% in Dec. 2000 to $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ in Dec. 2010);
Largest decrease: P-3 (-41.7\% from $\mathbf{6 6 . 7 \%}$ in Dec 2000 to $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ in Dec 2010)

## Promotions, appointments, and separations in the Professional and higher categories - 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009

* PROMOTIONS *
- Promotions of women accounted for $\mathbf{4 7 . 6 \%}$ (435 out of 914) of all promotions to the P-2 to D-1 levels, $\mathbf{3 1 . 2 \%}$ ( 25 out of 80 ) of promotions to the $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{1}$ level, and $\mathbf{4 9 . 2 \%}$ (410 out of 834) of promotions to the P-2 to P-5 levels.
- Gender parity in promotions was only met at the P-2 (66.7\%) and P-3 (52.2\%) levels.
- Lowest proportion: 31.3\% ( 25 out of 80 ) at the D-1 level
* APPOINTMENTS *
- Appointments of women represented $\mathbf{4 2 . 7 \%}(1,743$ out of 4,085$)$ of all appointments from the $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{1}$ to the USG levels, $\mathbf{2 3 . 5 \%}$ (4 out of 17) at the USG level, $\mathbf{2 2 . 9 \%}$ (8 out of 35) at the ASG level, $\mathbf{2 6 . 1 \%}$ (57 out of 218) at the D-1 level and above and $\mathbf{4 3 . 6 \%}(1,686$ out of 3,867$)$ at the $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{1}$ to $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{5}$ levels.
- Gender parity in appointments was only met at the $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{1}$ level ( $\mathbf{6 2 . 1 \%}$ ) and P-2 level (58.0\%).
- Lowest proportion: 21.6\% (11 out of 51) at the D-2 level


## * SEPARATIONS *

- 3,751 staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more separated out of a total of $\mathbf{1 0 , 1 1 8} \mathbf{s t a f f}$.
- Separations of women constituted: $\mathbf{4 2 . 8 \%}(1,607$ out of 3,751$)$ of all separations in the Professional and higher categories.
- $\mathbf{2 6 . 4 \%}$ (72 out of 273) at the $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{1}$ level and above
- $\mathbf{4 4 . 1 \%}(1,535$ out of 3,478$)$ at the Professional level (P-1 through P-5),
- Major causes of separation: Women constituted $\mathbf{4 4 . 3 \%}(1,153$ out of 2,601$)$ of appointments expirations, $\mathbf{4 2 . 7 \%}$ ( 226 out of 529 ) of resignations, and $\mathbf{3 7 . 0 \%}$ (133 out of 359 ) of mandatory retirements.


## PROMOTIONS *

- Promotions of women accounted for $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ (2 out of 2 ) of all promotions to the $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{- 2}$ to D-1 levels, $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ (2 out of 2) at the D-1 and D-2 levels, and $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ (2 out of 2) of promotions to the P-2 to P-5 levels.
- Gender parity in promotions was met at the D-2 (100\%) and P-4 (100\%) levels.


## * APPOINTMENTS *

- Appointments of women represented $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ (2 out of 5) of all appointments at the $\mathbf{P - 1}$ to P-5 levels.
- Gender parity in appointments was met at the $\mathbf{P - 4} \mathbf{( 1 0 0 \%})$ and $\mathbf{P - 3} \mathbf{( 5 0 \% )}$ levels. Lowest proportion: $\mathbf{0 \%}$ (0 out of 2 ) at the $\mathbf{P - 2}$ level.


## * SEPARATIONS *

- Separations of women constituted: $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ (3 out of 6 ) of all separations in the Professional and higher categories.
- $\mathbf{0 \%}$ (0 out of 1 ) at the $\mathbf{D - 1}$ level and above
- $\mathbf{6 0 \%}$ (3 out of 5) at the Professional level ( $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{1}$ through $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{5}$ )
- Highest proportion: $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ (2 out of $\mathbf{2}$ ) at the $\mathbf{P}-4$ level and (1 out of $\mathbf{1}$ ) at the $\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{3}$ level

