## UN Women

The Status of Women in the United Nations System and FAO
(from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2010)

## The United Nations System

## Gender distribution of staff in the Professional and higher categories

Percentage comparison of women in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more in the United Nations system and FAO (Dec 2010)

*30 of 31 entities submitted data
**UG stands for "Ungraded" and combines the ranks of Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, Director-General, Deputy Director-General and Assistant Director-General

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

- $\mathbf{4 0 . 3} \mathbf{\%}(12,005$ out of 29,763$)$ of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more.
- $\quad \mathbf{2 2 . 7 \%}$ ( 784 out of 2,674 ) of all staff at the $\mathbf{D - 1}$ level and above.
- $\mathbf{2 9 . 3 \%}(11,221$ out of 27,089$)$ of all staff at the $\mathbf{P}$ level;

Gender balance has only been achieved at the P-2 (57.3\%) level.
Largest increase: UG ( $\mathbf{1 5 . 2 \%}$ from $\mathbf{1 5 . 6 \%}$ in Dec 2001 to $30.9 \%$ in Dec 2010)
Smallest increase: P-2 (4.0\% from 53.3\% in Dec 2001 to $57.3 \%$ in Dec 2010)

As of 31 December 2010, women in FAO constituted:

- 33.1\% (523 out of 1581) of all staff in the professional and higher categories with appointments of one year or more.
- $\mathbf{1 3 . 9 \% \%}$ (17 out of 122) of all staff at the D-1 level and above.
- $\mathbf{3 4 . 7 \%}$ (506 out of 1459 ) of all staff at the $\mathbf{P}$ level.

Gender balance has only been achieved or exceeded at P2 (61.2\%)level.
Largest increase: P5(10.0\% from 12.4\% in Dec. 2001 to $\mathbf{2 2 . 4 \%}$ in Dec. 2010)
Largest decrease: D2 (-8.7\% from 17.1\% in Dec 2001 to 8.5\% in Dec 2010)

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Trends in the representation of women in the Professional and higher categories - 2001 to 2010

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| During the period 2001-2010 in the UN system, the proportion of women appointed increased by $\mathbf{6 . 8}$ percentage points, from $\mathbf{3 3 . 5} \%(6,407$ out of 19,098 ) in 2001 to $\mathbf{4 0 . 3} \%$ ( 12,005 out of 29,763 ) in 2010. |  |  |  |  | During the period 2001-2010 in FAO the proportion of women appointed increased by 9.4 percentage points, from 23.7\% (306 out of 1291) in 2001 to $\mathbf{3 3 . 1 \%}$ ( 523 out of 1581) in 2010. |  |  |  |  |
| Level | \% of women as of 31 Dec 2001 | \% of women as of 31 Dec 2010 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total change } \\ \text { 2001-2010 } \\ \text { (percentage } \\ \text { points) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Average annual <br> change <br> 2001-2010 <br> (percentage points) | Level | \% of women as of 31 Dec 2001 | $\%$ of women as of 31 Dec 2010 | Total change 2001-2010 <br> (percentage points) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average annual } \\ \text { change } \\ \text { 2001-2010 } \\ \text { (percentage points) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| UG | 15.6 | 30.9 | 15.2 | 1.5 | UG | 17.6 | 23.5 | 5.9 | 0.6 |
| D-2 | 20.8 | 25.7 | 4.8 | 0.5 | D-2 | 17.1 | 8.5 | -8.7 | -0.9 |
| D-1 | 21.3 | 30.2 | 8.9 | 0.9 | D-1 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 1.7 | 0.2 |
| P-5 | 24.1 | 31.7 | 7.6 | 0.8 | P-5 | 12.4 | 22.4 | 10.0 | 1.0 |
| P-4 | 31.3 | 38.4 | 7.1 | 0.7 | P-4 | 22.2 | 27.3 | 5.2 | 0.5 |
| P-3 | 40.3 | 45.1 | 4.8 | 0.5 | P-3 | 38.2 | 42.7 | 4.5 | 0.5 |
| P-2 | 53.3 | 57.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | P-2 | 55.6 | 61.2 | 5.6 |  |
| P-1 | - | - | - | - | P-1 | - | - | - | - |

