



# Female Political Participation in Sub-Saharan Africa

## Metafile

### Administrative Divisions

Comoros is divided into 3 islands: Anjouan (Ndzuwani), Grande Comore and Moheli (Mwali). Local government is made up of 54 municipal councils.

### Election System

The Constitution of the Comoros makes provision for a unicameral union Assembly of 33 members which are elected for a term of five years (United Nations, 2004). 24 members are directly elected in single member constituencies using a two-round majority vote. The remaining 9 members are indirectly elected by the Island Assemblies which is split into 3 seats per island (IPU, 2016).

The President is elected by absolute majority and the Presidency is rotated between the three islands every four-years when the President's term ends. A first round election is held on the island of the next Presidency where the top three candidates progress to the second round election which is held on a nationwide basis.

A list proportional representation system is used to elect members of local government.

### Women's Representation & Quota Information

There are no legislated gender quotas in the Comoros (Election Guide, 2017).

### Seats & Trends in Seat Numbers

In the December 2009 elections, 1 woman was elected into the Assembly of 33 members (3.03%). This remained constant after the January 2015 elections. Following the February 2015 legislative election, women held 278 of 1003 (27.72%) positions at the local level.

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## Union of the Comoros

**Parliamentary Structure**  
Unicameral

**Electoral System**  
Presidential: Majority (TRS)  
Assembly of Union: Majority (TRS)  
Municipal: FPTP