

Girl2Leadership Message

As patron of the Girl2Leader worldwide campaign, launched by the Women Political Leaders Global Forum, I am so proud to endorse this important initiative.

I must thank World Women Political Leaders for being proactive, to ensure more girls and young women are empowered to be political activists.

We must encourage girls and young women to be make a contribution to good governance and democratic participation, within our countries.

Women's contributions are essential to create a culture of positive peace and holistic wellbeing, across our societies.

Women make up half of the world's population, however their influence is limited.

Only 22% of all national parliamentarians are women.

This inequality, this democratic deficit, has an impact on the ways policies and strategies are being formulated and implemented.

We need to implement equitable inclusion, by ensuring the full participation of women.

We need more women to enter political life.

We need more women to take practical action on behalf of their communities and societies.

The International Day of the Girl is an opportunity to show our powerful commitment, and our participation as women.

Let's take this opportunity to send a strong message.

A message that a life of political service is also an option for our girls.

Let's remind the world that women and girls are essential contributors to the long-term prosperity of our countries.

Let's emphasise the need for women to contribute to a culture of positive peace in our communities and our world.

Let's lead by example.

Let's lead courageously.

Let's lead with determination.

Let's "Lead, Like a Girl!"