



Kosovo Women's Network

Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls

Press Release

KWN - dissatisfied and disappointed with the number of women representing the new government: "Where are the women"?

Kosovo Women's Network (KWN), expressed dissatisfaction and disappointment regarding the low representation of women in the new Government, at its regular meeting of the Assembly, held on September 11, 2017.

The new composition of the Government is unequal, with only 2 out of 21 ministerial posts belonging to women and therefore not representative of all citizens of Kosovo, considering that our population consists of a ratio of men to women of 50:50.

KWN would like to remind political parties that Article 14 of Gender Equality Law states: "Political parties with their acts are obliged to implement measures to promote equal participation of men and women at authorities and bodies of the parties in accordance with provisions of Article 6 of this Law", which also states that: "Legislative, executive, judicial bodies at all levels and other public institutions shall be obliged to adopt and implement special measures to increase representation of the underrepresented gender, until equal representation of women and men according to this Law is achieved". (Article 6, paragraph 7).

Also, this law states that "Equal gender representation in all legislative, executive and judiciary bodies, and other public institutions is achieved when a minimum representation of fifty percent (50%) for each gender is ensured, including within their governing and decision-making bodies." (Article 6, paragraph 8).

Unfortunately, this composition of the Government once again rejects the promises made by many current political leaders, that there will be more women representatives in the new Kosovo Government. Also, such a composition of the Government, where only two out of 21 ministerial posts belong to women, violates the efforts and investments made by civil society and international organizations so far, to achieve gender equality in all spheres of life, particularly on a political level.