

Benin's Reserved Parliamentary Seats for Women (2019 Electoral Code Reform)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Benin

Quality score: 82/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Benin's November 2019 reform expanded parliament from 83 to 109 seats and reserved 24 seats exclusively for women, one per constituency. In the 2023 election, women won 28 seats (25.7%) — more than tripling their 7.2% share from 2019 — though the reform was passed by an oppositio

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

[National Assembly of Benin / Autonomous National Electoral Commission \(CENA\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

[UN Africa Renewal](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

[Banouto - 2023 results](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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