

Oman's 2026 Decree Reserving 11 Shura Council Seats for Women After a Zero-Women 2023 Election

Gender Equality · Good practice · Oman

Quality score: 30/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

No woman won a seat in Oman's October 2023 Shura Council election, despite 32 female candidates among 843 contenders. In June 2026 Sultan Haitham decreed 11 additional reserved seats, one per governorate, guaranteeing women's representation from the next term onward.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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