



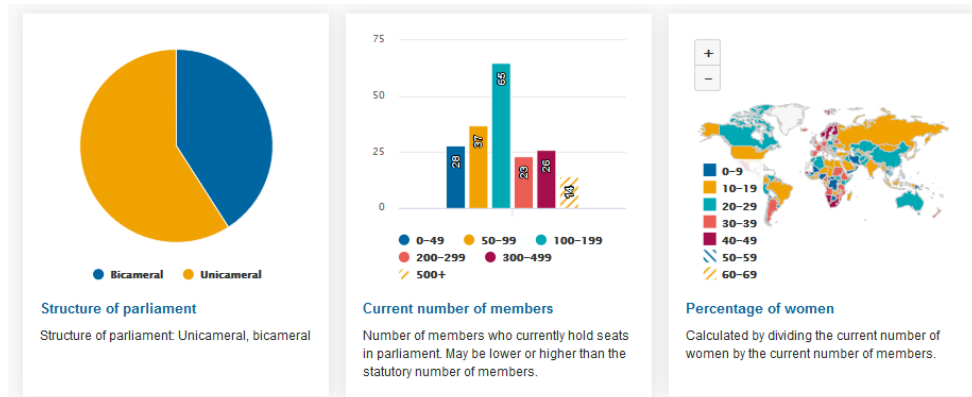
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## IPU New Parline database

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Dear IFLA members,

In August 2018, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) launched a beta version of its database on national parliaments, **New Parline** ([data.ipu.org](https://data.ipu.org)). The open data platform contains reference data on 450+ datapoints across 270+ parliamentary chambers related to the structure, working methods, activities and composition of parliaments, as well as elections. Thematic areas including women and youth are covered and, in June 2019, the IPU published data on specialized bodies for human rights, gender equality and women's caucuses.

New Parline is a one-stop shop for information on national parliaments that allows users to consult and compare data across individual chambers, countries and regions, see evolutions and trends over time through compelling data visuals, download data in different formats, find contact information for parliamentary focal points and access parliamentary websites and other resources.

Part of the data collected and published contributes to global monitoring of progress toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Parliaments play a central role in fostering "responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making" (SDG 16.7), and New Parline houses data for SDGs 5.5 and 16.7.1(a) specifically by identifying the representation of women and young people in decision-making positions in parliament.

In April 2019, the IPU announced the creation of a network of "Parline Correspondents", asking the Presidents of all the national IPU groups to designate parliamentary staffers as their Parline Correspondents. The aim is to strengthen [data collection processes](#) between the IPU and parliaments, and to ensure that New Parline stays accurate and up-to-date. Over 50 parliaments have designated Parline Correspondents so far.

As New Parline continues to evolve and improve, the IPU welcomes the input of IFLA members and other parliamentary staff in order to identify and prioritize technical developments. Should you find any inaccuracies or wish to provide feedback of any sort, feature a link to New Parline on your website, or nominate a Parline Correspondent for your parliament, please contact Ms. Addie Erwin (IPU Consultant) or Ms. Hiroko Yamaguchi (Research and Database Officer) at [parline@ipu.org](mailto:parline@ipu.org) or on +41 22 919 41 50.

We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and look forward to hearing from your parliament.

Best regards,

IPU Secretariat