

More Women Candidates in Ecuador 2023 Elections



Washington, December 6, 2022 - [The Inter-American Commission of Women \(CIM/OAS\)](#) and the School of Governance (SoG/OAS) of the Organization of American States (OAS) inaugurated the second edition of the Course for Women Electoral Candidates in Ecuador, organized jointly with the National Electoral Council (CNE) and with the support of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and the Government of Italy.

This new edition, entitled "Martina Carrillo", takes place within the framework of the Sectional and Councilwomen elections of the Council of Citizen Participation and Social Control (CPCCS), to be held in February 2023. In this electoral process, the principle of horizontal and vertical parity will be applied for the first time. According to this principle, women must not only make up the lists, but also head them; a fundamental step to guarantee the participation of women under equal conditions.

The Course for Women Electoral Candidates seeks to promote women's leadership and strengthen parity democracies. The initiative will be conducted virtually and will include the participation of women candidates from different regions of Ecuador, which will allow for a broad representation of realities and needs.

The opening session of the Course was attended by Gabriela Ortiz, Director of International Relations, Cooperation and Electoral Observation of the CNE of Ecuador; Silvia Espíndola, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador and Delegate of Ecuador to the CIM; Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women of the OAS (CIM/OAS); María Fernanda Trigo, Director of the Department for Effective Public Management of the Secretariat for Sustainability of the Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs of the OAS; Ambassador Carmen Montón, Permanent Observer Mission of Spain to the Organization of American States (OAS); Ambassador Simone Turchetta, Permanent Observer Mission of Italy to the Organization of American States (OAS).

After 15 editions and the participation of more than 1,000 women candidates, the Course for Women Electoral Candidates has become a reference for the training and promotion of women's electoral participation in the region. The objective of the course is to provide women candidates with strategies to strengthen their electoral campaign with a gender approach.