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OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ONLINE TRAINING COURSE ON WOMEN IN POLITICS IN KYRGYZSTAN

OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, in co-operation with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, and Public Foundation “Women Support Centre”, seeks women participants from rural and urban areas in Kyrgyzstan to attend a one-week Online Training Course on Women in Politics in Kyrgyzstan.

The online course will be held virtually from **20 - 27 August 2020**, using the online meeting platform Zoom.

Background

In June 2019, Kyrgyzstan adopted amendments to the electoral legislation, which included, *inter alia*, the introduction of a 30% quota for women in local councils. The law seeks to counteract decreasing numbers of women in politics and public life in Kyrgyzstan. Women remain underrepresented in decision-making processes that affect them, especially in rural areas. Given the opportunities provided by the new legislation, the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, within the framework of its project on supporting the economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR), promotes the participation of women in decision-making through tailored training courses. This online course will provide the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills on gender equality and political participation in Kyrgyzstan, relevant national legislation, political processes and procedures, and mastering skills needed for politics, such as accessing political parties, public speaking, and outreach.

Purpose

The aim of the training is to strengthen women’s skills, capacities, and readiness to participate in local politics and decision-making in Kyrgyzstan.

About the Training Course

The online training course will cover the following components:

- Introduction to women’s rights, with a focus on women's leadership and political participation;
- Women's political participation in Kyrgyzstan: the current situation and the legal framework – How the 30% quota works?
- Accessing political parties;
- Election to local councils;
- Public speaking (practical exercise - writing and delivering speeches);
- Practical skills for politics, including leadership skills, strategic planning, and outreach

The course will require a time commitment of 1,5 hours per day, for 8 days

Eligibility Requirements

- Women interested in local politics and considering/willing to run for local council elections in Kyrgyzstan;



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- Women who have started or are willing to start a political career;
- Women members of civil society;

To take part in the course, you need to:

- Have basic leadership skills and good communication skills, being able to properly articulate thoughts and ideas;
- Be open and motivated to learn and develop new skills and competences;
- Be committed to attend the entire training course;
- Have laptop or PC ;
- Be well-versed in Microsoft Office programmes;
- Have good and stable connection to the Internet;
- Have fluent Russian language skills.

The working language of the training course will be Russian. Participants must have sufficient understanding of Russian in order to complete the application form and to actively take part in the programme.

The online course is free of charge and will be attended by 20-30 participants. There are no age restrictions for participants. At the end of the course, participants will obtain certificates of completion.

Application submission

Interested candidates are invited to complete the [online application form](#) in Russian language by **10 August 2020**. Results of the selection procedure will be communicated by **15 August 2020**.

The selection is to be in two stages:

- 1) Applications review and
- 2) Interview (by phone)