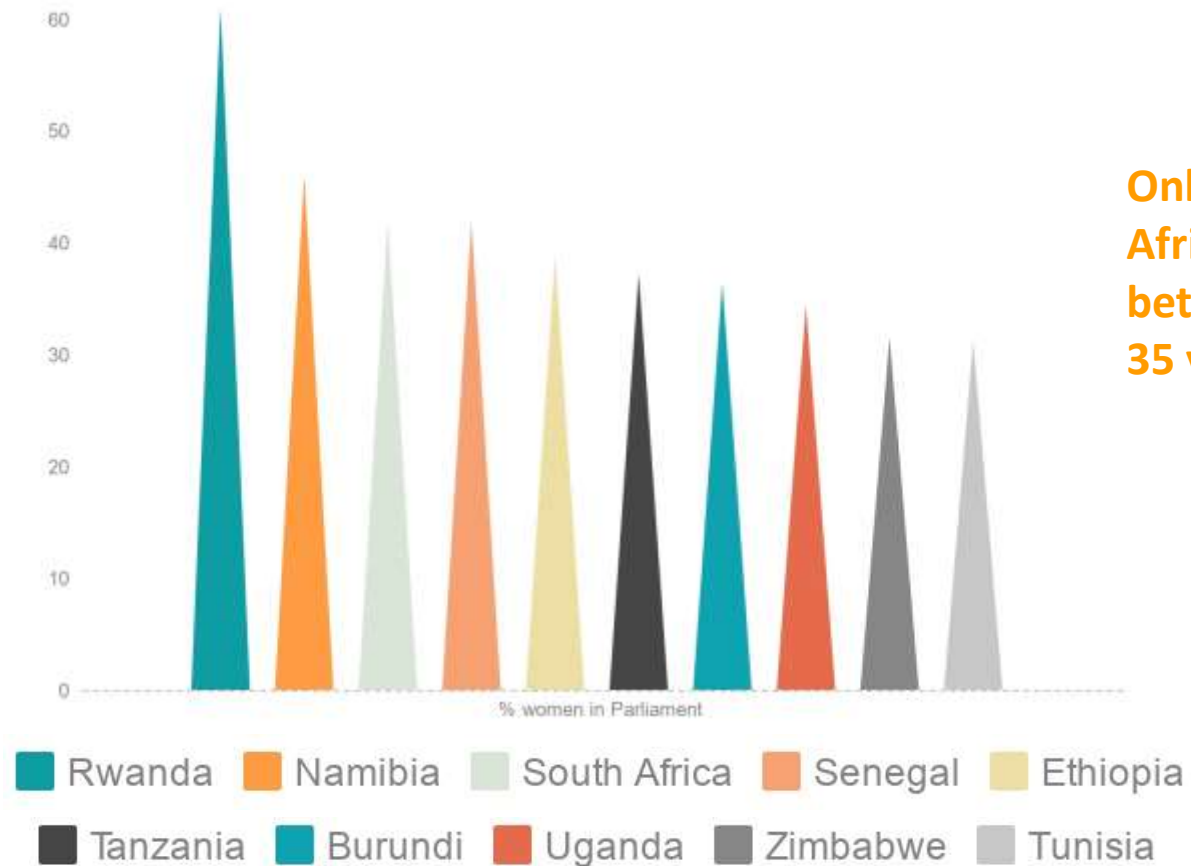


# Women in governance and trade

## Demographics in governance and trade – where are the women?

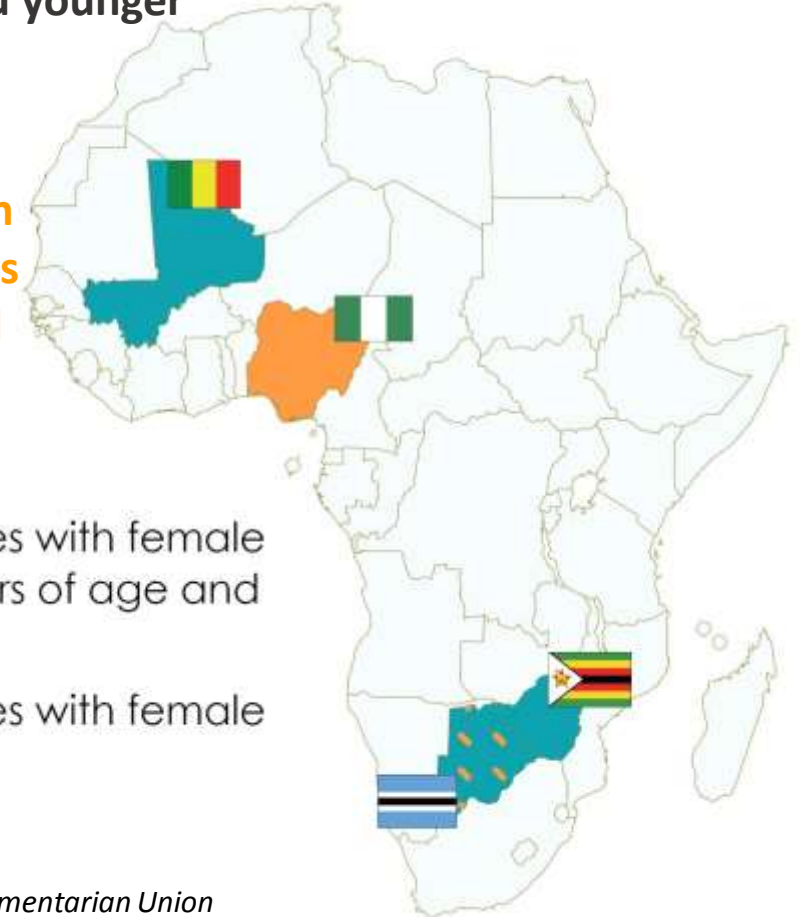
Top 10 African countries performing well in Women in Governance: Women in Parliament



African countries with women trade Ministers and Ministers 35 years of age and younger

Only 3 of the 54 countries in Africa have female Ministers between the ages of 30 and 35 years

-  African countries with female Ministers 35 years of age and younger
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References: Inter-Parliamentary Union



# Women and trade in Africa

Women are mostly concentrated in lower paying sectors:



Agriculture production



Textiles



Services sectors  
(cashiers, bank tellers,  
domestic work etc.)



Women are concentrated in sectors which are sensitive in trade negotiations

## Statistics on female traders in Africa

**7/10** informal cross border traders in southern Africa are female

**57.4%** women in sub-Sahara Africa are employed in agriculture



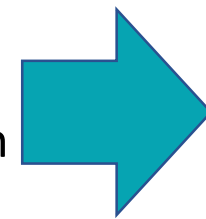
**17.2%** are in wholesale & Retail



**5.6%** are in manufacturing

**70%** of businesses in the informal sectors in  are by women

New wealth creators on the continent are women



Fully incorporating women into the economy could add US\$12 trillion to global GDP by 2025 – realizing gender equality lifts all nations.



# The narrative is not only female, it is young

## Trade policy to support young women

Capacity building



Research to close the gender data gap: **Of the 14 indicators for gender equality, only 3 have sufficient data to track progress**



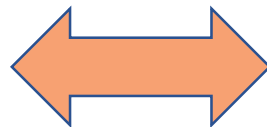
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Access to capital



Access to financial inclusion and ownership of assets: **4 in 10 women in the developing world, don't have a bank account**



**WTO implementation on women in trade**

Prioritize – **trade facilitation measures & trade in services** (digital financial services (lower transaction fees))

Are women in governance advocating for and championing solutions to address gender equality?

1 in two girls in SSA misses school during menstrual cycle



Female Parliamentarians in Namibia are too shy or maybe hesitant to discuss sanitary pads as a basic need for girls in school

