

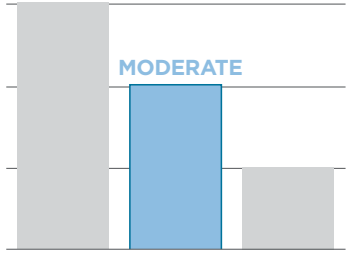
Women's role in the Somalia National Peace Conference (Arta, 2000)



BACKGROUND ON THE SOMALIA NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE (ARTA, 2000)

The Somali National Peace Conference held in Arta, Djibouti, in 2000 was one of the most inclusive since the collapse of the state and the outbreak of war in 1991. Society, clan elders, and politicians agreed on a Transitional Charter for the country. However, the Transitional National Government was only able to gain authority over one part of the country, fighting continued, and the agreement was never fully implemented.

WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



WOMEN'S INCLUSION IN THE PROCESS

Somali National Peace Conference (2000)

Stage one

Mandate: To agree selection criteria and procedure for delegates

Direct representation



• **92 women** joined together as a single bloc

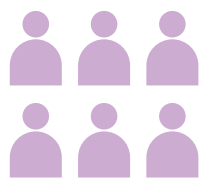


Pushed for women's representation in stage two, and a cross-clan women's coalition

Stage two

Mandate: To negotiate a Transitional Charter, to select members of the Transitional National Government and the Transitional National Assembly

Direct representation



• Ultimately, **100 women** participated in the Conference of 810 delegates

WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PROCESS

➡ Women succeeded in ensuring their representation during the negotiation of the Transitional National Charter

➡ The Charter also guaranteed women 25 out of 245 seats in the Transitional National Assembly

➡ The Transitional National Charter emphasized the human rights of children, women, and minorities, as advocated for by the women's coalition

+ FACTORS ENABLING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



'Sixth Clan' coalition



Strong women's networks



Enabling mediator



International policy debate

- FACTORS CONSTRAINING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



Exclusive selection practices



Gendered clan system

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