

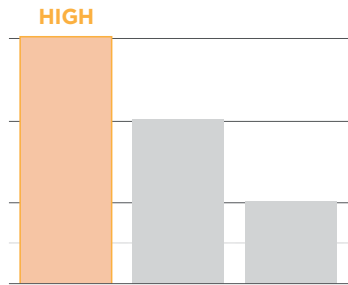
Women's role in South Africa's Democratic Transition (1990-1998)



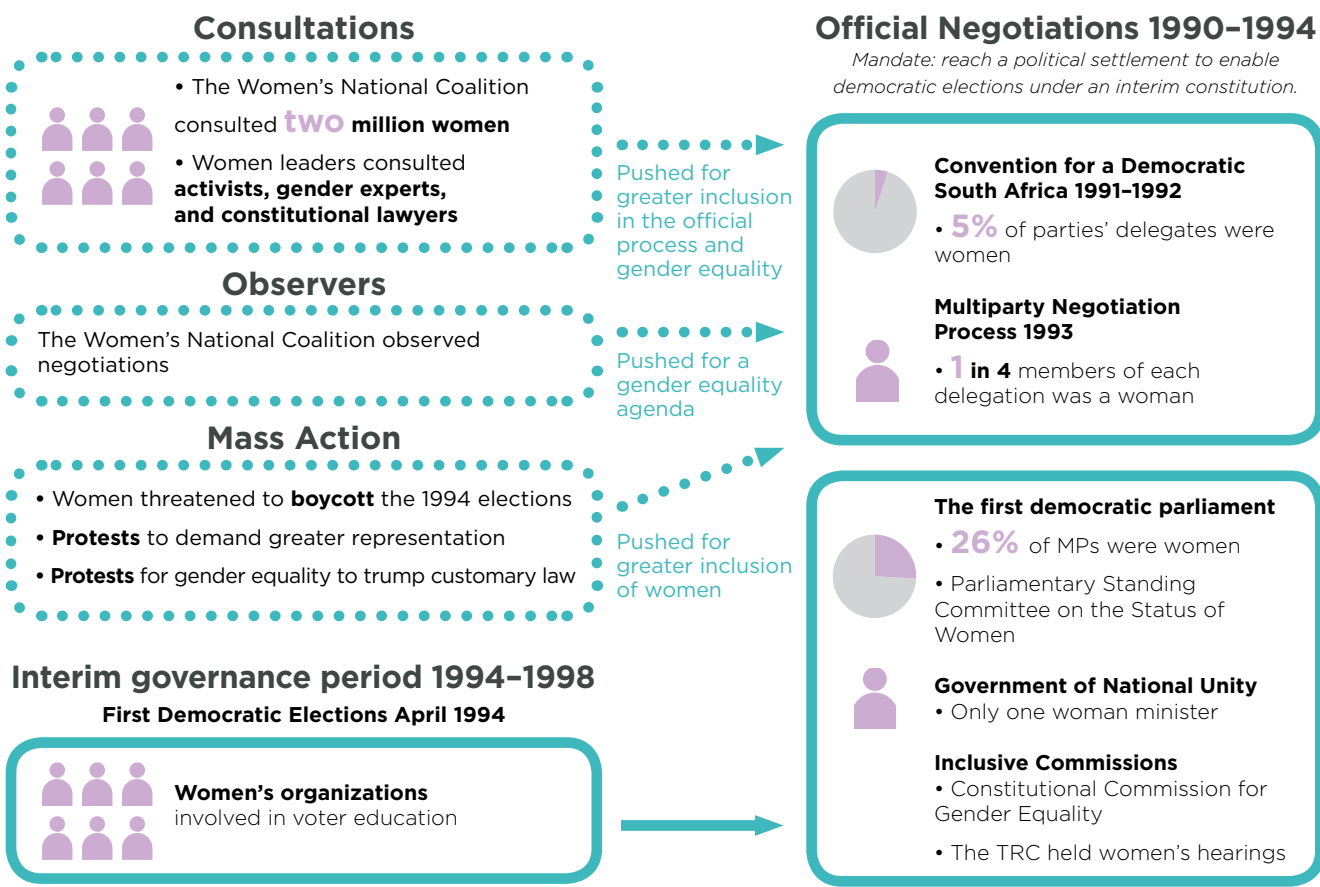
BACKGROUND ON SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

South Africa's democratic transition comprised official negotiations (1990-1994) between the Government, the African National Congress (ANC), and smaller parties, which produced a non-racist and non-sexist interim constitution and enabled the first democratic elections in 1994. Between 1994 and 1998, a Government of National Unity took office, parliament finalized the constitution, and a Gender Equality Commission and Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) were set up. The democratic transition dramatically reduced political violence and established liberal democracy. But South Africans remain unreconciled and inequalities have not been reversed.

WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



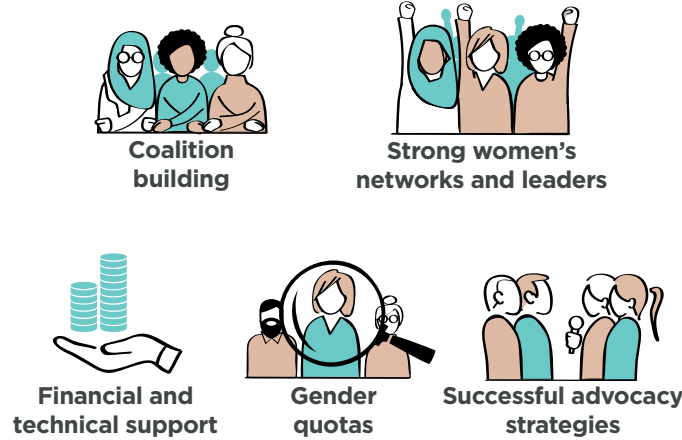
WOMEN'S INCLUSION IN THE PROCESS



WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PROCESS

- Women formed a powerful multiracial coalition to get a place at the negotiation table and mobilize support
- The Women's National Coalition was able to ensure that their common demand for gender equality was enshrined in the new constitution
- By insisting on a gender quota for candidates in the first democratic election in 1994, women achieved a high level of representation in the first parliament
- The women's movement's efforts to set up a national 'gender machinery'-an institutional framework to promote gender equality
- Parliament declared non-sexism a constitutional principle, and the constitution enshrined gender equality, in spite of opposition from traditional leaders

+ FACTORS ENABLING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



- FACTORS CONSTRAINING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



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