



Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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POSITION OF PAKISTAN REGARDING RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE DRC



General information

Pakistan's 1973 constitution states that all citizens are equal before the law, and there shall be no discrimination on the basis of sex. It also says that there shall be no discrimination in respect of access to public spaces, and that steps have to be taken to ensure the participation of women in all spheres of national life. It also ratified CEDAW in 1996. There is, however, a gap between regulations and their implementation. Despite many laws aimed at protecting women, they are often ignored or inconsistently applied, in part due to persistence of customs, lack of institutional support, and tribal influence, especially in rural areas. The country also ranked last on the WEF's 2025 Gender Gap Report.

Position on the matter

As of September 2026, there is no recorded statement from Pakistan about the situation of women and girls in the DRC. Both countries rank near the bottom in the WEF's Gender Gap Index, with Pakistan actually ranking lower, and their score decreasing in the last two years. In light of this data and the country's legal protections for women, they are likely to offer strong rhetorical support in favor of reducing gender equality without offering anything substantial.

Proposed solutions

Pakistan might advocate for programmes similar to the UN Women initiatives in the country, given its similar standing to the DRC regarding gender inequality. This means promoting women's empowerment in the economy and digital and financial inclusion; women's leadership and decision-making in public spaces; knowledge on gender and climate change; and social cohesion to improve social resilience.

Potential Blocks

Pakistan is neutral on the DRC, only having weak economic ties to the country. Its key economic and military partners are Russia and China, especially the latter. It also has good relations with Oman due to shared Islamic values and geographic proximity, leading to military and economic cooperation.

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