



Initiating 2023, six new country offices are joining the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions. We want to give a very warm welcome to **Argentina, Guatemala, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kosovo and Thailand**. Here you can see the [current tracker of participant institutions](#).

The **Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions** is proved to be an effective and practical tool for supporting countries delivering on Agenda 2030 SDG targets. As 2023, the program is being implemented in [all five regions, 21 countries and 74 public institutions](#), reaching over **85,000 public officers globally**, covering public policy development and implementation in **20 diverse thematic sectors**, from tax administrations to environment ministries.

➔ What is going on

Check the [Gender Equality Seal blog](#) for the latest news:

- **Public institutions implementing the Seal in Latin America and the Caribbean** initiate their community of practices, exchanging experiences and lessons learned on [gender mainstreaming in public administration](#) and [preventing sexual harassment and gender base violence at the workplace](#).
- **Democratic Republic of Congo:** UNDP DRC CO is going to pilot, with the support of the HQ Gender Equality Seal team, a [gender capacity building recognition for NGOs working in the stabilization pillar](#).
- **Uzbekistan:** The [Ministry of Finance](#) joined in November the community of the global Gender Equality Seal Public Institutions.
- **Jordan:** The [Independent Electoral Commission](#), the first public institution in the Arab region to implement the Seal, trained its Gender Equality Committee.
- **Montenegro:** The [Human Resources Management Authority](#) pioneers the implementation of the Gender Equality Seal in the country.
- **Bosnia I Herzegovina:** The [High Judiciary and Prosecutorial Council](#) and the Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina kick off the implementation of the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions



- In **Africa**, [40 gender equality experts from 7 countries](#) are being trained as regional trainers for the Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions.

Enlightening results

▬ The **Silver UNDP Gender Equality Seal was awarded to the Ministry of Transport in Colombia** for institutionalizing gender equality goals and targets, and gender mainstreaming as part of institutional mandates; the engagement with women's civil society organizations for transport policy formulation; the institutionalization of quotas for women's access to income opportunities, through which, in 2021, 654 women have accessed jobs in public transport and 4G infrastructure contracts; and implementing codes of conduct for eradication of sexual harassment in municipal and regional transport all over the country.

▬ The **Fund for Forest Financing (FONAFIFO) in Costa Rica** has increased women's access to the Payment for Environmental Services loan program from 25% to 31% (2019–2021), through which women receive \$2.5 M to protect 3900 hectares of forests for the next 10 years.

New resources (access here the complete COP Teams folder)

- ✓ **How to implement Manual:** we have prepared **Tool 0.6 How to implement manual**, where you will find a comprehensive explanation of the Seal Standard. So far accessible in [English](#) and Spanish. More languages soon.
- ✓ **Social media cards:** you can access here to social media cards to use for promoting the Seal in your social networks. Available in [English, Spanish and Russian](#). You can easily adapt the English ones to your language.
- ✓ **Templates for PPTs, folders and banners:** Access here to two options of templates for [PPTs](#), [documents](#), [folders](#) and [banners](#) that you can quickly adapt to your own context and language.
- ✓ **Contact of UNDP COs implementing the Seal:** Access here to list of [the contact emails](#) of project managers in each one of the country and regional offices. We encourage you to contact other country offices bilaterally for sharing experiences.

Please keep us informed. Send us any news you have on the implementation of the Seal in your country office so we can include it in the Seal blog. Please write ana.landa@undp.org