

100 Years of Women's Voting Rights

GEOM Netherlands 2017

Gender Election Observation Mission

'Netherlands Votes, GEOM Observes!'

15th March 2017

21 International Observers across 12 Provinces

Disparity in Parity: Bridging the Gender Gap

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- Objective:** To investigate the current electoral process and political context with emphasis on evaluating the degree of female participation throughout all levels of governance. The findings are intended to assist in advocating a gender-sensitive policy reform that ensures equitable participation of women and inclusion of minority communities for long-term sustainability.
- Who:** A women-led Mission facilitated by Gender Concerns International.
- What:** The Mission will observe gender disparities affecting equitable participation amongst voters, candidates and administrators.
- When:** 15th March 2017
- Where:** The Netherlands, from a local, provincial and National perspective.
- Why:** 100 years since women's right to vote, yet gender disparity prevails in The Netherlands.
- Strategy:** Evaluating the historical trajectory over the past 100 years is considered critical in formulating future plans to overcome prevalent obstacles preventing gender equality. The Netherlands GEOM 2017 will facilitate an international collaboration of representatives from Women's Organisations, and academia, experts and youth. The Mission aims to contribute to achieving an institutional gender parity that will ensure a sustainable gender-sensitive development trajectory that benefits society as a whole.

