



## Zambia, MMP and Women

"The Electoral Reform Technical Committee has recommended that Zambia adopts a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system.

The 40 seats to be competed for under the Proportional Representation segment on party lists have been allocated as follows: Women 35; Differently abled persons 3 and Young persons (21-30 years of age) 2. For a party to be eligible to participate in the PR segment of the election, the Electoral Reform Technical Committee has recommended that such a political party should field not less than 30 women candidates in the constituency-based FPTP segment.\" <http://allafrica.com/stories/200408240826.html>

(At present Zambia has 19 women MPs out of 158, or 12%. In the last election the governing Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) won 69 of the 150 elected seats (46%) with 28% of the vote, while the United Party for National Development (UPND) obtained 49 seats (33%) with 24% of the vote, the United National Independence Party (UNIP) 13 seats (9%) with 11% of the vote, the Forum for Democracy and Development (FDD) 12 seats (8%) with 16% of the vote, the Heritage Party 4 seats (3%) with 7% of the vote, and others 3 seats (2%) with 14.8% of the vote. The MMD then nominates 8 more MPs, leaving it still 3 MPs short of a majority. However, by MPs crossing the floor and by-elections, there are now 1 UPND and 2 HP less, giving the MMP a narrow majority.)

<http://www.elections.org.zm/results/parliamentaryresults.pdf>

<http://www.ipu.org/parline-e/reports/2359.htm>

<http://www.statehouse.gov.zm/salientfeatures.html>

<http://www.times.co.zm/news/viewnews.cgi?category=8&id=1044652675>