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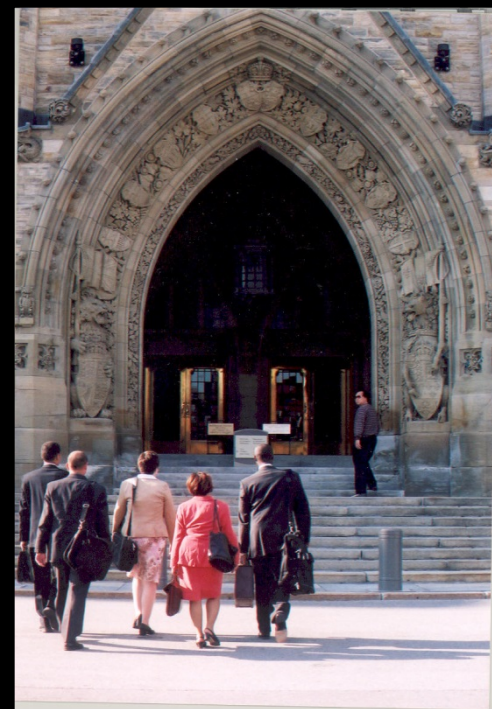


Democracy Promotion and the Role of Parliaments

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Development Assistance Trends and Canada



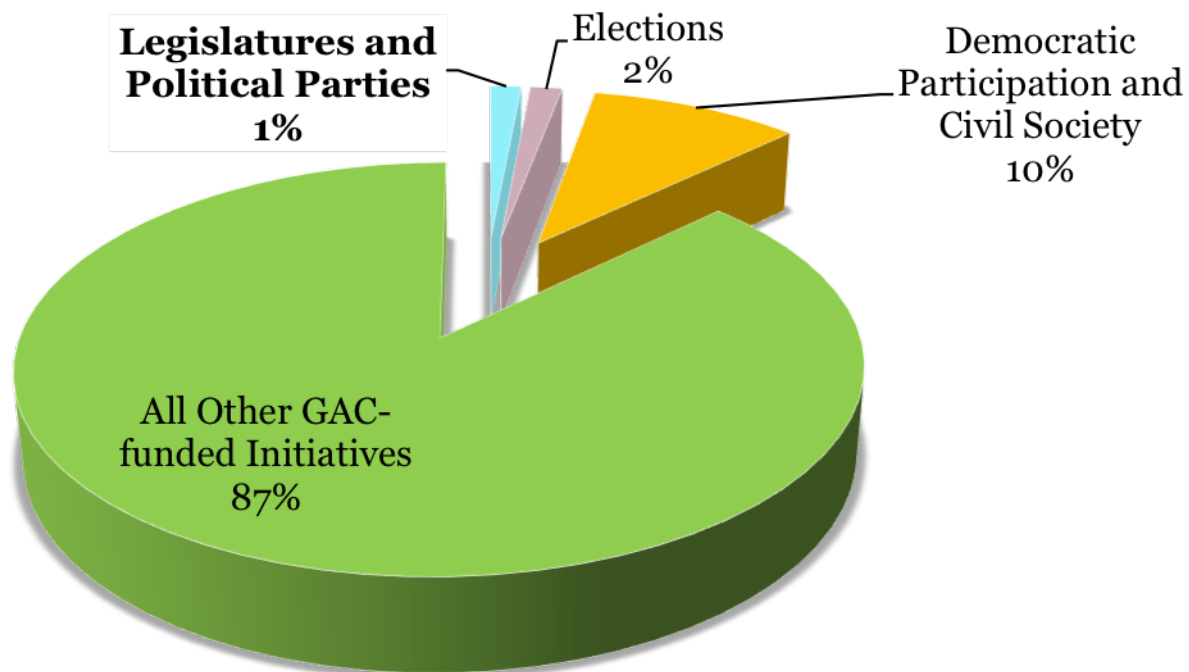
	Net Total ODA (USD billion)	ODA as % of GNI* 	Support to "Government and Civil Society" (% of Net Total ODA)
COUNTRY	2016	2016	2016
Norway	4.4	1.12	13.4
Sweden	5	0.94	16.9
United Kingdom	18	0.7	5.5
USA	34.4	0.19	11.6
Canada	4	0.26	10.0

* The UN agreed target for ODA as % of GNI is 0.7

Legislatures and Political Parties: Canada's Assistance

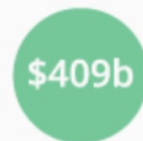
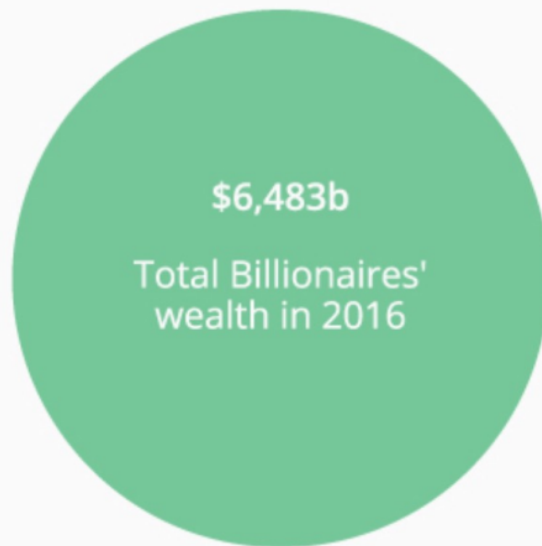


Operational Development Assistance Projects Funded by GAC





The World's Staggering Inequality



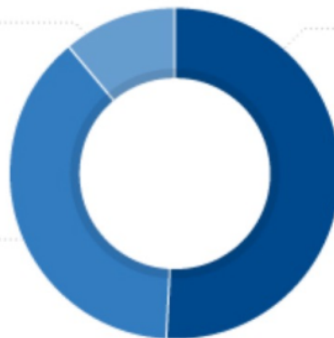
Total wealth of the bottom 50%



Number of billionaires that have the same amount of wealth as the bottom 50%

11%
Wealth of remaining 90%

38%
Wealth of the richest 10%



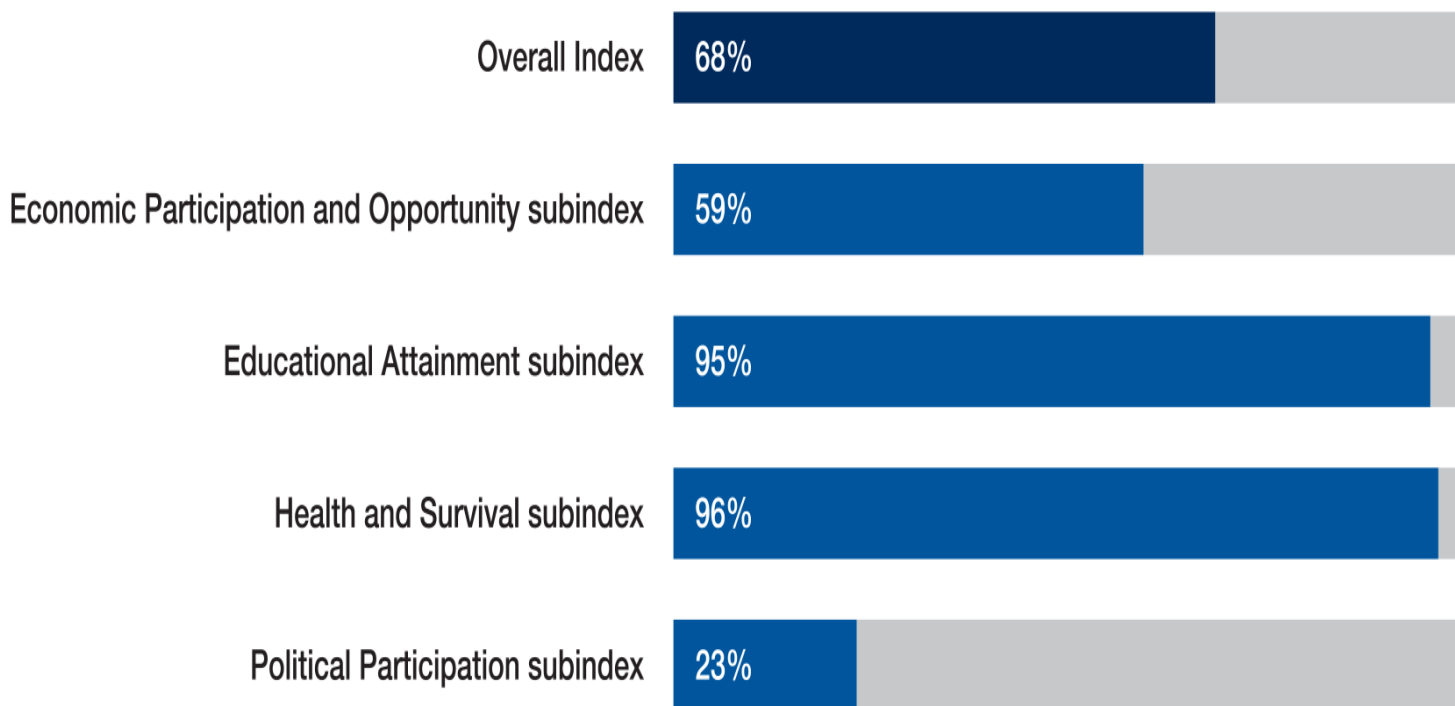
51%
Wealth of the richest 1%



Global Gender Gap Index



Figure 1: Global performance, 2016

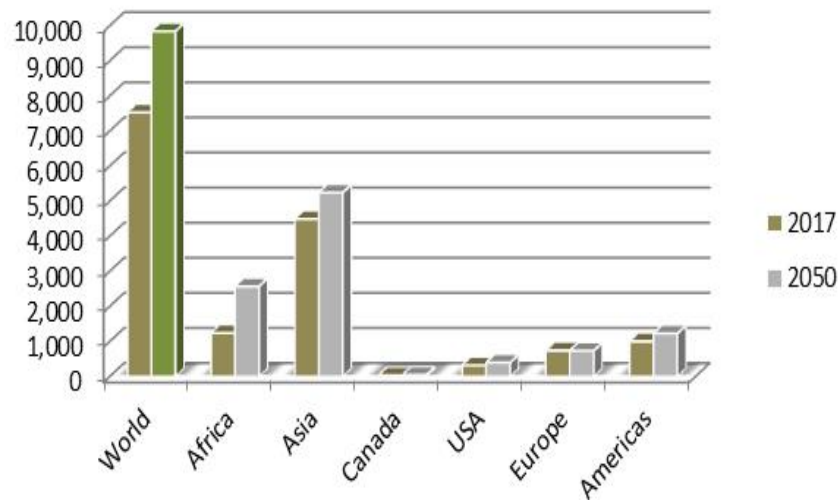


Source: Global Gender Gap Index 2016.

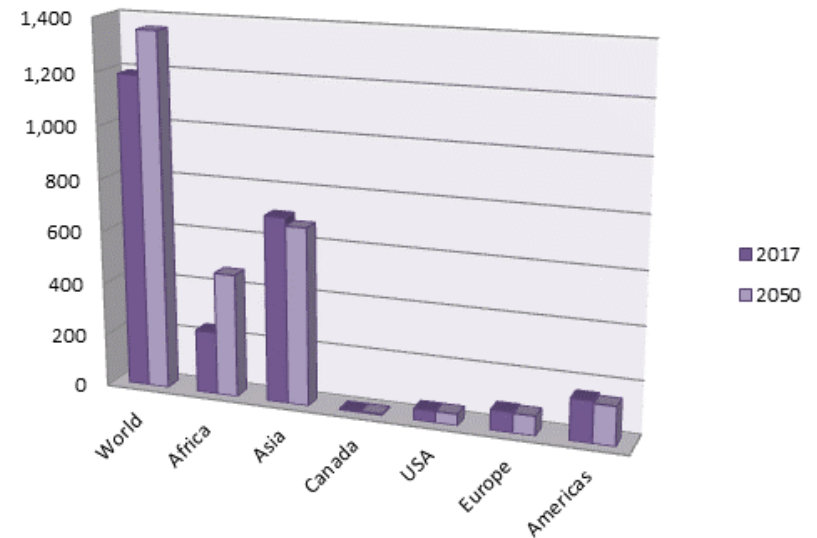
Global Population Trends



Global Population (mln.)



Youth Population (mln.)





- *How can we improve participation of women in politics?*
- *How about greater transparency & accountability?*



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