

EMPOWERING VOICES, BUILDING TOMORROW.



A more participative future begins with the voices we elevate today. By enhancing participation of women and youth, we build stronger, more inclusive democracies for tomorrow.

In Ghana, women hold less than 15% of parliamentary seats, and young people under 25 represent a significant portion of the population. Despite their demographic weight, **women and youth face persistent barriers to political engagement** and leadership opportunities.

The **WYDE Political Parties Project** works to foster a more inclusive democracy, ensuring women and youth are not only participants but leaders in shaping political processes. Through **capacity building, legal and policy reform, research, and multiparty cooperation**, the project provides targeted support to strengthen political inclusion.

The Multiparty, Multi-Country, Single-Party Approach.

WYDE Political Parties operates through three complementary approaches to maximize political inclusivity and institutional impact:

- **Multiparty:** Strengthening cross-party dialogue and inclusivity across ideological lines.
- **Single-Party:** Supporting internal party reforms for greater youth & women's participation.
- **Multi-Country:** Engaging regional networks for knowledge exchange and shared best practices.

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Key Initiatives

Capacity Building & Leadership Development

- **Leadership training** for female Members of Parliament.
- **Mentorship and networking** through Women's Breakfast Meetings foster peer learning across party lines.
- **Financial management and media skills** workshops for female MPs.
- **Media Training** for Female Parliamentarians.

Policy Reform & Advocacy

- **Policy brief writing workshops** using case studies on political violence.
- **National conference** to address violence against women in politics, that bring together MPs, civil society, and policy experts to develop practical strategies for reform.

Regional Leadership Programmes

- **Youth Advisory Board (YAB):** identification and amplification of emerging leaders.

Implementing Partners

- **KAS** (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)

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WYDE Political Parties is part of the broader EU initiative WYDE - Women and Youth Democratic Engagement, under the European Commission's Thematic Programme for Human Rights and Democracy 2021-2027. The project's main goal is to strengthen the capacity of political parties globally to be more inclusive and representative, particularly of women and youth, who are often underrepresented in political processes.