

TABLE 1**THE SPECIALISED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

ORGANISATION	ABBREV	MAIN FUNCTION
International Labour Organization	ILO	Formulates policies and programmes to improve working conditions and employment opportunities and sets labour standards used by countries around the world.
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN	FAO	Works to improve agricultural productivity and food security and to better the living standards of rural populations.
UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	UNESCO	Promotes education for all, cultural development, protection of the world's natural and cultural heritage, international cooperation in science, press freedom and communication.
World Health Organization	WHO	Coordinates programmes aimed at solving health problems and the attainment by all people of the highest possible level of health. It works in areas, such as immunization, health education and the provision of essential drugs.
International Monetary Fund	IMF	Facilitates international monetary cooperation and financial stability and provides a permanent forum for consultation, assistance and advice on financial issues.
International Civil Aviation Organization	ICAO	Sets international standards for the safety, security and efficiency of air transport and serves as the coordinator for international cooperation in all areas of civil aviation.
Universal Postal Union	UPU	Establishes international regulations for postal services, provides technical assistance and promotes cooperation in postal matters.
International Telecommunication Union	ITU	Fosters international cooperation to improve telecommunications of all kinds, coordinates the usage of radio and TV frequencies, promotes safety measures and conducts research.
World Meteorological Organization	WMO	Promotes scientific research on the Earth's atmosphere and on climate change and facilitates the global exchange of meteorological data.
International Maritime Organization	IMO	Works to improve international shipping procedures, raise standards in marine safety and to reduce marine pollution by ships.
World Intellectual Property Organization	WIPO	Promotes the international protection of intellectual property and fosters cooperation on copyright, trademarks, industrial designs and patents.
International Fund for Agricultural Development	IFAD	Mobilises financial resources to raise food production and nutrition levels among the poor in developing countries.
UN Industrial Development Organization	UNIDO	Promotes the industrial advancement of developing countries through technical assistance, advisory services and training.
International Atomic Energy Agency	IAEA	An autonomous intergovernmental organization under the aegis of the UN, works for the safe and peaceful utilisation of atomic energy.

(Official Classification of UN System 2000).

TABLE 2
LIST OF UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ISSUES FOR 2000

Africa	Elections	International Law
Ageing	Energy	Law of the Sea and Antarctica
Agriculture	Environment	Least Developed Countries
Atomic Energy	Family	Question of Palestine
Children	Food	Peace and Security
Climate Change	Governance	Population
Culture	Habitat	Refugees
Decolonization	Health	Social Development
Demining	Human Rights	Space Technology
Development Cooperation	Humanitarian Affairs	Statistics
Persons with Disabilities	Indigenous People	Sustainable Development
Disarmament	Intellectual Property	Trade and Development
Drug Control and Crime Prevention	International Finance	Volunteerism
Education	Labour	Women
		Youth

TABLE 3**WOMEN MPs IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (BY PARTY): 1999**

Party	Seats	Women	% of total
ANC	266	96	36.0
DP	38	7	15.8
IFP	34	7	20.6
NNP	28	3	10.7
UDM	14	2	14.3
ACDP	6	2	33.3
FF	3	0	0
UCDP	3	0	0
PAC	3	1	33.3
FA	2	0	0
Others	3	0	0

Note: The percentages become totally meaningless for parties that have very few seats in parliament. Those parties with just one seat are not individually mentioned, viz. the Minority Front, AEB and AZAPO. Source: Electoral Institute of SA.

TABLE 4**WOMEN IN PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA: 1999**

Province	Total No. Seats	Women MPs	% Women
Eastern Cape	47	9	19%
Free State	30	7	23%
Gauteng	73	24	33%
KwaZulu-Natal	80	24	30%
Mpumalanga	28	6	21%
Northern Cape	30	8	27%
Northern Province	49	16	33%
North West	33	10	30%
Western Cape	42	9	21%

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