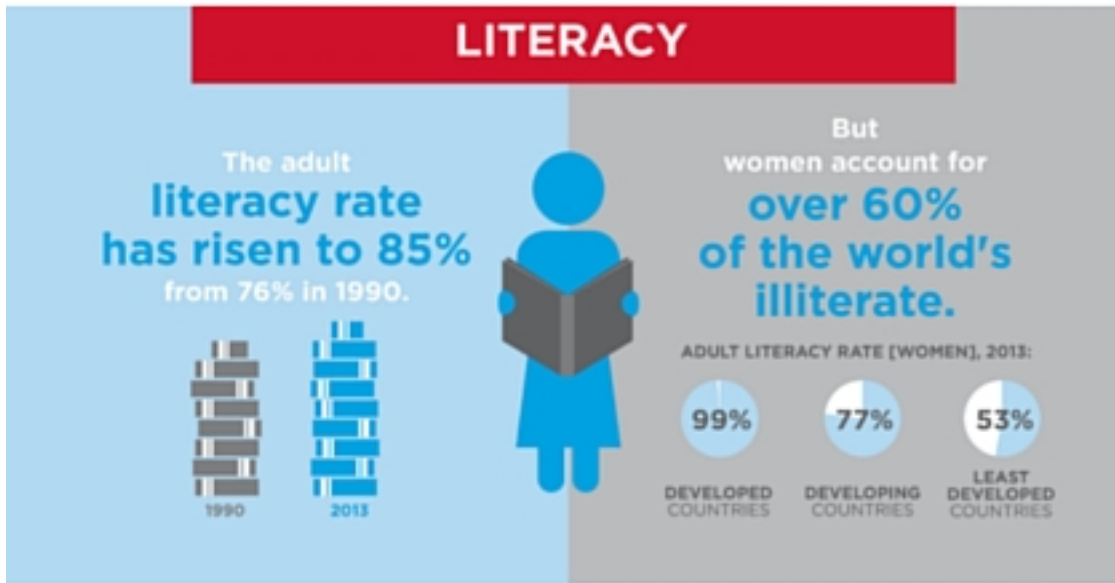




**08.03.2016 - International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.**

The 2016 theme for International Women's Day is "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality". The idea of this theme is to consider how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals, especially [goal number five](#) (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) and [number 4](#) (ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning).



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Some key targets of the 2030 Agenda include the goal to ensure that all women and girls have equal access to quality education and skills training opportunities.




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The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is the lead agency for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to gender equality and women's empowerment.

**POLITICS**


The percentage of women in parliament has nearly doubled in the last 20 years.



But this only translates into 22% of women in parliament today.



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