Milestones in Women’s Political Participation in Lebanon

**Nov. 1952**
Establishment of the Lebanese Women’s Council

**Dec. 1952**
Decree issued granting suffrage to literate women

**Jan. 1953**
Law establishing right of women to vote and to run for parliamentary office

**Aug. 1953**
First woman candidate (Emily Ibrahim)

**Jan. 1957**
Law establishing equal right of all men and women to be registered as voters

**Jan. 1963**
First woman elected to Parliament

**Jan. 1963**
Law establishing equal right for women to vote and to run for municipal office

**1963**
Myrna Boustani

**1991**
Nayla Mouawad

**1992**
Nayla Mouawad, Bahia Hariri, Maha Khoury Asaad

**Sep. 1995**
Lebanon participates in the 4th World Conference on Women and signs the Beijing Declaration

**1996**
Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Nouhad Soueid

**Apr. 1997**
Lebanon signs and ratifies CEDAW

**2000**
Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Ghinwa Jalloul

**Oct. 2004**
First women appointed as Ministers (Layla Solih Hemadeh, Wafaa Dika Hamze)

**2005**
Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Ghinwa Jalloul, Gilbert Zouein, Sethrida Geagea, Solange Gemayel

**May. 2006**
The Boutros Commission for the Reform of the Electoral Law proposed a Women’s Quota

**2009**
Bahia Hariri, Gilbert Zouein, Nayla Tueini, Sethrida Geagea