

# WOMEN IN WATER MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

## Good governance

The current level of **participation of women** in basin councils ranges from **zero to 20%**. (CAREC, 2020)

Governments set policy and develop regulations, but **non-state entities** are increasingly **providing the actual water services**. (Finger and Allouche; and Kjellén, 2020)

**Resilient water management** is firmly rooted in the **multi-stakeholder approach**, involving citizens, the private sector and civil society in the process of water governance. (GWP, 2021)

Effective water governance calls for:

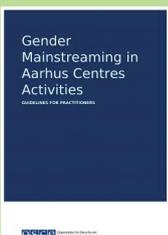
- Greater **public participation**
- Building **adaptive capacities** at multiple levels
- Prioritizing **risk reduction** for socially vulnerable groups

(UN Water, 2020)



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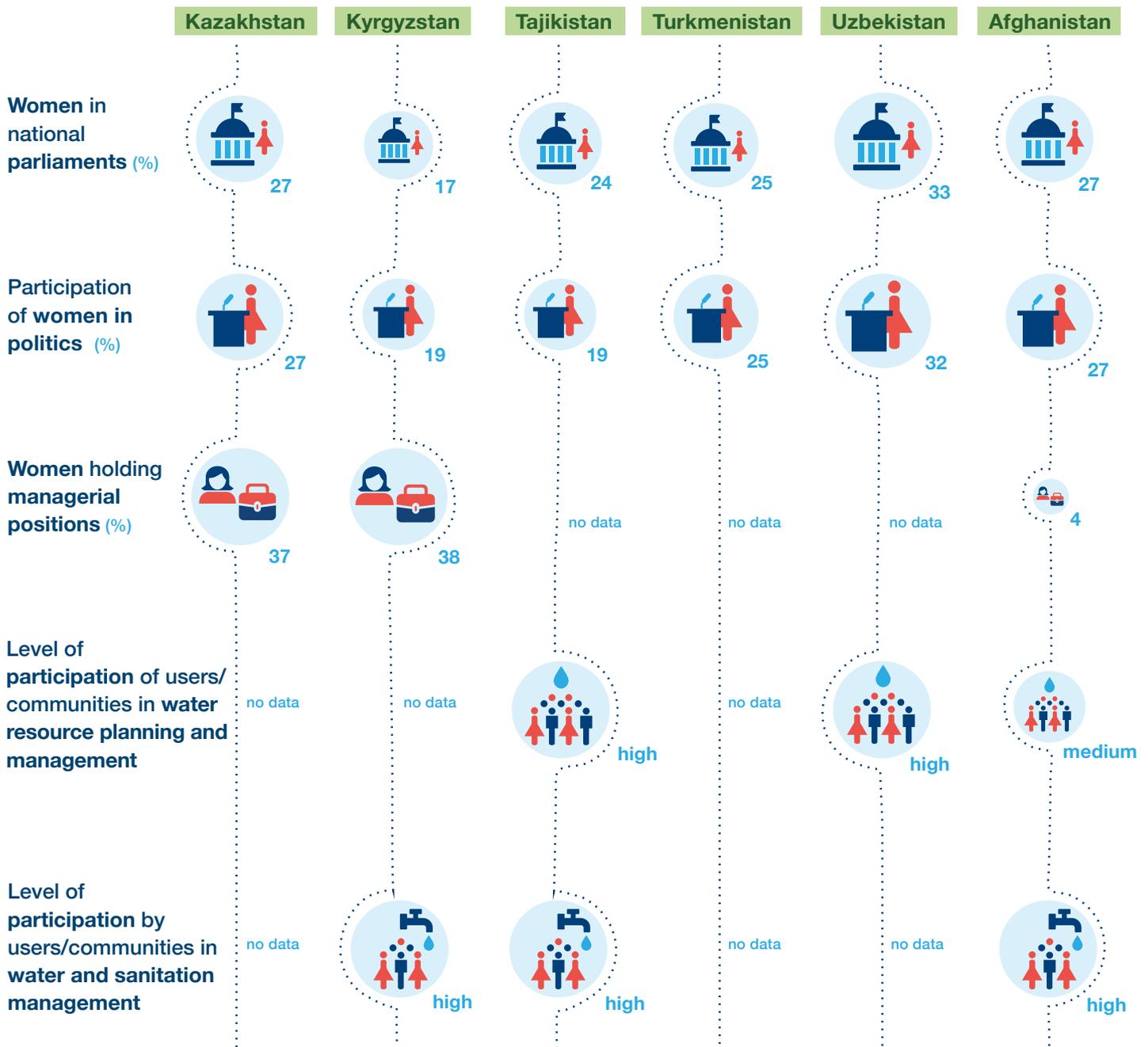
Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development stresses the need for **citizen participation in environmental issues**. (UNGA, 1992)



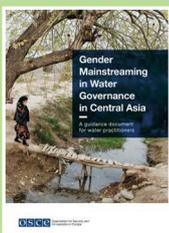
The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, has published the updated guidelines on **“Gender Mainstreaming in Aarhus Centres Activities”**, in collaboration with OSCE Secretariat Gender Issues Programme to assist Aarhus Centre staff effectively integrate a gender perspective into their work and to realize national and international commitments on gender equality, strengthening good governance overall.



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Sources: IPU 2020, UN Women 2020, GWP 2020, UN-Water 2019



When women and men equally decide on how to use water, decisions are better targeted and more representative of the needs of the entire population. The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, has developed this **guide to gender mainstreaming in water governance in Central Asia** in collaboration with OSCE Secretariat Gender Issues Programme for the benefit of water practitioners in the region.



Based on the manual, the OSCE has developed an **e-learning** module as an **introduction to gender mainstreaming in water governance in an engaging manner.**

