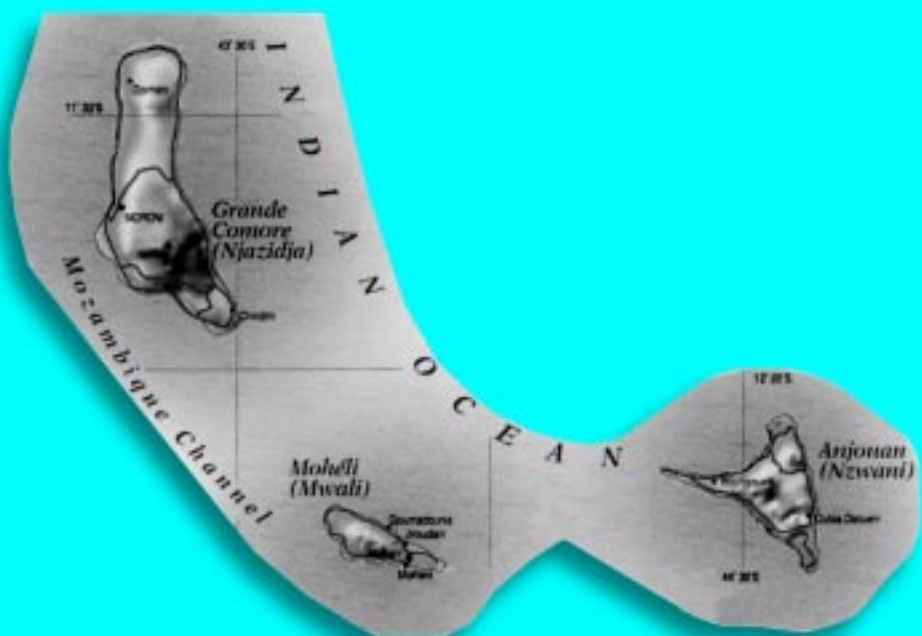


Comoros



1. **Constitution?** Yes. Latest version: December 2001. Affirms gender equality? ndf.¹

2. **Nationality law:** gender discrimination? ndf.

3. **International resolutions**

- a) CEDAW: No.
- b) ILO Conventions:
 - i) Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100), 1951: Yes.
 - ii) Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111), 1958: No.²

4. **Legal system:**

- a) Women's participation:
 - i) Right to raise cases? ndf.
 - ii) Work as lawyers? ndf.
 - iii) Judges? ndf.
 - iv) Number of women judges: ndf.

- i) In which sectors? ndf.
- ii) Heads of government departments: Yes.⁸
- iii) Section(s) of government concerned with women's issues: No.⁹

7. **Gender monitoring and action:**

- a) National Council of Women? No.
- b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? No.¹⁰
- c) NGOs that monitor women's situation? Yes.¹¹

8. **Education:**

- a) Adult female/male literacy rates: 48.7/63.2%.¹²
- b) Female/male gross enrolment ratios: primary level: 70/82%; secondary level 22/27%; tertiary level 1/1% (2000).¹³
- c) Distribution of m/f in the teaching profession: 26% of primary school teachers in 2000 were women.¹⁴

b) Are there civic laws that apply only to men or women? ndf.

- c) Family law:
 - i) Religious.³
 - ii) Recent changes? No.

5. **Political rights:**

- i) Right to vote? Yes (1956).⁴
- ii) Stand as candidates for election? Yes.⁵
- iii) Percentage of women in parliament? None.⁶
- iv) Women in the cabinet? Yes.⁷

6. **The state:**

a) Employment in the state apparatus: ndf.

9. **The economy:**

a) Female economic activity rate: 62.5%.¹⁵

b) Economic rights:

- i) To ownership of property? Yes.¹⁶
- ii) To own and manage businesses? Yes.¹⁷
- iii) To open bank accounts and take loans in their own name? ndf.
- iv) To receive social security and pensions in their own names? ndf.

c) Percentage of female-headed households: ndf.

10. **Health:**

a) Vital statistics:

- i) Life expectancy (f/m): 61.2/58.4 years (2000).¹⁸
- ii) Average age of women at first marriage: less than

20 years (1990).¹⁹

iii) Mortality rate in childbirth: ndf.

b) Reproductive rights:

- i) Is contraception legal? Yes.²⁰
- ii) Is abortion legal? Yes, in limited cases.²¹

c) Female genital mutilation? No.²²

d) Employment in the modern health sector: ndf.

11. **Culture:**

a) Do women work in the media – print journalism? Radio? TV? ndf.

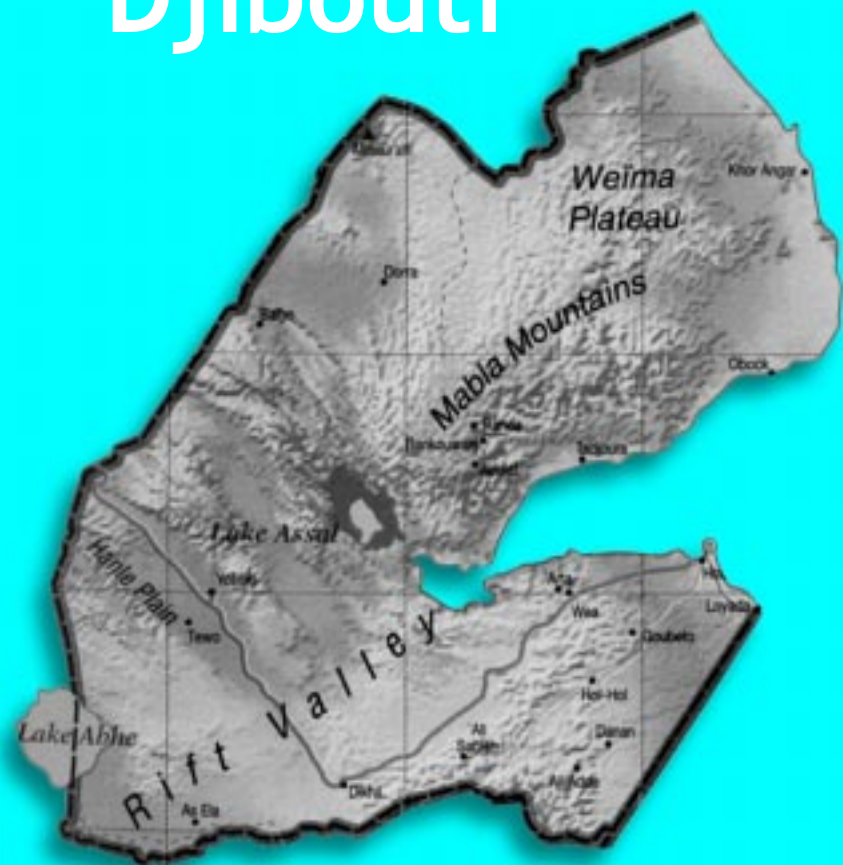
b) Do women perform in public (as actors, musicians, etc)? ndf.

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Djibouti



1. **Constitution?** Yes. Latest version: 4 September, 1992. Affirms gender equality? Yes.¹

2. **Nationality law:** gender discrimination? No.²

3. **International resolutions:**

a) CEDAW: Yes. (Dec. 1998).³
i) With reservations? Yes.⁴

b) ILO Conventions:

i) Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100), 1951: Yes.
ii) Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111), 1958: Yes.⁵

4. **Legal system:**

a) Women's participation:
i) Right to raise cases? Yes.⁶
ii) Work as lawyers? Yes.⁷
iii) Judges? Yes.⁸
iv) Number of women judges: ndf.

b) Are there civic laws that apply only to men or women? Yes.⁹

c) Family law:

i) Religious.¹⁰
ii) Recent changes? ndf.

5. **Political rights:**

i) Right to vote? Yes (1946).¹¹
ii) Stand for election (national and municipal levels)? Yes.¹²
iii) Percentage of women in parliament? None.¹³
iv) Women in the Cabinet? Yes.¹⁴

6. **The state:**

a) Employment in the state apparatus: ndf.
i) In which sectors? ndf.
ii) Heads of government departments: Yes.¹⁵
iii) Section(s) of government concerned with women's issues: The Ministry of Women's, Family and Social Affairs.¹⁶

7. **Gender monitoring and action:**

a) National Council of Women? Yes.¹⁷
b) National Plan of Action (post-Beijing)? Yes.¹⁸
c) NGO's that monitors women's situation? Yes.¹⁹

8. **Education:**

a) Adult female/male literacy rates: 54.4/76.2%.²⁰

b) Female/male gross enrolment ratios: primary level 32/46%, secondary level 13/19% (2000); tertiary level (no universities).²¹

c) Distribution of m/f in the teaching profession: 28% of primary school teachers and 22% of secondary teachers were women in 2000.²²

9. **The economy:**

a) Female economic activity rate: ndf.

b) Economic rights:

i) To ownership of property? Yes.²³
ii) To own and manage businesses? ndf.
iii) To open bank accounts and take loans in their own name? ndf.
iv) To receive social security and pensions in their own names? ndf.

c) Percentage of female-headed households: ndf.

10. **Health:**

a) Vital statistics:

i) Life expectancy (f/m): 44.2/41.6 years (2000).²⁴
ii) Average age of women at first marriage: less than 20 years (1990).²⁵
iii) Mortality rate in childbirth: ndf.

b) Reproductive rights:

i) Is contraception legal? Yes.²⁶
ii) Is abortion legal? Yes in limited cases.²⁷

c) Female genital mutilation? Yes.²⁸

d) Employment in the modern health sector: ndf.

11. **Culture:**

a) Do women work in the media – print journalism? Radio? TV? ndf.

b) Do women perform in public (as actors, musicians, etc)? ndf.

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