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As part of UN Women's Beijing+20 campaign, this month's focus is Women in Power and Decision-making. Below is a preview of our latest line-up. As always, the content is available in Spanish and French.

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In the words of...

Michelle Bachelet – Once we make this dream a reality…

Michelle Bachelet was sworn-in for a second term as President of Chile in March 2014. Previously, she was the first Executive Director of UN Women, from its inception in 2010 until March 2013. A longstanding women’s rights advocate, she has promoted gender equality and empowerment of women throughout her distinguished political career, including as her country’s first female President, between 2006 and 2010. In this editorial, she says nearly 20 years after the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we must recognize significant progress, but challenges remain in terms of gender equality and equity.

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Editor's Picks

Below are a handful of recommended stories that showcase how the UN system works in a number of ways to improve the lives of women and girls.

- Trinidadian women gain ground at the ballot box, UN Women
- A tale of three decisions, FAO
- Strengthening Voices for Democracy, UN Women
- Women gain ground in El Salvador's politics, UNDP
- Cameroon elections catapult women, UN Women
- Women Sow Seeds of Hope in Mindanao, WFP
- Tunisia's new Constitution: a breakthrough for women's rights, UN Women
- New project in China training women leaders, UN in Action, UNDEF
- First woman ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda blazes trails in seeking justice for gender-based crimes, UN Women

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This series of portraits spotlights women and girls who have made it in their respective fields — often in uncharted territories — by overcoming barriers and beating the odds to reach their goals. Our newcomers this month:

**Mervat Tallawy — Challenging those who cite 'culture' to oppress**

Egyptian diplomat and politician Mervat Tallawy spent six
years involved in the drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and was one of the 23 experts who monitored its implementation. Today she is President of the National Council for Women - Egypt.  

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