

# **MENA Women's News Brief**

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## **Gender parity in parliament possible within 20 years, new trends show**

“The [IPU’s Women in Parliament] year in review noted that although the Americas maintained its lead as the region with the highest average of women MPs at 25.2 per cent, it was the Arab world that witnessed the biggest regional jump of the year. The historic appointment of 30 women to Saudi Arabia’s Shura Council in January 2013 for the first time ever and the election of an unprecedented 18 women to the Jordanian parliament thanks to quotas in both countries helped the Arab region’s average rise from 13.2 per cent to 16 per cent.” ([IPU](#))

## **March 3: 'Arab Women Rising' compiles untold anecdotes of Arab women changing societies**

“Arab Women Rising”, a new book released by Knowledge@Wharton, shatters stereotypes by revealing wome







