The full and equal participation of women in public and political affairs is critical to building and sustaining functioning democracies. More women than ever are holding public office and participating in the electoral process as candidates, campaigners, election staff and voters. With greater representation, women are raising issues that have been historically marginalized ranging from reproductive health and physical safety to gender equality and poverty. Globally, violence against women in politics has emerged as a serious obstacle to the realization of women’s political rights. A growing body of evidence from around the world indicates that, as women step forward in political life, they are being met by discrimination, harassment, psychological abuse, and physical or sexual assault. A panel of experts will share insights from different countries and efforts to address this global problem.

Members of this expert panel are participating in a workshop, “Measuring Violence Against Women in Elections,” that is jointly sponsored by Emory’s Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center’s Democracy Program.

This event will be streamed live online by The Carter Center’s Human Rights Program at facebook.com/forumonwomen

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