



WORKING WITH US

The Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership welcomes the support and collaboration with the following individuals and organisations:

- Regional women's organisations with a history of work in this area
- Organisations currently involved to date
- National Women's Machineries with a history of work in this area
- Centres for Gender and Development Studies (CDGS) and other academic institutions with work and interest in this area
- Political parties
- Private sector organisations working on governance issues
- Members of statutory boards, trade unions, corporate boards, churches, PTAs, student government, youth groups, media, etc.
- Designated and potential female candidates for general and local elections
- Women who have contested elections, including independents
- Women and men who will work with, manage and support women's campaigns
- Key male champions
- Female Caribbean Parliamentarians
- Individuals with an interest in being involved

Special efforts will be made to engage and involve young women

OUR HISTORY

The Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership (CIWIL) was conceptualised in 2005 by a collective of women dissatisfied with the continued marginalisation of women from positions of leadership and power.

They understood that to achieve more just, poverty-free, violence-free and equitable nations throughout the region, women must be fully involved in the decision-making processes that impact their lives.

Since then, CIWIL's network of activists, female parliamentarians, national and regional development program directors, and heads of national women's machineries have been training and supporting fellow sisters of the region in their bids to gain elected office, or assume other positions of leadership in their respective states.

CIWIL is supported by the Organization of American States (OAS), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Commonwealth Secretariat.



*Advancing women's
transformational leadership in the
Caribbean*

ABOUT US

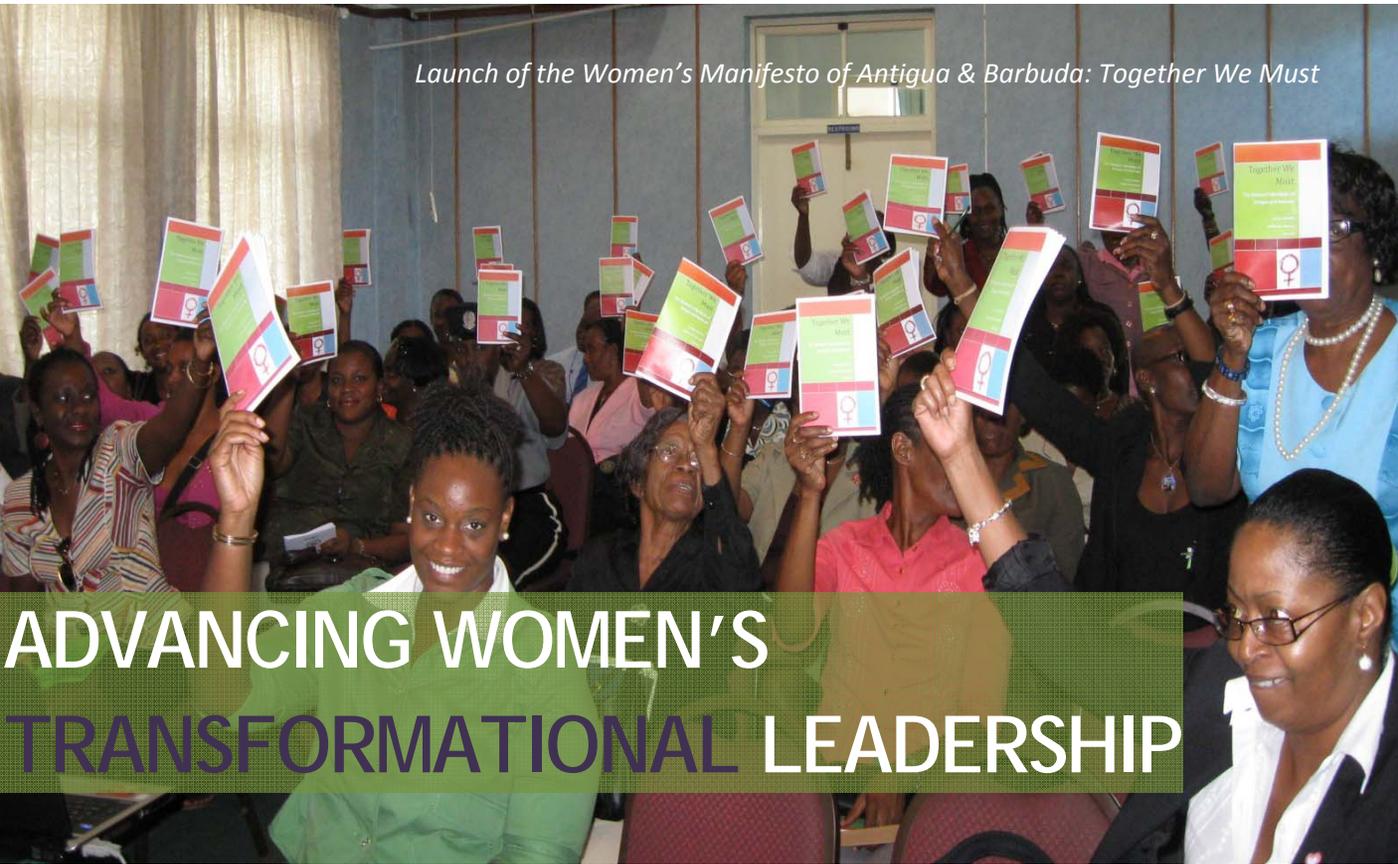
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*Female Candidates Breakfast Meeting
Antigua & Barbuda*

Launch of the Women's Manifesto of Antigua & Barbuda: Together We Must



ADVANCING WOMEN'S TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

CIVIL WORKS TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING

The Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership (CIWIL) is a non-political, non-partisan and independent institution, established to monitor and strengthen the work of increasing women's political participation in the region. CIWIL aims to create a sustainable, effective and efficient women's leadership base, to achieve gender equality, through advocacy, networking, research and capacity building.

The mission of CIWIL is to be a flagship networking institute, producing high-quality research, documentation, analysis, training and advocacy, to advance women's transformational leadership and increase the number of women in

politics, leadership and decision-making at all levels in the Caribbean.

CIWIL will be a coordinating and implementing mechanism for a regional programme of work defined and implemented with a network of participating organisations and individuals, to advance women's transformational leadership.

CIWIL GOAL

Increase the number of women in politics, leadership and decision making in the Caribbean towards 50 percent by 2015

CIWIL'S MAIN OBJECTIVES

Promote and strengthen gender equality and women's rights in the Caribbean

Advocate for transformative politics and policy-making

Support women in leadership and decision-making politics to hasten the transformation of politics and governance towards the achievement of sustainable development in the Caribbean

Provide education and training to increase representation of women in politics and decision-making

Stimulate research and contribute to the increasing numbers and skills of women in positions of leadership and public life



WHAT WE DO