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Strengthening Young Women's Civic Participation and Leadership in Uganda

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Young women have been
up, to question and hold their leaders

To share some statistics, of the population, moreover only 20% were interested in the 2016 general elections.

Personally, I strongly believe in the concept of *empower women to use their power*. When one woman goes up, she must lift 2 other women. This is essential for economic development and political participation.

Eleanor Roosevelt said that: The future belongs to those that believe in the power of their dreams. We know that when women lead, change happens; women's voices will be heard, from the valleys to mountain tops. Our voices will rise higher and higher to transcend borders and change trajectories, one woman at a time.

I know the time is now to re-write the narrative about gender roles, participation, representation and engagement that will close the gender gaps. My question to you all is, if not now, then when? And this will take ordinary women like you and I to do it. So join me in multiplying faces and amplifying voices of young women around the world. I always say a woman alone has power; collectively we have it.