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Gender award for president of Mozambique

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Mozambican President Armando Emilio Guebuza has been awarded the 2009 African Gender Award for his inclusion of a large number of women in his government.

The state-controlled news agency, Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique, said the Senegal-based organisation Femmes Africa Solidarite had chosen Guebuza for the award.

He is the fourth African statesman to receive the award, which was shared by former South African president Thabo Mbeki and Senegalese president Abdoulaye Wade in 2005, and was made to Rwandan president Paul Kagame in 2007.

Female representation in Mozambique's parliament was ninth in the world in 2009 at 39.2 percent.

Mozambique elected its first woman parliamentary speaker after its 2009 general election. - Sapa