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On 15 November, UNDEF will open the window for applications for its Fifth Round of Funding, following the green light given by UNDEF Advisory Board. Project proposals may be submitted on-line between 15 November 2009 and 31 December 2010 at www.un.org/democracyfund, where applicants can also find guidelines, FAQs and lessons learned from previous rounds [here](#).

Those who plan to apply are strongly encouraged to visit this page as soon as

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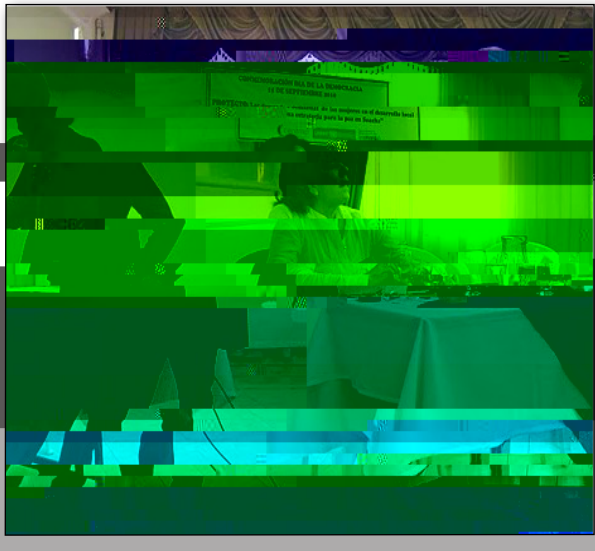
Although women in Egypt were granted citizenship and full political rights more than





NEWS FROM THE FIELD

As of this year, the whole world knows about the challenges of improving mining standards in Chile. But the issue was already being addressed by an UNDEF-backed initiative in Chile on democracy and the environment, which includes civic action for environmentally sound gold mining. An NGO field mission recently visited an artisanal gold mine, or “pirquén”, in Andacollo, northern Chile, to monitor compliance with environmental agreements between mining companies and authorities. It is part of an UNDEF-backed project to engage citizens in impact assessments of



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