



It's the sound of progress



An avalanche of popular culture chatter is building:

"In 2016 women rule."

This week and next, we give you the signs of the times that point to progress: (click each item for details)



1. For the first time in the modern state, women in Saudi Arabia ran, voted, and won.

Deborah Amos / NPR



2. Sport's Illustrated picks Serena Williams as their "2015

Sportsperson of the Year".



3. [Intel](#) announces a \$300 million initiative to bring women and people of color into its workforce by 2020.



4. [Angela Merkel](#) is named "Person of the Year" by TIME Magazine.

5. Member States in the UN are rallying to [elect a woman](#) the next Secretary General.



Our wish list? Progress for women!

Help us make that happen:



Look for more good news in next week's alert.

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