

Historic win gives Mexico's Sheinbaum a landslide, spooks markets

MEXICO CITY, June 3 (Reuters) - Claudia Sheinbaum, a climate scientist and protege of Mexico's popular outgoing president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, won a landslide to become the country's first female leader, though the scale of her victory sparked jitters in the markets.

Former Mexico City mayor Sheinbaum, 61, won the highest vote percentage in the history of Mexico's democracy, according to preliminary results from the electoral authority. She secured 58.8% of the votes with 82% of the ballots counted.

In her victory speech on Sunday night, Sheinbaum, a physicist who was part of a United Nations panel of climate scientists that received a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, thanked Lopez Obrador, calling him "an exceptional, unique man who has transformed Mexico for the better."

The victory is seen as a major step for Mexico, a country known for its macho culture and home to the world's second-biggest Roman Catholic population. She is the first woman to win a general election in North America, comprising the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Continue reading [HERE](#)

Source:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/claudia-sheinbaum-claims-sweeping-mandate-become-mexicos-first-female-president-2024-06-03/>

[Disclaimer]