



International Girls in ICT Day 2026

“AI for Development: Girls Shaping the Digital Future”

ITU Global Celebration

23 April 2026

Tirana, Albania and Brasilia, Brazil

In cooperation with the National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA) of the Republic of Albania, and the National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL) and the Ministry of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Draft programme*

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Time in Brasilia UTC-3 hours	Time in Tirana UTC+2 hours	Session
8:30 - 9:30	13:30 - 14:30	Welcome and registration of participants <i>(for onsite participants only)</i>
9:30 - 9:55	14:30 - 14:55	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Message by Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (pre-recorded)• Remarks by Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)• Remarks by Mr. Bledar Kazia, Director General, National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA), Albania• Remarks by Mr. Carlos Manuel Baigorri, President, ANATEL, Brazil• Remarks by Ms. Silvia Rucks, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Brazil• Remarks by Ms. Ingrid Macdonald, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Albania
9:55 - 10:00	14:55 - 15:00	Group Photo

10:00 - 10:50	15:00 - 15:50	<p>Session: Girls in ICT Intergenerational Dialogue and Open Discussion: AI for Development: Girls Shaping the Digital Future</p> <p>This intergenerational dialogue will bring together girls and young women with women leaders, policymakers, and experts in ICT and emerging technologies to explore how artificial intelligence can advance inclusive and sustainable development.</p> <p>Through an open and interactive exchange, participants will discuss how girls and young women can engage with AI not only as users, but as creators, innovators, and decision-makers shaping the digital future. The dialogue will highlight the importance of equitable access to digital skills, ethical and inclusive AI design, and intergenerational collaboration in addressing gender gaps and biases in the digital ecosystem.</p> <p>The session aims to inspire and empower current and future generations of girls to confidently engage with AI and emerging technologies, strengthen their digital aspirations, and contribute actively to building inclusive digital societies where no girl or young woman is left behind.</p> <p>Co-Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU • Ms. Dea Borici, Youth Leader, Albania <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ana Luiza Valadares, Public Policy Director, AI Infrastructure & Connectivity, Meta (in Brasilia) • Ms. Daisy Wachira, Her Digital Skills Alumna, W4 Kenya (in Tirana) • Ms. Razan Mohamad Motaz Dkhan, Fellow of the ITU Generation Connect Young Leadership Programme (GCYLP), Syria (remote) • Ms. Mina Seonmin Jun, Chair of the Network of Women in ITU-D Advisory Board, Korea (in Tirana) • Ms. Aysel Rahimli, Fellow Generation Connect Young Leadership Programme (GCYLP), Azerbaijan (in Tirana)
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10:50 - 11:00	15:50 - 16:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Delina Ibrahimaj, Minister of Economy and Innovation of Albania • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU

* This programme will be updated, and additional speakers will be listed as they are confirmed.