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- Administrations of ITU Member States,
- Regulators,
- ITU-D Sector Members and
- Academia in the Asia Pacific region

**Subject: Invitation to attend the International Girls in ICT Day celebrations in Samoa, 23 April 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Every year, on the fourth Thursday of April, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), governments, NGOs, schools and tech companies all around the world reach out to girls and young women to showcase the exciting potential of technology as a career choice.

In 2020, International Girls in ICT Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 23 April. The Day is all about inspiring girls and young women to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) studies and leverage the power of digital technologies to follow their dreams.

After a successful celebration of Girls in ICT Day 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, ITU continues to take the celebrations "on the road". This year, ITU and the Government of Samoa will co-organize the global celebrations of the Day in Apia, Samoa on 23 April.

We extend a special invitation to you to join us in Samoa to celebrate the Day. We encourage you to consider sponsoring two girls from your country to attend the celebration. The girls will have an opportunity to be part of the activities lined up for this day including tech training sessions, interacting with women working in the tech industry, tech competitions and many others. The International Girls in ICT Day website (<http://itu.int/go/Samoa20>) offers key information about the event.

In order to facilitate participation of the least developed countries of the Pacific region which are also classified as small island developing States, one full fellowship (economy class air ticket + daily subsistence allowance) may be awarded, subject to available funding. Member States are encouraged to consider the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs when proposing candidates eligible for fellowships. More information is available at (<http://itu.int/go/GICT-Fellowships>).

Registration will be carried out exclusively online. Each participant interested in attending International Girls in ICT Day event should complete and submit a registration form to be accessed [here](#). Delegates can register to the event using TIES log-in credentials. In case they do not have TIES access, they can create a new user account. If delegates have already created their user account for previous ITU events, then their user account is still valid.

Fellowship applicants must first submit their registration in order to receive the fellowship form. This means that during the registration process, they should tick the box corresponding to “fellowships”. The approved and signed fellowship form must be returned to the Fellowship Service (by e-mail to [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78), **no later than 2 March 2020**.

We thank you for your continued commitment to the International Girls in ICT Day initiative and we look forward to seeing you on 23 April 2020 in Samoa.

For more information, please contact Mr. S. Ismail Shah ([Ismail.shah@itu.int](mailto:Ismail.shah@itu.int)), Head of the ITU Area Office in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Yours faithfully,

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