



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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-Administrations of ITU Member States  
-ITU-D Sector Members  
-Academia  
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**Subject: Invitation to participate in and contribute to the 2023 International Girls in ICT celebrations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that International Girls in ICT Day will be celebrated on 27 April 2023 and that this year's theme is: *Digital Skills for life*. I invite you to contribute to the celebrations and to engage key women role-models, stakeholders, and young girl representatives in your country.

This year the international event will be celebrated in Zimbabwe as part of Transform Africa in coordination with the Postal and Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe and Smart Africa.

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) gender-disaggregated data shows us that girls have been left even further behind than boys. According to the ITU in 2022, 69 per cent of men globally were using the Internet, compared to 63 per cent of women. As of 2022, only 30 per cent of women in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) used the Internet, compared to 92 per cent in the high-income countries.

Over the past years, Girls in ICT has been celebrated around the world with the bold leadership of the ITU Members. By joining our efforts, we can ensure that girls and young women will receive the skills to succeed in their ICT studies and careers. Your efforts will contribute to accelerating progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

I hope you will support the 2023 Girls in ICT Day celebration by organizing programmes, trainings, and activities, not only on 27 April but throughout the year, as well as proactively engaging and collaborating with other relevant partners in your country, to successfully maximize the impact and outreach to as many girls as possible. For more details, please [click here](#).

For more information on the programme, to share details of events you are arranging, and to confirm your interest in joining our activities worldwide, please contact Ms. Carla Licciardello, Senior Digital Inclusion Coordinator at [girlsincts@itu.int](mailto:girlsincts@itu.int) and Ms. Anne-Rita Ssemboga at [anne.rita.ssemboga@itu.int](mailto:anne.rita.ssemboga@itu.int) by 31 March 2023.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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