

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)



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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018))
- ITU-D Sector Members
- Academia
- National Regulatory Authorities

Subject: Invitation to participate in and contribute to the 2025 International Girls in ICT Day celebrations

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that this year, with the generous support of the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Ministry of Digital Transition, Innovation, and Modernization of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s Global Celebration of the International Girls in ICT Day will be **held on 24 April 2025** jointly hosted by two regions: the Commonwealth of Independent States (**Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**) and the Arab States (**Nouakchott, Mauritania**).

Under the theme "Girls in ICT for Inclusive Digital Transformation", the Day will link the two host countries and will feature an in-person event in both locations including a welcome ceremony and an intergenerational dialogue with speakers from across the globe. I invite you to attend and consider sponsoring girls from your country and school entities to join the celebration in person, in Kyrgyzstan or in Mauritania. My team will be able to assist you with the process.

If you cannot travel, I encourage you, as well as girls and schools in your country, to watch the event live on our website (International Girls in ICT Day - detailed information on the live event will be posted soon).

To achieve our common goal of bridging the digital gender divide, I also invite you to organize programmes, trainings, and activities to mark Girls in ICT Day 2025 and to actively engage and collaborate with other relevant stakeholders in your country to amplify the impact of these initiatives, on the Day and throughout the year to make every day a Girls in ICT day.

To showcase your event as part of the global effort to celebrate International Girls in ICT Day 2025, you can submit it on our official website h

Our data highlights persistent gender disparities in digital access and use. For example, in 2024 globally, 70% of men used the internet compared to 65% of women. To build inclusive digital transformation, we must empower ALL girls and young women, providing them with equal and equitable access to ICT, skills development, and leadership opportunities in technology and innovation, regardless of their educational, socio-economic background or geographical location.

For further information please contact my team in Digital Inclusion Service at <a href="mailto:girls:g

I look forward to your engagement in making International Girls in ICT Day 2025 a powerful movement toward a more inclusive and equitable digital world.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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