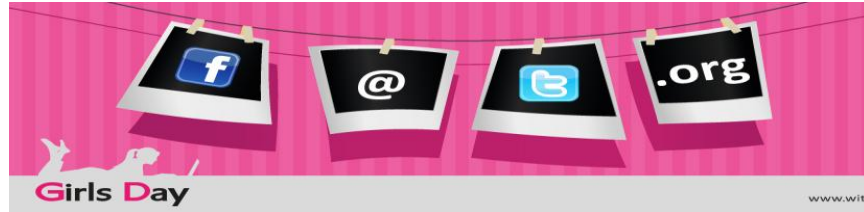




## Information Technology Association of The Gambia Basse Chapter



**“Theme: Girls can Do ICT!”**



### **International Girls in ICT Day Celebration**

#### **Keynote Address**

**Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Mr. Chairman and the Executive Members of ITAG Basse Chapter,**

**Our Counterparts Tambasansang Youth Association, Head Master Tambasansang Lower Basic School, Imam and Alkali, Invited Guests and all protocol respectfully observed.**

**I welcome you all to The International Girls in ICT Day Celebration today 26th May, 2012 here in Tabamsansang Village in Tumana District, Upper River Region.**

The International Girls in ICT Day, which is celebrated this year for the second time, is an initiative launched through Resolution 70 (**Guadalajara**).

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the body of the United Nations in charge of information and communication technologies. Their mandate is encourage the world to use technology, set unified standards globally and address issues that are raised with the development of technology. Under its auspice Girls’ Day is celebrated world – wide.

International Girls’ Day has the aim to introduce girls with the opportunities for education and work in the field of Information and Communications Technologies. New technologies are constantly changing the world we live in: they are improving the quality of life; increasing the number of the literate people.

**International Girls in ICT Day** in fact, has the aim to make everyone realize that girls are also able to use the new technologies, and that, due to the fact that girls are good at Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Informatics, we have new technologies which change the world on a daily basis.

Moreover, ICT is the fastest growing industry today and more jobs are created in this industry than any other. The same prospects are for the future. ICT has been identified as the industry that will lead forward world economies, improve lives of families across the globe and make the planet a smaller, more accessible place. Therefore, Women and Girls should take a more prominent role in this process.

At this juncture, I would like to thank our donors and partners namely: **The Ministry of**



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And finally our counterpart **Tambasansang Youth Association**

I thank you all for your kind Attention!

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