Join the global effort & organize an event for International Girls in ICT Day 2017!

Useful resources for event organizers, such as a toolkit and promotional materials, can be found at the ITU Girls in ICT Portal www.itu.int/girlsinict

Keep us informed of your plans for International Girls in ICT Day 2017, and share your event on the ITU Girls in ICT Portal and on social media, using #girlsinict

Also check out our Facebook page ITU Girls in ICT at www.facebook.com/ITUGirlsInICT, where you can share your activities and discuss new ideas throughout the year.

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International Girls in ICT Day is an opportunity for girls and young women to see and experience technology in a whole new light. The initiative, backed by all ITU Member States, aims to create a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of April and will next be observed on 27 April 2017.

The ITU Secretary General invites all ITU Member States and Sector Members to organize events attracting as many girls and young women as possible. Ministries of ICT, Education, Labour, Youth, National ICT Regulatory Authorities, ICT companies, academic institutions, UN agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders are all encouraged to join the global effort and celebrate International Girls in ICT Day 2017.

There are many ways you can organize an event to get girls excited about technology tailored to your local context and means. Here are some ideas. You can organize:

- Workshops giving girls “hands on” experiences e.g. developing a mobile app, learning coding or creating a blog site
- Open days at an ICT company, government agency, or any ICT-related institution
- Women in ICT career fairs inviting speakers and role models to local schools
- Contests offering prizes and awards
- Mentoring and work shadowing programmes

There is an estimated shortfall of over two million skilled ICT professionals worldwide. Despite the obvious benefits, many girls never even consider a career in ICTs. At the same time, many companies are looking to increase the number of women in the sector. The ICT sector is a growing sector for employment in both developed and developing countries. This means that highly qualified women in technical fields around the world have significant opportunities available to them.

To date, over 240,000 girls and young women have taken part in more than 7,200 celebrations of International Girls in ICT Day in 160 countries worldwide.

Let’s reach even more girls on International Girls in ICT Day 2017!