



## INTERNATIONAL GIRLS IN ICT DAY 2025 PROGRAM

*Girls in ICT for inclusive digital transformation*

*Program Venue: Hotel Himalaya, Kupandole Height, Kathmandu Valley, Nepal*

### Provisional Agenda

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

09:00-09:30 Nepal time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Registration and event preparation on-site</li><li>● Testing and online networking on the online platform</li></ul>
9:30 – 10:30 Nepal time	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>MC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ms. Pratikshya Budhathoki, Assistant Director, Nepal Telecommunications Authority</li></ul> <p><b>Welcoming remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr. Bhupendra Bhandari, Chairman, Nepal Telecommunications Authority</li><li>● Video message from Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, BDT Director, ITU</li><li>● Anita Niraula, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology</li><li>● Mr Jaco Du Toit, UNESCO Representative to Nepal and Head of the Office</li><li>● Ms. Radhika Aryal, Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology</li><li>● Mr. Prithvi Subba Gurung, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (TBC)</li></ul> <p><b>Official launch of Girls in ICT Nepal</b></p> <p><i>(Each speaker to have <b>5 minutes</b> maximum to deliver the remarks)</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00 Nepal time	<p><b>Group photo</b></p> <p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
11:00-11:55 Nepal time	<p><b>Get inspired with women leaders in the ICTs</b></p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Ms. Palpasa Tuladhar Kansakar, Executive Member, Women In Information Technology</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Pratikshya Pandey, Founder, Smart Cheli</li> <li>● Ms. Nishla Shakya, Vice-President, Women Leaders in Technology</li> <li>● Ms. Sarita Lamichhane, Chairperson, Prayatna Nepal</li> <li>● Ms. Sunaina Ghimire Pandey, President, CAN Federation (Virtual)</li> <li>● Ms. Roja Kiran Basukala, Deputy Director, Nepal Telecommunications Authority</li> </ul>
11:55: 12:00 Nepal Time	Quiz question for the audience
<p><b>This session will be divided into two sections with participation of the Girls in ICT Day Nepal Partners from Industries, and Academia discussing specific topics focused on the <i>Girls in ICTs: Bridging ALL Divides for an Inclusive Digital Transformation</i> moderated by youth leaders from Asia and the Pacific.</b></p>	
12:00 – 13:30 Nepal time	<b>Lunch break and test session</b>
13:30 – 14:30 Nepal time	<p><b>Session 2 (Industries)</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Ms Elisha Rajbhandari, Co-founder, Sciever Inc.</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Dibya Tara Shakya, Assistant Manager, Global IME Bank</li> <li>● Humkala Pandey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies</li> <li>● Ms. Karvika Thapa, CEO, Kimbu Tech</li> <li>● Dr. Dovan Rai, Executive Director, Body and Data</li> <li>● Ms. Sangita Pahadi, Managing Director, Nepal Telecom</li> </ul>
14:30- 15:30 Nepal time	<p><b>Session 3 (Academia)</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Ms. Richa Neupane, Udeshya: Girls in STEM</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Stella Koirala, BCA Coordinator, Kathmandu Business Campus</li> <li>● Ms. Dakshina Shrestha, Principal, Sagarmatha Engineering College</li> <li>● Ms. Deepika Rimal Thapa, Senior Vice-President, Private and Boarding Schools Organization, Nepal</li> <li>● Dr. Tista Prasai Joshi, Senior Scientist, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology</li> <li>● Salina Dangol, IT Director, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology</li> </ul>

15:30:-  
16:00  
Nepal time

**Closing Remarks**

- Indira Acharya, Under Secretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens
- Mr. Dipesh Bista, Chief Executive Officer, E-governance Board
- Ms. Pranita Upadhyaya, Head, ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre, Delhi
- Mr. Min Prasad Aryal, Director, Nepal Telecommunications Authority