



International Girls in ICT Day High Level Panel

Connected Girls, Creating Brighter Futures

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and OsloMet; and supported by Generation Equality

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Available in the six UN languages

Co-moderators: **Doreen Bogdan Martin**, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau and **Salma Alrowaie**, Communication and ICT Officer, Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform

16:00 – 16:20 - Welcome Remarks and Messages

- Introductory Remarks from Doreen Bogdan Martin
- Video Message from ITU Secretary General, Houlin Zhou
- Remarks from Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women
- Remarks from HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite
- Video Message from RASIT Girls in Science for SDGs Platform
- Remarks from Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Youth Envoy

16:20 – 16:30 - First Mini Dialogue on inclusive, equal access and use of ICTs for girls

- H.E. Prof. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, 6th President of the Republic of Mauritius
- Dr. Mona Minkara, Assistant Professor, Northeastern University; Director of RASIT Writing Science in Braille Global Campaign
- Dr. Anthony Giannoumis, Associate Professor at OsloMET, Vice Rapporteur for the subcommittee on ICT Accessibility and Access Coalition Liaison for EQUALS

16:30 – 16:40 - Second Mini Dialogue on types of partnerships

- Ceyda Suer, Government Relations, Vodafone, Turkey
- Dr. Beeta Ehdaie, Senior Advisor on Women's Economic Issues to the Assistant Secretary of Economic and Business Affairs and Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment, U.S. Department of State
- John Kim, Managing Partner, Amasia

16:40 – 16:50 - Third Mini Dialogue on concrete measures to be taken

- HRH Prince Zain El-Hashemite, Founder of Y4X Global Initiative for Equality in STI
- Iva Gumnishka, CEO, Humans in the Loop | Forbes 30 under 30
- Priya Samant, Impact Adviser and Director, Sequoia Applied Technologies

16:50 – 17:05 - Beyond Boundaries: Equality in ICT for Creative Economy

- Polona Šafarič Tepeš, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Biomedicine In collaboration with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
- Hamisha Daryani Ahuja, Executive Producer, Forever 7 Entertainment Ltd
- Natalia Rincón, Co-Founder & CEO at CHAOS
- Hoda Kanso and Alma Nordenstam; peer-mentors for the Girls in Science Platform
- **Musical Performance**

17:05 – 17:25 - Q&A Session

17:25 – 17:30 - Closing Remarks

