



Report: International Girls in ICT Day. Location : Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: 120

The International Telecommunication Union in the CIS region, in collaboration with partners Kyrgyz State Technical University named after Iskhak Razzakov and Kyrgyz Software and Services Developers' Association, met on 22nd of April in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, to celebrate the International Girls in ICT Day. The Roundtable titled "Leadership" has seen the participation of over 100 young women participants.

Natalia Mochu, ITU Regional Director for the CIS Region, warmly extended her welcome speech to the participants of the roundtable, emphasizing the boundless capabilities possessed by women. One of the honorable guests of the event was the Minister of Digital Development in the Kyrgyz Republic, Nuria Kutnaeva, who said: "We must all join forces to promote gender equality measures where they matter most. We must eliminate gender stereotypes in education, raise awareness, and promote technical subjects among girls and women, and offer career guidance so that women and girls no longer shy away from studying in STEM."

The core of the Roundtable built on the panel discussion on the topic of Leadership with the bright Kyrgyz women:

Ksenia Tsyganova, Office/Community Manager, WTM leader in Kyrgyzstan, Techwomen alumna.

Begaiym Isaakova, Technical Director, Space Programme of Kyrgyzstan.

Aisuluu Kozhomkulova, International Development Expert, MPA at UCL, and TechWomen alumna.

Aikanysh Imanalieva, Marketing Director, Kaspersky in Central Asia and Mongolia.

Salkynay Emilbekova, Junior Acceleration Analyst at Accelerate Prosperity.

Moreover, the roundtable featured informative sessions on Leadership, ICT barriers, and various programs such as TechWomen, Google, Microsoft, and numerous other opportunities. It was a valuable and enriching experience for participants. The roundtable served as a platform for experts in the ICT field to engage in enlightening discussions covering a diverse array of topics.

