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Subject: Invitation to participate in and contribute to the 2022 International Girls in ICT celebrations

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that International Girls in ICT Day will be celebrated on 28 April 2022 and that the 2022 theme for Girls in ICT Day is: *Access and Safety*. I invite you to contribute to the celebrations and to engage key women-role models, stakeholders, and young girl representatives in your country.

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) gender-disaggregated data shows us that girls have been left even further behind than boys in STEM education. In terms of access to technology, 62 per cent of men are using the Internet compared to 57 per cent of women in 2021.

Over the past weeks, we piloted a consultation process with girls aged 16 to 24 from all regions, allowing girls' voices to be heard with respect to what barriers they face in STEM. Online access, skills education, digital tools training, community support, and most importantly, programmes that include girls participating in storytelling sessions, and hearing from women-role models, were identified as important enablers for girls to be equipped with the necessary skills to think laterally, solve problems, and innovate.

I hope you continue supporting the 2022 celebration by organizing programmes, trainings, and activities throughout the year, as well as proactively engaging and collaborating with other relevant partners in your country, to successfully maximize the impact and outreach to more girls. For more details, please [click here](#).

Please contact Ms. Carla Licciardello, Senior Digital Inclusion Coordinator at girlsinicts@itu.int by 16 March 2022, for more information on the programme, to share details of events you are arranging, and to confirm your interest in joining our activities worldwide.

I look forward to meeting you online during the upcoming months.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director