

# International Girls in ICT Day

Expand horizons, change attitudes

25 April 2019

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## Girls in ICT Day Celebration Programme

Thursday, 25 April 2019  
African Union Headquarters  
Addis Ababa

- 7:30-8:00 Registration
- 8:00-10:30 ICT clinic with hands-on computer sessions; ICT presentations; ICT quizzes and competitions
- 10:30-11:00 Tea break
- 11:00 Arrival of guests of honor
- 11:00-11:10 Welcome remarks by ITU Regional Director for Africa Mr Andrew Rugege
- 11:10-11:20 Performance by Betty G in memory of Maygenet Abebe and Marcelino Tayob
- 11:20-12:20 **Session 1: Digital Transformation & Gender Equality**
- H.E. Ms Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)
  - H.E. Ms Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, Africa Union Commission (AUC)
  - Mr Happy Yang, Vice-CEO, Huawei Ethiopia
  - H.E. Mr Sisay Tola, State Minister for Innovation and Technology, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
  - H.E. Ms Yalem Tsegaye Assfaw, Minister for Women's, Children's and Youth Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
  - Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director for Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU, and co-founder of EQUALS

### Keynote speech

H. E. Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, President  
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

- 12:25-12:30 Group photo
- 12:30 - 13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45-13:50 Introduction to the interactive session
- 13:50-14:30 **Session 2: Girls in ICT: Inspiring the next generations**
- Moderator:* H.E Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission (AUC)
- Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, BDT, ITU and First- ever woman elected official in ITU's 154 year history
  - Ms Betlehem Dessie, Technologist, Educator and Entrepreneur
  - Ms Lindsey Nefesh-Clark, Founder, Women's Worldwide Web
  - Ms Bruktawit Getahun (Betty G), Award-winning Singer, Ambassador for Studio Samuel
  - Ms Melat Abate, Digital Entrepreneur
  - Ms Bethlehem Tilahun Alemu, Founder, Executive Director, SoleRebels
- 14:30 -15:30 Mentoring presentations on social media, innovation and social skills
- 15:30-16:00 Final round of competitions
- 16:00-16:45 **Let's Hear It From the Girls!**
- A chance for girls to lead the discussion:  
informal moderated group chat featuring live Q&A
- 16:45-17:15 Award ceremony for all competitions and tombola
- 17:15-17:30 Vote of thanks and closing

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