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To: Administrations of ITU Member States in
Africa
Regulators
ITU-D Sector Members and Associates
Academia Institutions
Regional and International Organizations
Concerned
UN Organizations in Africa Region
All Stakeholders non-members of ITU

Subject: **Girls in ICT Day: “Access and Safety”**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference to the Circular Letter No. Circular/BDT/DNS/DGS/113 dated 6 January 2022, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the “Girls in ICT DAY”, organized in collaboration with the Network of Women (NoW4WTDC) for the Africa region, online on 28 April 2022 from 13:00-14:00 EAT | 12:00-13:00 CEST. The event will be conducted virtually in English and French.

This year, the Girls in ICT Day 2022 will be held under the theme of “Access and Safety”. According to ITU’s latest data, the proportion of women using the Internet globally amounts to 48 percent, compared to 55 percent of men. In relative terms, this means that the global internet user gender gap stands at 12.5 percent. When women are unable to access the internet and feel unsafe online, they are unable to develop digital skills and participate in digital spaces, diminishing their opportunities to pursue a career in Science, Technology, and Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

This event aims to encourage girls and young women to pursue STEM studies, shed light on digital skills training programs, raise awareness on meaningful and safe use of ICTs, and invite guests to share personal experiences to inspire participants.

Participation in this event is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions as well as other relevant stakeholders.

All documents related to this event including the invitation letter, **connection details**, the agenda and the online registration link, are available on the event's website Click [here](#). For further information, please contact Ms. Anne Rita Ssemboga, Program Officer (anne.rita.ssemboga@itu.int).

We are looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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