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

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference to the Circular Letter No. Circular/BDT/DNS/DGS/113 dated 6 Jan. 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 Arab region, online **28 April 2022 from 11:00- 12:00 Cairo Time**. The event will be conducted in English.

This year, the Girls in ICT Day 2022 will follow 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. If 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, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

This event aims to encourage girls and young woman to pursue studying STEM, shed light on digital skills training programs, raise awareness on meaningful and safe use of ICT, and then 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 letters, the agenda and the online registration link, are available on the event's website ([Click here](#))<sup>1</sup>. For further information, please contact Ms. Rouda Alamir Ali, Programme Officer ([Rouda.alamirali@itu.int](mailto:Rouda.alamirali@itu.int)).

Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2022/GirlsinICT/GirlsinICT.aspx>