

E-Government for the empowerment of women and girls

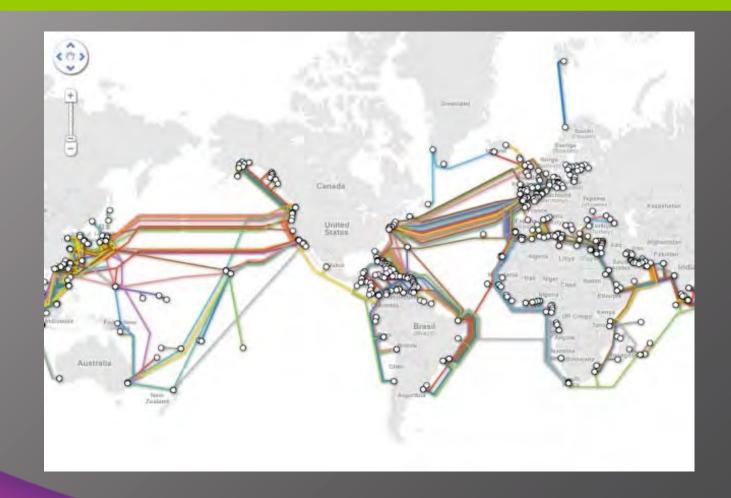
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# **ICTs Today**



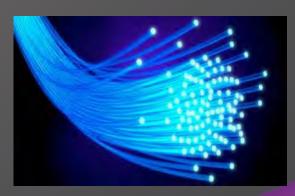




# ICTs in Asia-Pacific Today

- ⇒ From 2003-2013, cellular subscriptions soared from 16% to 89% of the Asia-Pacific population.
- ⇒ In 2013, smartphones outsold normal phones for first time globally- with Asia-Pacific having the largest market
- ⇒ By 2017, the global social network audience will be 2.5 billion.
- ⇒ However, only 7.7 people for every 100 persons had access to high-speed broadband in 2013.







Source: 2014 ESCAP Statistical Yearbook



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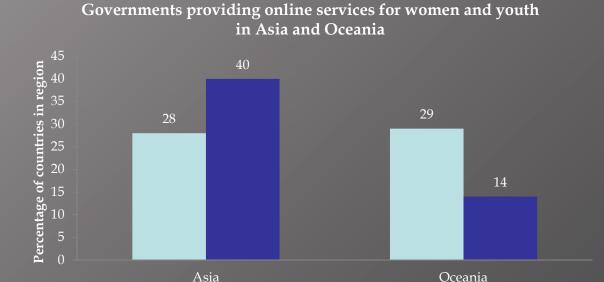
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⇒ Women and girls and youth are often left out of the equation



■ Online services for women

Online services for youth

Source: UN e-Government Survey 2014





To ensure that e-Government is helping to empower women and girls, we can:

- ⇒ Enhance service responsiveness to the needs of women and girls
- ⇒ Involve different partners to extend outreach to women and girls





To ensure that e-Government is helping to empower women and girls, we can:

- ⇒ Engage women and girls through different channels
- ⇒ Enhance the capacity of women's ministries to use technology to better analyse, diagnose issues and lobby for change.





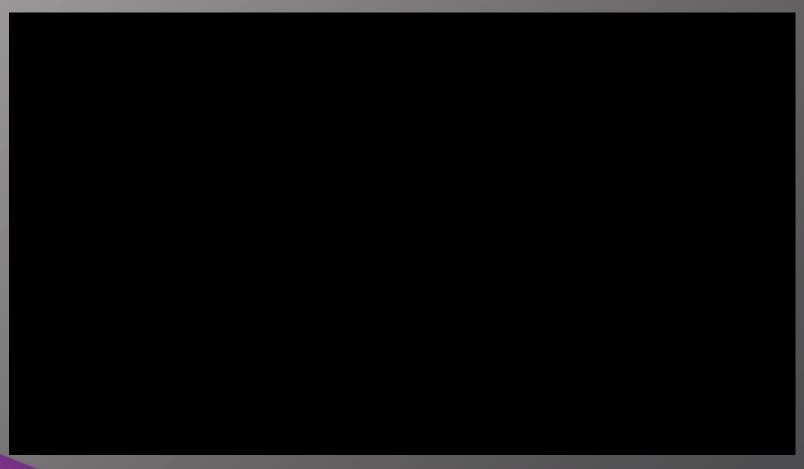
Education and career paths in STEM can equip women and girls to:

- ⇒ Participate in active decision-making
- ⇒ Contribute innovation and skills
- ⇒ Influence change





# E-Government for women's empowerment in Asia-Pacific



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