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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Administrations of ITU Member States
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Subject: **Girls in ICT Portal**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that in line with ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 70 (Guadalajara, 2010), which promotes the celebration of “Girls in ICT” days on the fourth Thursday of each April, ITU is developing an interactive “Girls in ICT” portal. This portal will provide practical information to young women and girls seeking to enter or further their ICT careers and studies with the goal of attracting more women into ICT careers. We are compiling information from around the world on scholarships, awards, mentoring programs and internships, as well as defining what future ICT jobs look like, what kinds of skills are needed, and why women should consider these as potentially interesting, innovative and exciting careers.

As part of the portal, we will also post profiles of women, as professionals in different fields, and as champions for women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) professions. We have identified a few key women role models in the sector and would be very pleased if you would consider allowing us to profile you. The profile will comprise a summary bio and your response to a brief set of questions provided in the attached Annex. We will launch the Girls in ICT Portal in October at the ITU World TELECOM 2011 conference in Geneva.

We would be most grateful if you could submit the responses and information requested in the attached Annex to the girlsinct@itu.int email by **24 October 2011**. Should you prefer to present your information in a telephone interview, please indicate this in an email to the same address for timely follow-up.

Please allow me to thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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Director

Annex: 1

Girls in ICT Profile

First Name:

Last Name:

Currently held Position:

Company/Organization and country:

Web Address of company/organization:

School and Degree Awarded:

Web Address of School:

Summary biography:

Feature a project you worked on:

Project Web Address:

List previously held position(s):

Company/Organization you previously worked for:

Please attach your Photo

Please provide URL link to your on line bio/story.

Please provide links to relevant YouTube videos:

Phone:

Email:

What would you say are the most challenging and the most satisfying aspects of your work?

What qualifications or certifications did you attain in order to reach your professional goals?

If there is one message you would like to convey to young women to encourage them to consider a profession in the ICT sector, what would it be?