

Thematic Workshop



Girls in ICT Day 2012 Showcase (ITU)

Wednesday 16 May 2012

16:15 – 18:00

Room VII

The WSIS 2012 had a special session which showcased Girls in ICT Day events from around the world, sharing experiences and highlight some of the most exciting activities this year. Panelists were invited to share their pictures and short videos to showcase their events. ITU certificates of recognition to Girls in ICT Day event organizers were also be awarded during the session.

Girls in ICT Days are events where girls and young women are invited to spend the day at ICT companies, government offices and universities, meet with women ICT sector role models, participate in shadowing and mentoring programmes and engage in other activities that enable girls and young women to learn first-hand about the opportunities a career in the ICT sector holds. The ICT sector remains a growing sector for employment with an estimated global shortfall of over 2 million skilled ICT professionals. Nevertheless, there is often a lack of awareness among girls, young women, teachers and parents on the opportunities presented by a career in the ICT sector. Organizing Girls in ICT Days is one of the steps governments, industry and civil society can take to empower girls and young women to ride the technology wave to a brighter future.

Programme

- **Welcoming remarks by Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General, ITU**
- **Introduction by Mr Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU**
- **Brief address by H.E Ms Jasna Matic, State Secretary for Digital Agenda, Ministry of Culture, Media and Information Society of the Republic of Serbia**

List of Panelists:

*Ms **Magdalena Gaj**, President of the Office of Electronic Communications, Poland*

*Ms **Marta Arsovska-Tomovska**, Deputy Minister of Information Society, the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia*

*Mrs **Narine Abazian**, President of the “Women and Information Society” NGO, Armenia*

*Mrs **Shariffa al Meskary**, Director, International Relations & Information, Information Technology Authority, Sultanate of Oman*

*Ms **Martha Omoekpen Alade**, Women in Technology in Nigeria*

*Mrs **Salomé Ambeu**, Secretary-General, Femmes TIC, Cote d’Ivoire*

*Mrs **Welskop-Deffaa**, Director General for Gender Equality, German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth Germany*

*Mrs **Cheryl D. Miller**, EU Director & Technology Chair of the Greenlight for Girls Foundation, Belgium*

*Mrs **Cynthia Moncada**, Chief, International and Inter-Institutional Relations Office,
CONATEL, Honduras*

*Mrs **Roxana Morán**, INICTEL –UNI, Peru*

*Mrs **Monique Morrow**, CTO Asia Pacific & Distinguished Consulting Engineer, Cisco Systems*

*Mrs **Bitilokho Ndiaye**, Technical Counselor, Ministry of Communication and ICT, Senegal*

***Prof. Dr. Wan Rozaini Sheik Osman**, Director ITU-UUM Asia Pacific Centre of Excellence for
Rural ICT Development, Universiti Utara, Malaysia and **Ms Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi** ,
Student at MARA Junior Science College in Taiping, Malaysia*

*Ms **Ainura Sadyrbaeva**, Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications, Kyrgyzstan*

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE GIRLS IN ICT EVENT ORGANIZERS