

Girls in ICT Day 2021

"Connected Girls, Creating Brighter Futures"

Port Louis: Today, Thursday 22nd April marks the 10th anniversary of worldwide "Girls in ICT Day" celebrations. The ICT Authority encourages stakeholders in the public and private sector as well as civil society and academic institutions to join their counterparts around the world in recognizing the importance of girls' participation in information and communications technology fields.

The International Telecommunication Union's Development Sector Director, Doreen Bogdan-Martin has created an online portal through which governments, businesses, and organizations can list their "Girls in ICT Day" events.

To join an event or list your organization's event, go to the ITU site.



Participation in the event and disseminating information about it will demonstrate your organisation's support in fostering an interest in ICTs for young women. The ITU-led event will be an eye opener for girls to explore education and career paths in the ICT sector.

To hear the messages of Mr Houlin Zhao, the ITU Secretary-General and of Mrs Doreen Bogdan-Martin about why girls must not be left out of the innovation opportunities of the Digital era, click here:<u>International Girls in ICT Day</u> 2021 | #GirlsinICT 2021: Connected Girls, Creating Brighter Futures (itu.int)

'Girls can bring a fresh perspective as we look towards the future,' says Mrs Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

The celebrations being launched by ITU today will go on for a year. It is thus hoped all those committed to the future of girls in ICTs will actively share the information or join in to close the digital gender gap. Being the specialized UN Agency for ICTs, the ITU membership brings together diverse stakeholders, including ICT regulators around the globe.

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