World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025

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Theme: Gender Equality in Digital Transformation

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On 17 May 2025, the annual celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (#WTISD) will focus on gender equality in digital transformation as resolved by the ITU Council 2023 in Resolution 1416. The Sustainable Digital Transformation is one of the Union's Strategic Goals approved by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022, to foster equitable and inclusive use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) to empower people and societies for sustainable development.

The world is moving slowly towards gender parity in Internet use – Based on the ITU Facts and Figures 2024 report, an estimated 70 per cent of men use the Internet worldwide in 2024, compared with 65 per cent of women. Although there are 189 million more men than women using the Internet, the world has been moving towards gender parity except in least developed countries. Gender, geographic, and economic divides prevent equitable access to the Internet. Equality for women and girls in the ICT sector remains an ongoing challenge of extending the benefits of new technologies to all the world's inhabitants, regardless of age, gender, ability, or location.

In 2025, the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action offers a chance to accelerate action for gender equality in digital transformation. The Beijing+30 Action Agenda includes key actions to advance gender equality, such as bridging the digital gender gap.

Celebrated every year on 17 May, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – the United Nations Agency for Digital Technologies. This yearly celebration helps raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICTs) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.