

## UNITAR WEBINAR SERIES ON ICT POLICY ISSUES FOR DEVELOPMENT

**GENDER AND THE INFORMATION SOCIETY – THE ROLE OF ICT POLICY IN EMPOWERING AND  
PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE GIRL CHILD**

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*UN Headquarters, New York*

*Conference Room 9*

9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 – 9:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Colleen Thouez, Chief, UNITAR</i> <i>Carolyn Hannan, Director, DAW</i>
<b>Session 1: What are the international legal and political contexts of ICT and the girl child?</b>	
9:45 – 10:10 am	<b>The International ICT Policy Framework – Intersections Pertaining to the Girl Child (Beijing Platform, WSIS, CRC and CEDAW)</b> <i>Natasha Primo, Executive Director, Women's Net / Chairperson, Association For Progressive Communications (APC)</i>
10:10 – 10:30 am	<b>Gender, ICT and the Girl Child – An Overview of UN Institutional Actors</b> <i>Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID)</i>
<b>Session 2: How can governments engender ICT policy to support the rights of the girl child?</b>	
10:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Introduction</b> <i>UNICEF – TBA</i>
10:45 – 11:10 am	<b>Potential Impacts for Girls</b> <i>Dr. Zeinab Safar, Sr. Adviser to the Secretary-General, The National Council for Women, Arab Republic of Egypt</i>
11:10 – 11:30 am	<b>Change on the Ground: National-level Legal and Regulatory Frameworks</b> <i>Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID)</i>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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<b>Session 3: Round Table – ICT and the girl child – challenges, opportunities and recommendations for policy makers</b>	
11:45 – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Sophia Huyer, Executive Director, Women in Global Science and Technology (WIGSAT)</i></p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilary Anderson, Information Officer, INSTRAW</li> <li>• Nancy Hafkin, Director, Knowledge Working</li> <li>• Grace Cerere, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations</li> <li>• Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, UNIFEM Regional Programme Director</li> <li>• Karen Mayer, Corporate Affairs Group, World-wide Community Solutions, Intel Corporation</li> <li>• Dorothy Okello – Coordinator, Wougnet Uganda</li> <li>• Janice Brodman, Director, Center for Innovative Technologies, EDC</li> </ul>
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>Session 4: Protecting and empowering the girl child – strategies and action plans</b>	
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Carmen Moreno, Director, INSTRAW</i></p>
3:15 – 3:45 pm	<p><b>ICT Learning Centre for Women in Seelampur, New Delhi, India</b> <i>Short film provided by UNESCO</i></p>
3:45 – 4:15 pm	<p><b>Grassroots networks and organizing – Wougnet, Uganda</b> <i>Dorothy Okello, Coordinator, Wougnet Uganda</i></p>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:30 – 5:15 pm	<p><b>Protecting girls from harm – ICTs that benefit without endangering</b> <i>Carmen Madriñán, Executive Director, ECPAT International</i></p>
5:15 – 5:30 pm	<p><b>Summary and Way Forward</b> <i>Nancy Hafkin, Director, Knowledge Working</i></p>
5:30 – 5:40 pm	<p><b>Concluding Remarks / Evaluation</b> <i>Amy Weesner, Coordinator, ICT Programme, UNITAR</i></p>