Remote Participation in WSIS Forum 2012

Presentation to Session Organizers

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Overview

- Most ILO conference rooms (10) will have facilities for remote participation
- 10 Adobe Connect rooms – each room will have same name as physical ILO conference room
- Links to Connect rooms from WSIS programme on web.
- Participants will need to provide credentials only once: displayed as **John Smith (ITU)**
- Can also see geographical distribution of delegates
- English audio (only) streamed to each room
Remote Participation Moderator

- Prepares room before each session
- Starts and ends recording
- Uploads presentations
- Receives questions via chat.
- Puts questions to panelists on behalf of remote participation.
- Does not know the substance of topic under discussion - needs your help!
Remote Participation Facilitator

- Publicizes session within social network
- Logs into room **before the session** and helps remote participation moderator to animate and stimulate discussion.
- Gets presentations from panelists at least 30 minutes before the panel discussions. Provides these to remote participation moderator.
- Animates discussion in Connect room:
  - background information on topic or speaker
  - Provide links that provide supplementary information
  - Makes sure that remote participants are included in debate
At your session

- Bring laptop and connect to wired ethernet connection
- Login to Connect room
- Introduce yourself to the Remote Participation Moderator before your session
- Decide on format for questions from remote participants: i.e. 10-15 minutes
- Keep in touch with remote participation moderator through chat.
- Get in touch if you have any questions.
Welcome remote participants to ITU's High-level Debate for International Women's Day titled **Goodbye to the IT girl: Why are young women deserting technology?**

Thank you for joining us today!

The session will begin at **12:30.**

Kindly note that you may follow us on Twitter **#IWD**

Web address that’s easy to remember

http://itu.adobeconnect.com/intwomensday

Welcome message reassuring participants they are in the right place.

To commemorate the centenary of International Women’s Day, ITU is organizing a **High-level Panel Debate** around the theme of female participation in the information and communication technology industry.

What’s behind the sharp decline in young women opting to study information and communication technology? ICT qualifications offer good job prospects and higher-than-average remuneration. Yet in the US, for example, the proportion of girls studying IT courses has dropped from a mid-’80s high of 37% to just 29% today – and falling.

Many European economies are now predicting a crisis in the number of trained IT professionals within the next 10-15 years. **What is putting girls off technology?** And why are some countries – particularly in the Asian region – succeeding in attracting female IT students? What are they doing differently - and what are they getting right?
If possible, provide details when participants request the floor.
Requesting the floor

Remote participants can use the raise hand function to request the floor.
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