



International Taskforce on Women and ICTs

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The International Taskforce on Women and Information and Communication Technologies (ITF) is a global community of expertise of organizations, institutions, businesses and individuals working to increase the economic, social, and educational opportunities for women and girls in the knowledge society in a measurable way.

The members of the ITF represent a broad range of initiatives with a range of sectoral expertise and regional representation. It is a think tank that can be drawn on for expanding current efforts and identifying and filling gaps in the women and IT world globally.

Focus and membership

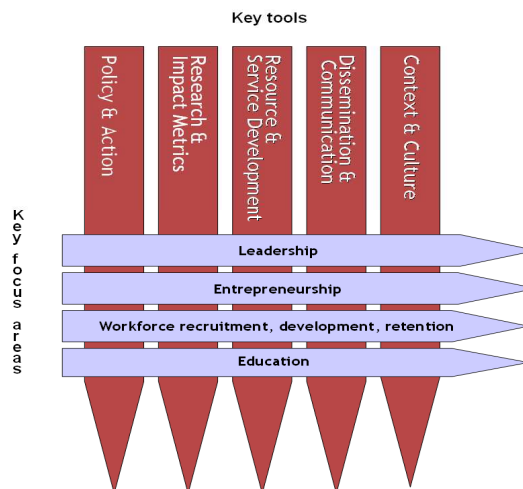
Membership is open to all who subscribe to the ITF Declaration of Agreement and Guiding Principles. Governed by these principles, the ITF uses five key tools and focus on four main areas of activity: Education, Workforce, Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

The five key tools and avenues for collaboration and activity in these areas are:

1. Promoting recommendations for policy and programming through its contributions to international ICT initiatives (such as GKP and UN GAID).
2. Research and Impact Metrics: defining indicators, carrying out benchmarking and monitoring
3. Leveraging resources, a series of collaborative activities and jointly developing new services,
4. Common dissemination, sharing of information and collaboration around information management
5. Adapting to regional context and culture.



The Global Framework





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ITF Activities

1. Co-coordinator Community of Expertise (CoE) on Gender, UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UN GAID).
2. Collaboration and input into major ICT international initiatives, such as the Global Knowledge Partnership, the ICT4D Conference, and the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD).
3. International portal on women and technology, hosted by the European Centre for Women in Technology (ECWT) – www.ITFwomenICT.org – as well as the Expert Database on Women and ICT – www.taskforce.wigsat.org
4. Projects in the four areas of ITF focus.

GWT Regional Centres

- European Centre for Women in Technology (ECWT), hosted by the regional innovation centre Papirbredden Innovasjon, Drammen, Norway
- Centre for Women in Technology, Latin America, hosted by the UNESCO Chair on Women in Science and Technology in Latin America, and FLACSO, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Asia Pacific Regional Centre for Women and Technology (in process of start-up) hosted by the [Centre for Regional Innovation & Competitiveness \(CRIC\)](#), Ballarat, Australia
- Regional Centre for Women and Technology for the Arab World (in process of start-up), hosted by Dubai Women's College – Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT), United Arab Emirates
- Plans are also underway with partners WOUNET (Uganda) and the Kofi Anan Centre of Excellence on IT (Ghana) to establish regional centres in East and Central Africa.

Major events

- ITF Inaugural Leadership Meeting in Baltimore June 2005
- Second Annual Leadership Meeting: Re-Engineering Development: Engendering ICTs, co-sponsored by UNESCO, Paris, December 2006
- Third Annual Leadership meeting, Kuala Lumpur, co-hosted by the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UNGAID) under the patronage of the Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP).
- Start-up meeting of the European Centre for Women in Technology (ECWT), hosted by Papirbredden Innovasjon, Drammen, Norway, July 2008
- Inaugural Summit meeting for the Regional Centre for Women and Technology for the Arab World, hosted by Dubai Women's College, United Arab Emirates, November 2008.

For more information

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