



Youth Digital Empowerment Workshop and Girls in ICT Day Cambodia 2025

21 July 2025

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Introduction:

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) places an emphasis on [ITU's youth activities](#) on promoting digital skills development and ICT-enabled employment opportunities for youth, particularly encouraging young women and girls to explore careers in information, communication, and technologies (ICT). ITU's [Generation Connect](#) aims to engage global youth and to encourage their participation as equal partners in today's digital transformation, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to shape a connected and inclusive future.

[International Girls in ICT Day](#) is celebrated annually on the fourth Thursday of April. The celebration aims to encourage girls and young women to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and to foster collaboration across sectors. The day addresses the underrepresentation of women in STEM education, particularly ICT.

While traditionally centered on ICT careers pathways for girls, this year's event in Cambodia expands **the focus to youth empowerment through digital skills**, with a firm commitment to gender equality by ensuring a minimum of 50% female participation.

With nearly 30% of rural populations in low-income countries still unconnected, girls and women are the disproportionately impacted. This digital divide limits their access to educational, economic, and social opportunities. Girls in ICT Day Cambodia 2025 will respond to this challenge by equipping Cambodian youth, particularly girls, with digital skills needed to thrive in the digital economy.

Girls in ICT Day provides a valuable platform for participants to explore the role of ICT in achieving their aspirations. To date, over 377,000 girls and young women have taken part in more than 11,400 Girls in ICT Day celebrations across 171 countries. In 2025, the theme for Girls in ICT is "Girls in ICT for inclusive digital transformation".

Girls in ICT Day Cambodia 2025 is jointly organized by the Ministry of Information (MOI) and the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications Cambodia (MPTC), with support from the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as a pre-Summit event during the 20th Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2025 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Objective

To empower youth, especially girls and young women, with digital skills and to strengthen partnerships that scale youth digital empowerment initiatives in Cambodia.



Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced digital literacy and awareness among students and teachers, with a focus on increasing girls' participation.
- Strengthened collaboration among government ministries, industry stakeholders, development organizations, and UN agencies in advancing youth digital empowerment programmes.

Target Audience

- Representatives from the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, UN Country Team, government ministries, departments, agencies, and commissions.
- Teachers and students from schools across Cambodia, aged 12-24 years, with a minimum of 50% participation by girls.

Event Scope

The workshop will be conducted as an interactive in-person event, focusing on practical digital skills training and knowledge sharing to promote youth empowerment in the digital era.

Partners

- **Organizers:** Ministry of Information (MOINFO) and the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications Cambodia (MPTC), with support from the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **Supported by:** Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology (CADT), Education Broadcasting Cambodia, CISCO, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Summarized Event details

- **Venue:** Sokha Siem Reap Resort & Convention Center, Siem Reap, Cambodia
- **Event date:** Monday, 21 July 2025
- **Webpage:** http://itu.int/go/Youth_ICT_Cambodia
- **Language:** English supported by Khmer Language
- **Registration:** Registration for the event is facilitated by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) as part of the 20th Asia Media Summit. Please note that this is a closed event with limited participation by invitation only.

Draft Programme

Girls in ICT Day Cambodia 2025: Youth Digital Empowerment Workshop

Monday, 21 July 2025	
GMT+7 13:00- 13:30	Arrival and Registration
	Introduction and Opening
13:30- 14:00	MC: Ms Rury Demsey, <i>Project Officer for ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i> Welcome address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)



- Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam, Secretary-General / CEO, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)

Opening address:

- H.E. Mr. Sok Puthyuth, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Cambodia
- H. E. Mr. Neth Pheaktra, Minister of Information, Cambodia

Group photo session

Session 1: Special Panel Discussion with Youth: Youth Voices Shaping an Inclusive Digital Future

This session provides a platform for Cambodian youth and relevant stakeholders to share their insights on the role of youth in promoting inclusive digital transformation and fostering responsible media engagement. Led by youth, this session aims to amplify youth voices and perspectives on digital inclusion, innovation, responsible journalism, and leadership in the digital age.

Presentation on Responsible Journalism Among Youth in the Digital Era

Dr Suras Kanagasabai, Producer and Director Education Television Program Ministry of Education, Malaysia.

(20 minutes of presentation)

Moderator:

- Mr. Chanborey Hut, *Generation Connect – Asia and the Pacific Youth Envoy of Cambodia*
- Ms. Solinda Len, *Generation Connect – Asia and the Pacific Youth Envoy of Cambodia*

Panellists:

- Mr. Ry Seyhakroth, *Deputy Director, Department of Broadcasting, Ministry of Information, Kingdom of Cambodia*
- Ms. Tommy Cheng, *Director, Education Broadcasting Cambodia (EBC)*
- Ms. Poum Chan Socheata, *Makerspace Operations Coordinator, Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology (CADT)*
- Representative from Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport (TBC)

(Every speaker has 3 minutes maximum)

Group photo session

14:00-
15:00

Break

15:00-
15:15

Session 2: Hands-on Workshop: Exploring Digital Learning Platforms

Introduction: This session allows participants to experience firsthand various digital learning tools and applications. This session aims to build awareness and practical skills by introducing students and teachers to accessible digital technologies (coding, AI, cybersecurity).

Moderator:

- Ms. Saovty Ly, *Generation Connect – Asia and the Pacific Youth Envoy of Cambodia*

15:15-
16:15



- Mr. Whatanak Kean, *Generation Connect – Asia and the Pacific Youth Envoy of Cambodia*

Onboarding Presentation and Workshop by Resource Partners

- Presentation from Ms. Poum Chan Socheata, *Makerspace Operations Coordinator, Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology (CADT)*
- Presentation from Ms. Angela Wibawa, *Director (Government and Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) Engagement, APAC, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)*
- Presentation from Mr. Chhunhour Long, *Cambodia Cisco Account Manager, Cisco*
- Presentation from Ms. Rory Demsey, *Project Officer, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*

Note: Session includes interaction with participants

(Every speaker has **15 minutes** maximum to deliver presentation and **5 minutes** of Q&A session)

Group photo session

Closing

MC:

Ms Rory Demsey, *Project Officer for ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*

Closing address:

- Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam, *Secretary-General / CEO, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)*
- Mr. Kishore Babu, *Head Area of ITU Area Office for Southeast Asia*
- Representative from the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Cambodia (TBC)
- Representative from the Ministry of Information, Cambodia (TBC)

16:15-
16:30