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### **Celebrating 160 Years of the ITU and Advancing '*Gender Equality in Digital Transformation*' on the occasion of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025**

**Port-Louis:** The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) joins the international community in commemorating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) today, 17 May 2025. This year's theme, "Gender Equality in Digital Transformation," calls attention to the pressing need for inclusive digital ecosystems that empower all, regardless of gender.

This year's observance holds special significance as it marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – a milestone in the ongoing journey to connect the world and shape inclusive digital futures. Established in 1865 with the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention, the ITU has remained at the forefront of global efforts to harmonise telecommunications standards and foster international cooperation.

In line with the 2025 theme, the ICTA reaffirms its commitment to closing the digital gender divide by promoting equal access to ICT opportunities and fostering a digitally inclusive environment for all. Gender equality remains a crucial pillar of sustainable development and digital transformation must be both empowering and equitable.

The ICTA encourages the public to take a moment to reflect on how digital innovation can be harnessed to achieve a more inclusive future. To mark the occasion, we invite all stakeholders and citizens to view the official message from the ITU Secretary-General, Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, commemorating WTISD 2025, available at the following link:

[https://www.icta.mu/documents/2025/05/ITU-Secretary-General-Video-Message\\_WTISD-2025.mp4](https://www.icta.mu/documents/2025/05/ITU-Secretary-General-Video-Message_WTISD-2025.mp4)

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