



## Call for experts on women's economic empowerment through ICT

We (GIZ Sector project Internet and sustainable development) are looking for independent experts with research experience in the field of gender issues, ICT4D and/or development journalism. Strong presentation/moderation skills and experience in video recording are also advantageous.

### Objective

The objective of this call for experts is to identify external experts to assist the Sector project with international research (focus on qualitative research/ narrative-biographical interviews) on **women's and girls' perceptions of the gender digital divide** within their educational path and/or career development (time frame: August – December 2016). We want to learn more about the motivations and drivers which influence their decisions to pursue an education/ a career in tech and reflect the negative aspects of ICT for females, such as online harassment and social/cultural constraints.

### Who are we?

The Sector Project "Internet and Sustainable Development" of GIZ (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) supports the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in exploring new fields of action, practices and instruments for development cooperation.

### Background

ICT have the potential to be a powerful catalyst for the political, economic and social empowerment of women and girls, which is among the main drivers for gender equality. They can enhance participation in public decision making and provide access to education, financing and networks. In addition, the steadily growing IT-sector and ICT-enabled jobs open up new career prospects for women. On the other hand, there are still a range of obstacles detaining women to take full advantage of the opportunities the digital age offers including limitations regarding access to ICT and the lack of digital literacy.

If you are interested in supporting us, please send an email to Marina Janßen to receive further information ([marina.janssen@giz.de](mailto:marina.janssen@giz.de)). Please submit your expression of interest until **July 25**.