



BACKGROUND

What is EQUALS: EQUALS is a committed partnership of corporate leaders, governments, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, academic institutions, NGOs and community groups around the world dedicated to promoting gender balance in the technology sector by championing equality of access, skills development and career opportunities for women and men alike.

Why EQUALS: EQUALS is about leveraging the power of partnership, amplifying results through collaborative strategies and programmes, coordinated policymaking, and shared successes that can be adapted and replicated in new contexts. Within our partnership, we support private sector partners in demonstrating CSR Commitments; NGOs in assisting local and rural communities and distributing tools to empower women and girls; governments in developing and implementing national targeted policies that include references to reducing the gender digital gap; and research institutions in providing coordinated, evidence-based approaches and common sets of indicators.

The EVENT

[EQUALS in Tech Awards 2020](#) (As an Open Forum proposal at IGF)

The EQUALS in Tech Awards is the flagship event of the [EQUALS](#) partnership, a multi-stakeholder initiative created to promote awareness; build political commitment, leverage knowledge, efforts, and resources to achieve digital gender equality at both the global and national levels.

The seventh annual [EQUALS in Tech Awards](#) celebrate initiatives that are closing the gender digital divide. This year, the number of categories will still reflect the structure of [EQUALS](#), the Global Partnership to Bridge the Gender Digital Divide. This award will be presented in the following categories:



Tentative Program of the Event (TBC):

17:50-18:00	Usher principles and guests to the room
18:00-18:10	Opening remarks
18:10-18:40	Awards Presentation by present Steering Committee principals
18:40-19:00	Q&A with the Winners
19:00-19:10	Closing remarks
	Invitation to reception
19:10-20:30	Reception