



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

Ceremony of EQUALS in Tech Awards 2019 (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 sixth 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:

Awards Presentation by present Steering Committee principals. Members of the Steering Committee are:

- GIZ
- BMZ
- UNWomen
- International Trade Centre
- International Telecommunication Union
- GSMA
- United Nations University
- ISOC
- UNESCO

Steering Committee principals will present the Awards. Where there are two organizations, one representative will introduce the category and read to list of finalists while the other will announce the winner and handover the trophy.

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| 18:00-18:05 | Usher principles and guests to the room |
| 18:05-18:10 | Opening remarks |
| 18:10-18:40 | Awards Presentation by present Steering Committee principals |
| 18:40-18:55 | Q&A with the Winners |
| 18:55-19:00 | Closing remarks Invitation to reception |
| 19:10-20:30 | Reception |