

## 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 Panel (As Workshop proposal at IGF)

The panel session will be held to give the winners of the Equals in Tech Awards the opportunity to share their experiences and commitment towards bridging the gender digital divide as a way of promoting the social and economic inclusion of girls and women. During this discussion, the winners would have the opportunities to highlight lessons learned and best practices looking forward, as well as challenges in running their projects.

### Tentative Program of the Panel (TBC):

<b>15 MIN</b>	Arrival of guests and welcome coffee
<b>10 MIN</b>	Opening remarks from a co-founder of EQUALS
<b>5 MIN</b>	Introduction of Panelists
<b>25 MIN</b>	Round of Questions to winners
<b>15 MIN</b>	Open the floor to questions
<b>5 MIN</b>	Closing remarks from ITU