



## Women and Technology

## Gender Equality in the Digital Ecosystem

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Digital technology is already playing a critical role within various sectors, and its influence is likely to increase in coming times with rapid digitalisation. With various services such as education and healthcare now being accessible over digital platforms, it becomes important to make this transition gender-neutral. For this, the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 5, to achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls and goal 5B to enhance the use of information and communications technology, to promote their empowerment should be strived to be achieved.

While technology presents an opportunity to give more accessibility to groups which have been at the margins of development and have faced discrimination, it is important to identify and address the challenges such as - digital gender divide, emergence of 'datafied' society and the resultant privacy and cyber-crime concerns for women, and roadblocks to women's economic participation. In light of these concerns, CUTS International has taken an initiative to organise a webinar which aims to initiate a discussion amongst key experts and stakeholders to deliberate on these issues and curate a way forward.