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Revolving Fund Scheme for ICT Education

Ms. Karutyunyan will present the Armenian experience in integrating ICT in the education sector, and specifically will focus on steps the Government has done and implementation issues. Special attention will be focused on the Computer Revolving Fund. The methodology adopted by Armenia makes project sustainability more solid and increases the opportunity for continuous innovations at school level. Repayments from schools are used to re-invest in the provision of equipment to new schools (the first priority) and to replace equipment in existing funded schools as it loses functionality (the second priority). All schools have equal opportunities to access the fund and to acquire required equipment. The fund provides hardware at the lowest possible prices and with the latest specifications. It is a fundamental principle that the fund should operate on the basis on complete openness and transparency.

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