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### *The Potential of Public and Private Partnerships in ICT for Education*

This session provides a broad overview of the potential for public-private partnerships (PPPs) in ICT for the education sector. The first part of the presentation defines the notion of PPPs and briefly examines the role of government in education. This is followed by a brief overview of the spectrum of possible PPPs in education, including contracting for the delivery of education services, the private management of public schools, vouchers/subsidies and infrastructure PPPs.

The remainder of the presentation focuses on the potential for making greater use of PPPs for ICT in the education sector, including curriculum development, skills training and ICT educational infrastructure. The presentation provides a brief overview of a range of possible ICT PPPs in education, as well as a brief discussion of the potential benefits of, and challenges to, increased use of PPPs for ICT in the education sector.

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