Session Summary and Materials

1. Session

Parallel Session 2a: Innovation and Technology for Inclusive and Sustainable Continuous Professional Development

2. Date/Time

Tuesday, November 3, 2025; 11:00-12:30

3. Speakers and Roles

Moderator:

 Joke Van Belle, Capacity Building Officer, Enabel Speakers:

- Hannah Simmons, Africa Lead and Tanzania Co-lead, EdTech Hub
- Keneilwe Malotle, Head of Projects, Digify Africa
- Kwabena Gao, Education Specialist, Right to Play
- Patrick Vimariba, EdTech Specialist, Right to Play
- Victor Sivubwa, MEAL and Impact Specialist, World Vision

4. Session Overview and Key Takeaways

In resource-constrained environments, digital innovations offer transformative potential for teachers' continuous professional development (CPD). This panel brought together diverse programs from across Africa that are pioneering cost-effective, scalable digital CPD solutions. From WhatsApp-based microlearning and Al-powered pedagogical assistants to offline LMS platforms and mobile toolkits, each initiative showcased unique strategies to overcome barriers such as limited connectivity, digital literacy, and infrastructure. This session explored existing and emerging technologies in education and fostered peer learning to understand how to best embed technology-enabled CPD into national education systems, drawing on experiences from Tanzania, South Africa, Ghana, Zambia, and elsewhere. Through interactive discussion, the panel highlighted lessons learned, contextual adaptations, and opportunities for scaling and sustaining in low-resource settings. Speakers underscored that no single approach or innovation can be a silver bullet, especially at scale, and emphasized the value of localization, government ownership, stakeholder support, and a scaling strategy.

5. Links to Presentations and Materials

• Parallel Session 2a Slides.pdf

6. Acknowledgments

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