ICTs and inequality: making a difference

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10. Blockchain and cryptocurrencies
    - The potential of blockchain
    - Bitcoin and its siblings
11. The importance of a technical *understanding*

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