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Blockchain Technologies for Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Side Event UNECE Regional Forum 2021

March 15 at 16:00

***Geneva, Switzerland
Hybrid***

Background

Blockchain is a rapidly evolving area of information technology with the potential for creating huge benefits in terms of security, reliability and cost efficiency in the exchange of information. Blockchain Technology can be a key driver to help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), tackle and recover global crisis such as the COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted European and National considerations on the role of Blockchain technologies in health, economic development and the SDGs enhancing dialogue between private, public and academia experts in this area.

Furthermore, Blockchain Technology has the potential to bring together key stakeholders involved in value chains and those regulating them: producers, intermediaries, consumers and the authorities – local, regional, national governments and international institutions. The UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development is well positioned to bring these communities together to accelerate action and delivery. This interactive side event will feature discussions among experts to demonstrate the utilization of cutting-edge blockchain technologies focused on SDGs attainment while assuring a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the UNECE Region.

Goal

This Side Event will be the meeting point of two communities at large: stakeholders from UNECE region who are interested in Blockchain, and implementers of innovative solutions. The discussion will focus on concrete solutions to assist the world in building back better from the COVID-19 pandemic whilst assuring we do not lose the important advancements made so far and achieve the 2030 Agenda.

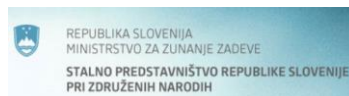
Draft Program

- 16:00-16:10 **Welcome**
H.E. Ambassador Meirav Eilon Shahar
Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations in Geneva
H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber
Permanent Representative of the Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva
Mr. Damir Devčič,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations in Geneva
- 16:10-16:20 **Value added and limitations of Blockchain technologies in SDGs Attainment:**
- **Prof. Jean-Marc Seigneur**, Senior Lecturer & Director of the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) on Blockchain, DLT and Apps Development
 - **Ms. Eva Oberholzer**, Chief Growth Officer, Member of the Management Board, Cardano Foundation
- 16:20-16:45 **Panel: Blockchain in Practice: Use-cases for the Attainment of SDGs**
Moderator: Dr. Inon Schenker, Blockchain for SDGs Champion
- **Mr. Tadej Slapnik**, Director of Hashnet
 - **Mr. Gadi Banmoshe**, Chief Information Officer, Israel Ports Company
 - **Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani**, UNECE Economic Affairs Officer, Project Lead, Sustainable Textile and Leather Traceability and Transparency Project
- 16:45-16:55 Q&A
- 16:55-17:00 **Concluding Remarks: How Blockchain can assist in SDG attainment and build back better from the Covid-19 Pandemic?**
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