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THE BLOCKCHAIN ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

INAUGURAL MEETING REPORT



A UNITED NATIONS OF BLOCKCHAIN IS BORN

A GLOBAL VOICE

A neutral and decentralised platform for change, BAF's vision is to achieve international co-operation and to address global challenges around blockchain education, workforce planning, policymaking and government regulation. Fostering a learning culture by sharing intellectual resources in accordance with emerging evidence and local and regional requirements has also been cited as one of the Forum's top priorities.

BAF is an inter-disciplinary, trans-national harmonisation group of some of the most influential and visionary Blockchain and DLT associations. Founding members convened at the Forum's Inaugural Meeting in April 2021 and wholeheartedly committed to debating emerging trends, discussing common pressing issues and the exploration of solutions for the many challenges that the industry faces.



This Forum offers a collective voice on the advancement of DLT and a unique opportunity to network with peers and contemporaries at other member associations.

The **Quadruple Helix** of Blockchain **Innovation Ecosystems** (government, industry, public services/ society and academia), and those that represent them, require our support if they are to advance in the right direction.

The joint strategies that we plan to deliver will specifically support government policy makers and private sector influencers alike.



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VISION & MISSION

The Blockchain Associations Forum has been established to create a collective voice on the advancement of Blockchain technology, and our vision is to create a neutral platform that will strengthen global collaboration between national organisations and key industry entities.

We envision that by strengthening international connections we can not only create a learning culture, but can facilitate international partnerships that will result in the advancement of evidence-based applications of Blockchain to benefit wider communities.

By harmonising our efforts, we can boost our ability to achieve shared goals.

**THE BLOCKCHAIN ASSOCIATIONS
FORUM AIMS TO FOSTER OUR
NATIONS' COLLECTIVE WISDOM.**



GOALS

- Empower local leadership to establish tailor-made governance frameworks based on local/regional resources
- Influence national guidelines and benchmarks based on best practices and internationally agreed frameworks
- Develop relations among nations to advance distributed ledger technology
- Facilitate trans-national partnerships to take joint, concreted actions to advance evidence-based applications of Blockchain to benefit the wider community



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BLOCKCHAIN ASSOCIATIONS AND HUBS REPRESENTED AT BAF'S INAUGURAL FORUM



- Australia (Blockchain Australia)
- Belgium (HIVE Blockchain Society)
- Cayman Islands (Blockchain Association of The Cayman Islands)
- Czech Republic (Blockchain Republic)
- Cyprus (Cyprus Blockchain Association)
- Denmark (Nordic Blockchain Association)
- Estonia (Eesti Krüptoraha Liit)
- Finland (Helsinki Blockchain Centre)
- France (ADAN)
- Gibraltar (GANT: Gibraltar Association for New Technologies)
- Greece (Hellenic Blockchain Association)
- Hungary (Blockchain Hungary)
- India (IIT Kanpur (Sandeep Shukla) and Govt. of Tamil Nadu (Santosh Misra))
- Indonesia (Asosiasi Blockchain Indonesia)
- Ireland (Blockchain Ireland)
- Israel (Israeli Blockchain Association)
- Italy (Associazione Italia4Blockchain)
- Japan (Tokyo Fintech)
- Kenya (Blockchain Association of Kenya)
- LATAM & Caribbean region (LACC Chain)
- Liechtenstein (Crypto Country Association)
- Malta (Malta Digital Innovation Authority)
- Mexico (Legal Paradox/ LACC Chain Alliance)
- Moldova (Moldova Tours 2.0)
- New Zealand (Blockchain NZ)
- Nigeria (SiBAN)
- Norway (Nordic Blockchain Association)
- Pakistan (Pakistan Blockchain Institute)
- Portugal (Portuguese Blockchain Alliance)
- Puerto Rico (Blockchain Puerto Rico)
- Singapore (Singapore Blockchain Association)
- Slovakia (Blockchain Slovakia)
- Slovenia (Blockchain Think-Tank Slovenia)
- South Africa (South African National Blockchain Alliance)
- South Korea (Korea Society of Blockchain)
- Spain (Alastria Blockchain Ecosystem)
- Sweden (Swedish Blockchain Association)
- Switzerland (Crypto Valley Association)
- Taiwan (Taiwan Blockchain Alliance)
- Turkey (BLASEA)
- Ukraine (Blockchain Association of Ukraine)
- United Kingdom (The British Blockchain Association)
- USA (The Blockchain Association)

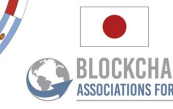
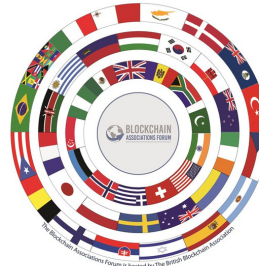
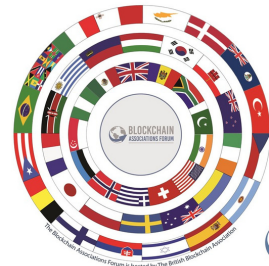
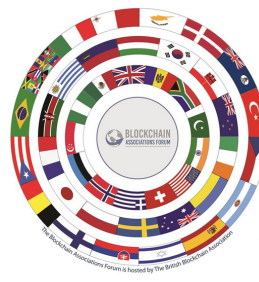
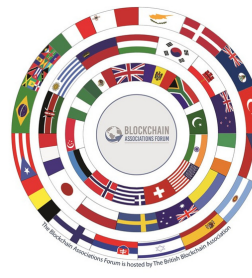
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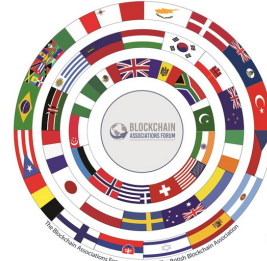
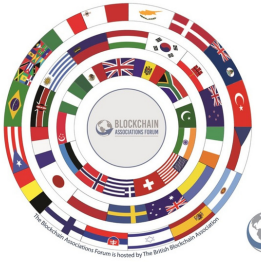
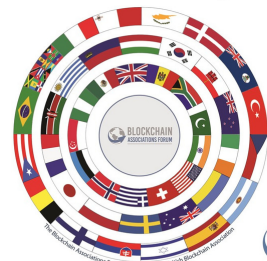
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FROM THE FORUM

Dr Naseem Naqvi
The British Blockchain Association (BBA)

Today, we are 48 founding member countries of BAF. Very soon every country will set up a Blockchain association and tomorrow we may have 195 countries in BAF. This forum is the most impactful Blockchain forum in terms of diversity, inclusion and collaboration. We have a common goal: to be the voice of Blockchain, a central point of contact for our countries, and a torch bearer for future generations.

This forum provides a unique platform where each of us can benefit from "nations collective wisdom" by sharing best practices and learning from other BAF countries. Together, we will debate, discuss and explore solutions to urgent and emergent issues and share our challenges in the spirit of collaboration.

Targ Patience
The Gibraltar Association for New Technologies

This was a truly impressive gathering of international representatives and experts, in which it was a privilege to participate. We firmly agree with the need for international cooperation and equity in driving forward DLT and Blockchain standards, and look forward to actively participating and contributing to both BAF and the CEBB going forward.

Oham Dunggio
A-B-I, Indonesia

The Blockchain Association Forum is an important initiative for Blockchain projects who are trying to solve problems and that often find roadblocks when it comes to cross-border operations, especially around regulation. I have informed our members and they are as happy as I am to hear the good news about the Blockchain Associations Forum. From this day onwards, we expect a lot of collaboration and innovation, and any challenges we face can be supported by the Forum and this initiative.

Petri Basson
Blockchain Association of the Cayman Islands

As the Blockchain Association of the Cayman Islands we are very happy to be a part of the Blockchain Association Forum (BAF). We feel that this is a very needed initiative in the industry to give the various Blockchain associations around the world a joint platform to collaborate and work together. The Blockchain industry operates internationally and therefore associations working to develop the industry and regulations should also have an international platform to work together.

Tasos Oureilidis
Hellenic Blockchain Association, Greece

The Blockchain Associations Forum is undoubtedly one of the initiatives that will definitely bring DLT adoption towards society faster. Personally speaking, it was a unique experience while exchanging information, comprehending how different cultures engage with the same technology and how the respective states monitor each progress. The very essence of the inaugural event is for more countries to participate in the next round, as together we stand stronger! In conclusion, as Founder of Hellenic Blockchain Association, I would like to deeply express my gratitude towards the initiative of British Blockchain Association, as well as the introduction towards the Evidence based Blockchain Center (EBBC), where even more exciting ideas will be summoned and further plans get deployed.

Norbert Gehrke
Tokyo FinTech, Japan

Long gone are the days of our ancestors' generations when research was centralized in research labs and a domain for the affluent. With the modern approach, there comes a certain amount of chaos. The Blockchain Association Forum will be a platform for us to exchange views, keep abreast of the latest developments around the globe, and give and receive guidance in our respective specialty domains.

Faustine Fleuret
Association pour le développement des actifs numériques (ADAN), France

The launch of the Blockchain Associations Forum is new evidence that such technologies are gaining a great momentum around the world, and among all economic sectors. Markets in crypto-assets are attracting more and more brilliant innovative project holders that strive to revolutionize money and finance, and an increasing number of users can benefit from their opportunities. The keen interest in the BAF initiative also proves that global deadlocks to the development of the Blockchain industry still need to be resolved. To this end, the cooperation of associations within the Forum is crucial.

Sandeep Shukla
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India

Blockchain technology has a lot of potential in transforming digital business processes with requisite transparency, while also providing integrity to record of activities, automation of business processes through smart contracts, and also in providing agency to the principals of the data rather than to the data fiduciaries. The only problem is that Blockchain technology is often misunderstood, and misused by various entities, with misconception about its capabilities and limitations - and also in discharging assumptions made while making various guarantees. A global body that is responsible for developing robust best practices, and exchanging experience of various successful and robust implementations will help accelerate adoption and reduce misconception based applications.

Thomas Nägele
Crypto Country Association, Liechtenstein

Like any industry, the Blockchain industry needs a global voice. We are happy to join (BAF) to represent the Principality of Liechtenstein.

FROM THE FORUM

Senator Ihenyen
Stakeholders in Blockchain Technology Association of Nigeria (SiBAN)

BAF is a welcome initiative. Especially at a time when governments around the world are now responding to the risks and opportunities provided by Blockchain technology in various sectors, having a "united nations of Blockchain" such as BAF is critical. So, it is important that as stakeholders, we work together to drive education, promote policy advocacy, and support regulatory efforts. SiBAN, a self-regulatory body in Nigeria's emerging Blockchain industry, is delighted to be a founding member of BAF.

SiBAN's vision is to transform Nigeria into the world's safest and biggest Blockchain space with the largest Blockchain solutions, investments and adoption. Through BAF, we hope to boost our efforts in this regard, while also contributing to global conversations about Blockchain technology. In my capacity as SiBAN President, I congratulate the British Blockchain Association (BBA) for its leading role in ensuring that BAF became a reality.

Moerieda Mackay
South Africa National Blockchain Alliance (SANBA)

Incredibly honoured to have represented South Africa on behalf of SANBA - South African National Blockchain Alliance at the launch of the Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF). A truly unique global initiative. Much to learn and contribute to this Forum.

Kadir Kurtuluş
Blockchain Association of Eurasia (BLASEA)

We believe that this forum will have an important role in building up the new financial and other ecosystems with Blockchain. We have a decentralized technology with speed, trust and transparency. The decentralized structure and philosophy of this technology means that non-profit organisations have a huge responsibility to create rules and structure. That is why Blasea (Blockchain Association of Eurasia) is ready help and build this forum.

Ahmad Manzoor
Pakistan Blockchain Institute

It was a wonderful inaugural gathering. The joint efforts of BAF members is set to make a positive global impact in the Blockchain industry.

Jose Enrique Gonzalez-Ávila
Blockchain Puerto Rico

The BAF brings together the biggest and brightest minds tackling Blockchain issues globally. I'm excited to help build solutions globally along them.

Sukesh Kumar Tedla
Swedish Blockchain Association

BAF initiative brings governance and consensus across the decentralized and distributed Blockchain associations across the world. We believe that this initiative is super important for bringing Blockchain adoption mainstream.

Montse Guardia
Alastria Blockchain Ecosystem, Spain

Since its foundation in October 2017, Alastria has grown as an association, open to all types of companies and organizations that have a mission to reach all sectors that contribute to the creation of a diverse, innovation ecosystem. Joining the Blockchain Associations Forum is a step that we are proudly taking so that we can keep pursuing our mission internationally. We are convinced that the development and use of Blockchain technologies is a global key element to reach the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

In order to gain acceleration toward our end goals, and to create a positive economic impact for our country, we believe that now it is time to expand the Blockchain establishment and build the relevant industry bridges globally - embracing the benefits of cultural diversity, knowledge sharing and learning from different points of view and experience. Alastria will participate and collaborate with the Blockchain Associations international Forum, and together we can reach our acceleration objectives.

Alex Liu
Asia Silicon Valley Development Agency

We are looking forward to sharing more experience and knowledge with others regarding regulation, global matchmaking, governance application, CBDC, and talent. We welcome other members to have further discussions with us on Blockchain trends.



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FUTURE EVENTS & MEETINGS

INAUGURAL BAF MEMBER SUMMIT
SAVE THE DATE: 26 JUNE, 2021



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MEMBERSHIP

BAF membership is open to blockchain associations at the forefront of DLT leadership in their respective countries.

Where a country has no such association or blockchain body consideration will be given to allied organisations who have taken leadership roles in blockchain space, such as fintech associations, or other government and academic bodies.



**GROUP COMMITS TO ADVANCING
EVIDENCE-BASED APPLICATION OF
BLOCKCHAIN TO **BENEFIT THE WIDER
COMMUNITY.****

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