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Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: What they are and Potential Applications for the UN

Cross-fertilizing Knowledge

Deadline: 10 Apr 2018

Type:	Workshop
Location:	New York City, United States of America
Date:	11 Apr 2018
Duration:	1 Days
Thematic Area:	E-Governance, , Satellite Imagery and Analysis
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Price:	$0.00
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BACKGROUND

Secretary-General António Gutteres has emphasized the indispensable role of innovation in policy-making process on November 6, 2017: “From my

perspective, what is important is to combine innovation and public policy to make sure that innovation works for the good of humankind.” In today’s world, technology is the driving force for innovation. Office of Information Communication Technology (OICT) will be offering a series of 4 lectures covering a variety of topics in order to increase the understandings on technology and how it can facilitate the core of the United Nations.

Participants in these lectures will receive trainings from technology experts from OICT. The courses are designed to help participants better understand the current world’s issues with the help and appliances of modern technologies such as artificial intelligence and data analysis. This lecture’s objective is to develop participants’ capacities, increase participants’ knowledge on modern technologies and eventually, encourage and inspire innovations.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

To enable participants to:

- Gain knowledge on modern technologies and how they could be applied to social issues;
- Understand the implications of technology for sovereignty and economic stability;
- Anticipate and assess the risks and opportunities for the use of technologies in different regions and fields;
- Analyze the benefits technologies could bring for the UN system and how it may change the policy-making process.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This event will provide an introduction to Blockchain technology for individuals without a technical background. It will feature an introduction to the technology as well as examples of its uses in domains related to the work of Governments and the United Nations. Featuring speakers from the private-sector, international organizations, academia and civil-society, this event will include demonstrations and will showcase projects in the humanitarian field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UN Ground Pass is required for this event