Expert Group Meeting
The Role of Blockchain in the Arab Sustainable Energy Transition

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20 September 2022
15:00 – 16:30 PM
Beirut Time
The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing an Expert Group Meeting on The Role of Blockchain in the Arab Sustainable Energy Transition.

Main question:
- How can blockchain technology enable and accelerate the sustainable energy transition in the Arab Region?

Main objectives:
- Highlight promising use cases from around the world which leverage blockchain technology to expand access to modern, sustainable energy and increase integration of renewable energy
- Identify key barriers to adoption of blockchain technology for a sustainable energy transition in the Arab region
- Propose and discuss pathways to overcome these barriers

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AGENDA

Opening remarks: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, United Nations ESCWA

Scene-setter: Blockchain within the Arab region - Opportunities and challenges
Mr. Sean Ratka, United Nations ESCWA

Case study presentations (~5 mins each)
- Distributed energy resource management and trade (Energy Web)
- Energy attribute certificate issuance and trade (Reneum Institute)
- Decentralised solar project finance (Engie + Energy Web) and energy transparency platform (TEO by Engie)

Interactive panel (Davos style) (~60 mins)
Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, United Nations ESCWA
- Mr. Thierry Mathieu, TEO by Engie
- Ms. Brianna Welsh, Reneum Institute
- Mr. Sam Hartnett, Energy Web
- Mr. Samer Zawaydeh, Al Hussein Technical University, Jordan
- Ms. Jessica Obeid, Middle East Institute

Wrap up: Mr. Sean Ratka, United Nations ESCWA

Under the umbrella of the International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development