

WIPO STANDARDS WORKSHOP ON BLOCKCHAIN

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Monday April 29, 2019

08:30 - 09:30 Registration: WIPO Access Center

09:30 - 09:45 **Welcome address**
The Director General of WIPO

Moderator of Workshop:
Mr. Young-Woo Yun, Head, Standards Section, WIPO

09:45 - 10:00 **Keynote 1: Blockchain technology - why does it matter?**
Mr. Thomas Struck, Executive Partner, Gartner

Session 1: Blockchain technology - opportunities and challenges

10:00 - 10:20 **What is Blockchain and how does Blockchain work?**
Presentation:
Mr. Shashank Rai, Senior Strategic Technology Specialist, UNICC

10:20 - 10:40 **Patent landscape in the field of Blockchain technology**
Presentation:
Mr. Nikolay Popov, Head of the Center for Advanced Technologies, Rospatent

10:40 - 10:50 Q&A

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee

11:10 - 12:30 **Opportunities and challenges in leveraging Blockchain**
Presentations:
Mr. Jason Cross, Chief Strategy Officer, Rymedi
Mr. Kari Kostainen, Senior Scientist, ETH Zurich
Q&A

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Session 2: Blockchain technologies at our fingertips

13:30 - 14:40 **Characteristics of different Blockchain platforms**
Presentations:
Ms. Marta Piekarska, Director of Ecosystem, Hyperledger
Dr. Jean-Marc Seigneur, Director of the Blockchain Certificate of Advanced Studies, University of Geneva
Mr. Fabian Vogelsteller, Founder, Lukso
Q&A

- 14:40 - 15:10 **Public, private, and mixed blockchains: what benefits does each platform offer?**
Panel discussion
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Panelists:
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Mr. Fabian Vogelsteller, Founder, Lukso
- 15:10 - 15:30 Coffee
- Session 3: Blockchain and public services**
- 15:30 - 15:50 **Selected use cases of Blockchain: national, regional or international level**
Presentation:
Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, CEO, Triangularity SàRL
- 15:50 - 16:10 **Policy, legislation and governance issues surrounding Blockchain**
Presentation:
Ms. Emmanuelle Ganne, Senior Analyst, WTO
- 16:10 - 16:20 Q&A
- Session 4: Blockchain and Standardization**
- 16:20 - 17:30 **Standardization related to Blockchain: objectives, areas, challenges and plans**
Presentations:
Mr. Martin Adolph, Study Group Advisor, ITU
Mr. Henry Cuschieri, Head of Membership and External Relations, ISO
Mr. Lance Thompson, Secretary to UN/CEFACT, UNECE
Q&A
- 17:30 - 18:00 **What are the challenges for standardization on Blockchain and potential cooperation areas?**
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Tuesday April, 30 2019

08:30 - 09:00 Registration: WIPO Access Center

09:00 - 09:20 **Keynote 2: Blockchain technology and Intellectual Property**
Dr. Birgit Clark, Lead Knowledge Lawyer, Baker McKenzie

09:20 - 09:30 **Summary of first day sessions**

Session 5: Blockchain applications for Intellectual Property

09:30 - 10:45 **Blockchain products/services for Intellectual Property**
Presentations:
Mr. Ilya Kononenko, Head of IT Division for Portal Solutions, Rospatent/FIPS
Mr. Vaughn McKenzie, CEO, JAAK
Mr. Robert McNeill, Assistant Director, Digital Engagement, IP Australia
Mr. Erich Spangenberg, CEO and co-founder, IPwe
Q&A

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee

11:00 - 11:50 **Blockchain case studies or Proof of Concepts for Intellectual Property**
Presentations:
Mr. Timur Aitov, Deputy Director General, XDSOft
Mr. Darren Langley, Senior Blockchain Developer, Civic ledger
Q&A

11:50 - 12:30 **What are good potential uses cases of Blockchain for Intellectual Property?**
Panel discussion

Moderator:
Mr. Nelson Yang, Acting Director, USPTO

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12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

Session 6: Blockchain - Opportunities and challenges for IP ecosystem

- 14:00 - 14:50 **Opportunities and challenges in leveraging Blockchain for IP ecosystem**
Presentations:
Mr. Jason Cross, Chief Strategy Officer, IEEE
Mr. Kevin Fournier, Counsel, Intellectual Property Law, IBM
Mr. Erling Vestergaard, IP Enforcement Expert, EUIPO
Q&A
- 14:50 - 15:40 **How can the private sector and public sector work together with Blockchain for IP ecosystem?**
Panel discussion

Moderator:
Mr. Robert McNeil, IP Australia

Panelists:
Mr. Jason Cross, Chief Strategy Officer, IEEE
Mr. Kevin Fournier, Counsel, Intellectual Property Law, IBM
Mr. Darren Langlely, Senior Blockchain Developer, Civic ledger
Mr. Grantly Mailes, Partner and Associate Director, Boston Consulting Group
Mr. Erling Vestergaard, IP Enforcement Expert, EUIPO
- 15:40 - 16:00 Coffee

Session 7: Blockchain - Standardization for Intellectual Property Data

- 16:00 - 16:20 **Potential areas and candidates for standardization of Blockchain on IP data**
Presentation:
Mr. Michael Burn, Assistant Director, International ICT Cooperation, IP Australia
Q&A
- 16:20 - 17:00 **What should be standardized for IP data leveraging Blockchain technology?**
Panel discussion

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Closing remarks

Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi, Assistant Director General, WIPO

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