

# The Role of Blockchain Technology in the Future of Electricity

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# What is a Blockchain?

- A blockchain is a tamper-proof, shared digital ledger that records transactions(history) that take place between the peers in a peerto-peer network.
- All the confirmed and validated transaction blocks are linked and chained from the beginning of the chain to the most current block, hence the name **blockchain**.

#### BLOCK CHAIN Definition N4



https://www.slideshare.net/badros/blockchain desmystification

### Conventional vs Blockchain Network Architecture



https://bitsonblocks.net/2015/09/09/gentle-introduction-blockchain-technology/

#### Advantages of Blockchain

- High level of security
- Hacking threat reduced
- Transparency of transactions increased
- No payment for intermediaries' services
- Different levels of accessibility
- Faster transactions
- Automatic reconciliation of accounts



https://www.cleveroad.com/blog/blockchain-solutions-for-various-industries-learn-about-advantages-and-challenges

### 6D: The Future of Energy

#### Decarbonized





#### **Blockchain Energy**

5Ds of Blockchain technology: digitalized, deregulated, decentralized, distributed, & democratized.

Interestingly, the world's energy systems are also following the 5 Ds of blockchain

(https://blogs.adb.org/blog/4-ways-blockchain-willdisrupt-energy-sector)

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erman Energy Age

Blockchain in the energy transition. A survey among decision-makers in the German energy industry

Dark colour: Game Changer Paler shades: Insignificant

#### A Blockchain Enabled Transactive and Dynamic System

Developments in utility analytics, the proliferation of distributed energy resources and distributed intelligence may provide the prefect platform for multiple blockchain adoptions across the value chain



Source: Utilities And Blockchain Pilots - A Global Snapshot

# **Smart Contracts** – Definitely not a new concept but blockchain can catalyse smart contract implementation



# SMART CONTRACT

"A smart contract is a program that runs on the blockchain and has its correct execution enforced by the consensus protocol"

They enable **trustless** financial services like loans, micropayments, and more. Get rid of intermediaries and third parties



NRGcoin - <a href="http://nrgcoin.org/">http://nrgcoin.org/</a>

#### **Blockchain Start-Ups in Energy Sector**



## Globally, Governments are warming up to Blockchain Technologies

- **1. UK**'s Food Standards Agency (FSA) completed a pilot using blockchain to track the distribution of meat in a cattle slaughterhouse;
- 2. The **European Union** Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) is investigating how blockchain could combat counterfeiting;
- **3. Estonia** Blockchain connects government services in a single digital platform; integrates sensitive data from healthcare, the judiciary, legislature, security and commercial code registries;
- **4. USA** the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) explores using blockchain to securely share patient data. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to use blockchain to protect data collected by Border Patrol cameras and sensors;
- **5. Denmark** the Liberal Alliance became the first major political party in the world to vote using blockchain technology;
- **6. Dubai** By 2020, Dubai wants to become the first government in the world to conduct all of its transactions using blockchain;
- **7. Swiss** city of Zug is one of Europe's leading supporters of blockchain. Zug already accepts cryptocurrency as payment for public services and completed an e-voting trial;
- 8. The **Isle of Man** is using blockchain to protect its thriving e-gaming sector from fraud
- 9. State of **Georgia-** government has experimented with blockchain in a land registry project developed with the Bitfury Group, dubbed the National Agency of Public Registry (NAPR).

#### **ASEAN Neighbours: Thailand**



#### **ASEAN Neighbours: Philippines**



#### Singapore ELECTRIFY.ASIA PARINERS DEPLOY SYNERGY WITH TEC IN

**DEPLOY POWERPOD** ALONGSIDE NARADA'S ENERGY STORAGE PLATFORMS IN APAC

> PROOF-OF-CONCEPT OF SYNERGY WITH EPCO IN SINGAPORE

**R&D ON PV-TECH AND** 

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

ENABLE DATA TRADING FOR CUSTOMERS THROUGH STREAMR'S DATA MARKETPLACE

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KYUSHU, JAPAN

### Aspirational RE Target by 2025

- New gov't has a target of 20% of RE in the national power mix by 2025 (excl large hydro);
- SEDA is developing the RE Outlook 2025 which will include enablers to meet the 20% RE target;
- At the recent IGEM 2018, the Minister announced several measures to meet the RE target;
- Of relevance to SEDA is the revert of NEM from net billing to net energy metering, the launch of our national PV monitoring system (IoT) and the support for emerging REC market.

### National PV Monitoring System

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#### PV NATIONWIDE OVERVIEW

Total Monitored Site(s): 120 Capacity: 16,024.94 kWp Array Size: 98,777.07 m<sup>2</sup>

#### TODAY'S PV SUMMARY

Accumulated Energy: 0.583 MWh CO<sub>2</sub> Avoidance: 0.52 Tonne

#### THIS MONTH'S PV SUMMARY

Accumulated Energy: 111.211 MWh CO<sub>2</sub> Avoidance: 99.032 Tonne

## SEDA, country's first authorized verifier for TIGRs Registry

- 17 Oct 2018, SEDA signed an MoU with APX Inc to be the country's first Qualified Reporting Entity (QRE) for the TIGRs Registry.
- Tradeable Instrument for Global Renewables (TIGR) Registry is a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) platform;
- A REC represents all environmental attributes of 1 MWh of renewable energy generated;
- REC market is another enabler to scale up domestic RE market;
- REC market in Malaysia is in infancy stage, in neighbouring countries such as Singapore, it is gaining traction;
- Issue with REC concerns tracking provenance and no double-counting.

## SEDA: REC & Energy Trading Platforms

- Malaysia currently has a voluntary REC market;
- Moving forward, SEDA together with the MESTECC to explore creating a mandatory REC market;
- Will explore REC platform using blockchain technology to track provenance & doublecounting;
- Additionally, SEDA is working with the PV industry to pilot energy trading among prosumers;
- Several gov't agencies supporting blockchain innovation e.g. MAGIC, BNM, MIGHT, ASM.

#### **Issues with Blockchain**

**Acceptance.** It will take time before the public will be ready to entrust their data to this technology.

**Regulations.** The status of blockchain in government regulations remains unsettled.

**High energy consumption.** The numerous attempts to verify transactions demand significant computing power (PoW).

**Cost.** The technology offers huge savings in costs and time of blockchain transactions, but the initial integration cost can be a deterrent.

**Integration.** The creation of blockchain applications requires significant changes or the complete replacement of existing systems.

**Scalability**: most projects under pilot run and yet to have full scale applications.

# Thank you

### WELCOME TO THE BLOCKCHAIN & THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

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