

# BLOCKCHAINS, TOWARDS A NEW PARADIGM?

19 May 2021, 4.30pm-6.00pm (Geneva time)

**This webinar is organised by the General Delegation Wallonia-Brussels in Geneva and his scientific advisor. It is a side event of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development.**

## **Context:**

Are blockchains, or distributed ledger technologies, a short-lived trend or a real technological revolution? Blockchains allow "value" to be transferred over the Internet at a residual cost. A direct consequence is the possible removal of all intermediaries. Are we moving towards a direct relationship between citizens and central banks? How can monetary policy be reinvented in this context? Can we use this technology to the benefit of developing countries and microfinance? This webinar will attempt to answer these questions, which will impact our lives as citizens in the decades to come.

## **Programme :**

4.30pm : Introduction, *Fabienne Reuter, Delegate General Wallonia-Brussels in Geneva*

4.35pm : Short presentation and moderation of the event, *Vassil Kolarov, Scientific advisor of Wallonia-Brussels in Switzerland*

### ***Digital assets and Blockchain applications in the Euro area and in Switzerland***

4.40pm : Towards a digital euro, implications and redefinition of monetary policy, *Prof. Bruno Colmant, Full Member of the Royal Academy of Belgium*

4.55pm : Blockchain in the Swiss legal framework : an added-value in an international context, *Diana Lafita, Lawyer, LOYENS & LOEFF Switzerland LLC*

### ***Blockchain applications in the context of multilateral cooperation: in trade and development, for traceability of funds and transparency***

5.10pm : Blockchain and trade financing, *Emmanuelle Ganne, WTO, Senior analyst and blockchain expert*

5.25pm : UNICEF Cryptofund and Blockchain in the UN system, *Christina Lomazzo, UNICEF Innovation Lead*

5.40pm : Q&A

5.55pm : Conclusions