
Blockchain Technologies for Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Distinguished colleagues and friends ,

Today we will discuss how new technologies, such as Blockchain, can play a significant role in building back better as we come out on the other side of the covid-19 pandemic, as well as in assisting us accelerate action to ensure we achieve the 2030 agenda.

Our discussion will bring concrete examples of how blockchain is being used in different fields to improve efficiency and sustainability. We will also discuss the added value and limitations of such technologies.

The covid-19 pandemic poses severe risks and could reverse some of the important advancements we made towards achieving the SDGs.

Now more than ever, we need to work together towards finding new solutions to transboundary challenges .

We could speak for hours about how global emergencies and extreme weather and climate events are on the rise and unfortunately their impact affects the most vulnerable disproportionately widening the income gap. That is why we need to remember that we are in the midst of two crises: COVID-19 and climate change. Thus, a green recovery is paramount.

Innovation is one of our most valuable resources. We need more breakthrough solutions in fields such as ICTs, health, agriculture, biotechnology, water desalination, recycling and management, and much more, which facilitate sustainable development globally.

This is one of the main reasons that Israel attributes great importance to the SDGs and engage in cooperation projects with many countries around the globe to build capacities, transfer technologies and share best practices.

By working together, we can improve the well-being of current and future generations and fulfil the noble goal of "leaving no one behind."

Thank you very much .