

GBBC Global Blockchain Business Council

BLOCKCHAIN ORGANIZATIONS WORLDWIDE

American Blockchain Council

Category: education

Location: N/A

Description: The American Blockchain Council exists for the purpose of networking and information exchange between the council, its executive members and guests. The charter of this group is to aggregate, interpret and disseminate the latest information available on the Blockchain protocol, how the technology has manifested, and the potential impact on businesses in the U.S. globally. Importantly the group will focus on what C-Level Executives should expect in planning for this inevitable change. The Council hosts seminars on blockchain and smart contracts.

Australian Digital Currency Commerce Association (ADCCA)

Category: regulation, coordination, education

Location: PO Box 21122 World Square Sydney NSW 2002 Australia

Description: The ADCCA is the industry representative body for digital commerce businesses in Australia. The ADCCA exists to promote the adoption of Blockchain technology as a means to challenge existing business models and drive innovation across multiple industry sectors. The organization's founding mandate is to act as the essential connection between digital commerce businesses and industries, governments, regulators, academia, financial institutions and influential policy forums which give direction to this emerging industry at home and abroad. A private sector membership congress, ADCCA's aims include: Blockchain technology education & training, Industry standards & code of ethics, Promotion and facilitation of digital commerce best practices, Regulatory and compliance relationships, Digital currency accounting practices and standards, Consumer protection standardization.

Association of Crypto-Currency Enterprises and Start-ups, Singapore(ACCESS)

Category: local coordination (blockchain & Bitcoin)

Location: Singapore

<https://www.access-sg.org/>

Description: ACCESS envisions Singapore as a premier global hub for businesses driven by digital currencies and blockchain technologies. They focus on advocacy, engagement, and education. ACCESS supports the efforts of their members by partnering with other organizations to promote their members interests across multiple industries. They foster an open and clear dialogue between Singapore cryptocurrency and blockchain businesses, larger society, and regulators. In doing so, they aim to provide a united public voice and platform for the Singapore cryptocurrency and blockchain communities, allowing all of us to better engage with private as well as governmental entities. They also run seminars and workshops to educate the public about cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies.

BAFT - Financial Technology and Innovation Initiative

Category: education & advocacy

Location: 1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036

<https://www.baft.org/>

Description: BAFT is the association for organizations actively engaged in international transaction banking. It serves as the leading forum for bringing the financial community and its suppliers together to collaborate on shaping market practices, influencing regulation and legislation through global advocacy, developing and adapting new and existing instruments that facilitate the settlements of products and service offerings for clients, providing education and training and contributing to the safety and soundness of the global financial system. The Financial Technology and Innovation Initiative is made up of a group of bankers, importers, exporters, brokers, providers and suppliers, and other investors. It is BAFT's effort to educate investors and traders about various emerging technologies such as Bitcoin, distributed ledgers, and virtual currencies. The association's efforts hope to help businesses and investors address blockchain methodology and regulations within government agencies and the banking industry. Their goal is to create webinars, tutorials, hold Forums, and to generally understand blockchain technology and its impact on the future of finance.

Bitcoin Association of Australia (BAA)

Description: education & promotion

Location: Australia

<http://bitcoin.asn.au/>

Description: The Bitcoin Association of Australia (BAA) is Australia's not-for-profit association dedicated to the standardization, protection, and promotion

of Blockchain and digital currency in the region. BAA's objectives include: assisting in the funding and development of Bitcoin infrastructure; making Bitcoin more respected, trusted and useful to people in Australia and worldwide; maintaining, improving and legally protecting the integrity of the protocols and the reputation of Bitcoin; educating the general public, business and institutions about Bitcoin by speaking publicly on behalf of the community.

Bitcoin Alliance of Canada (BAC)

Category: local coordination (Bitcoin)

Location: Toronto, Canada

<https://blockchainassociation.ca/>

Description: Designed to unite bitcoin businesses and users across Canada, the Bitcoin Alliance of Canada (BAC) provides resources and outreach services for bitcoin members. The organization has a track record of hosting large events, engaging with policy makers, speaking to industry associations, and being on call for media and general inquiries.

Bitcoin Embassy

Category: incubation, education & promotion

Location: 3485 St Laurent Blvd, Montreal, QC H2X 2T6, Canada

<https://bitcoinembassy.ca/>

Description: The Bitcoin Embassy is a physical space dedicated to blockchain technology and cryptocurrency. A three-story building located in the heart of Montreal, the Embassy serves as home for one of the world's leading communities of Bitcoin entrepreneurs, developers, professionals and experts. They operate one of the world's most active non-profit organizations dedicated to Bitcoin education, lobbying and advocacy. Acting as an incubator for disruptive startups and financial services providers in the blockchain technology industry, they help Bitcoin startups and guide investors through the blockchain ecosystem. The Embassy is an open concept replicated internationally.

Bitcoin Foundation

Category: education & advocacy

Location: Washington, DC, USA

<https://bitcoinfoundation.org/>

Description: The Bitcoin Foundation coordinates the efforts of members of the Bitcoin community, helps to create awareness of the benefits of Bitcoin, and educates on how to use Bitcoin and related technology requirements for technologists, regulators, the

media, and the rest of the world. Their mission is to see Bitcoin as a globally accepted method of exchanging and storing value, operating without the need for third parties. Affiliates from different countries are able to use this support system at the Bitcoin Foundation to establish the necessary infrastructure, credibility, and presence to lead localized educational, media, and outreach efforts regarding bitcoin.

BLOC (Blockchain Labs for Open Collaboration)

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: 1411 Copenhagen K. Denmark

Description: A community and platform for maritime and energy blockchain based solutions. They are network of public and private participants and large talent pools that have come together to build end-to-end blockchain solutions that meet common needs and create shared value. One of their “labs” includes researching and implementing a blockchain single window system in order to simplify border formalities in global trade. Their end goal is to transform the maritime industry into an entirely blockchain-based system to increase trust, efficiency, privacy and frictionless trade.

Blockchain Alliance

Category: coordination with regulators & Law Enforcement

Location: D.C.

<http://www.blockchainalliance.org/>

Description: The Blockchain Alliance’s mission is to provide a forum for open dialogue between industry and law enforcement and regulatory agencies, to help combat criminal activity on the blockchain. The Blockchain Alliance is a public-private forum. They are a broad coalition of companies and organizations who have come together with the goal of making the blockchain ecosystem more secure and promoting further development of this transformative technology. This is done by providing education, technical assistance, and periodic informational sessions regarding Bitcoin and other digital currencies and uses of the blockchain.

Blockchain Trust Accelerator

Category: coordination, incubation (blockchain)

Location: 740 15th St NW Washington, District of Columbia

Description: The Blockchain Trust Accelerator is committed to advancing Blockchain technology through responsible, innovative and cutting edge pilot projects that address civic engagement, governance challenges, social good and more. The BTA is a partnership between Bitfury, New America and the National

Democratic Institute. They connect governments with technologists and funders to hasten the adoption of blockchain technology for social good and governance.

Blockchain and Virtual Currency Association of India

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: India

Description: Indian Bitcoin companies banded together to form the Blockchain and Virtual Currency Association after The Reserve Bank of India cautioned the country about the risks associated with Bitcoin and other virtual currencies. The organization's primary objective is to engage with regulators and increase bitcoin awareness and acceptance in their country.

Coin Center

Category: education & advocacy

Location: 718 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

<https://coincenter.org/>

Description: Based in Washington, D.C., Coin Center is the leading non-profit research and advocacy center focused on the public policy issues facing cryptocurrency and decentralized computing technologies like Bitcoin and Ethereum. Their mission is to build a better understanding of these technologies and to promote a regulatory climate that preserves the freedom to innovate using permissionless blockchain technologies. They do this in three ways: *educate* policymakers and the media about cryptocurrency technology; engage in *policy research* to develop smart regulatory approaches to questions raised by the technology; and *advocate* for those solutions in order to keep cryptocurrency networks open, decentralized, and permissionless.

Crypto Valley / Crypto Valley Association

Category: incubation

Location: Zug, Switzerland

Description: Crypto Valley is a growing hub for digital currency and blockchain startups in Switzerland. The goal is to make Crypto Valley in Zug, Switzerland a global hub for crypto technologies modeled on the success of Silicon Valley. Crypto Valley has grown into one of the world's leading ecosystems for crypto, blockchain, and distributed ledger technologies, with dozens of companies in this space now calling Crypto Valley home and thriving in its vibrant community. The Crypto Valley Association is an independent, government-supported association established to take full advantage of Switzerland's strengths to build the world's leading blockchain and cryptographic

technologies ecosystem. It is a non-profit aimed at promoting and researching the technology. They support and connect startups and established enterprises through policy recommendations, projects across verticals, initiating and enabling research, and organizing conferences, hackathons, and other industry events.

Decentral

Category: incubation & advice

Location: 119 Spadina Ave, Toronto, ON M5V, Canada

<http://decentral.ca/>

Description: Decentral is an innovation hub focused on disruptive and decentralized technologies headquartered in Toronto. The organization is focused on software development and offers Toronto's first two-way Bitcoin ATM. Decentral is spearheading a strategic effort to transform Canada into a global force for innovation. They are Toronto's first hub for Ethereum, Bitcoin and blockchain technologies, bringing together enthusiasts in blockchain, fintech, cryptocurrencies and decentralized technologies. Decentral has hosted over 100 events and continues to be a source for networking and information through meet ups and a 24-hour news dashboard, Decentral.TV. The organization has been called "Toronto's home to tech startups."

Digital Currency Council

Category: education & legal advice

Location: 636 6th Ave New York, NY 10011

<https://www.digitalcurrencycouncil.com/>

Description: The Digital Currency Council (DCC) trains, certifies, and connects leaders in the digital currency economy. The DCC is a professional association for lawyers, accountants, and financial professionals in the digital currency economy, providing training, certification, and ongoing support to professionals building their practices in or around digital currencies. With over 1500 members in 90 countries, the DCC is the association of professionals in the digital currency economy. It is a venture-backed company. There is a need for a training program to efficiently bring professionals up to the requisite level of knowledge for a professional advisor and the DCC helps financial advisors, wealth managers, accountants and lawyers get up to speed about digital currencies efficiently to be better prepared to answer their clients questions.

Dutch National Blockchain Coalition

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: Netherlands

<https://www.dutchdigitaldelta.nl/en/blockchain>

Description: Established by the Ministry of Economic Affairs' information technology team, the Dutch National Blockchain Coalition initiative aims to unite more than 20 public and private organizations including government agencies, universities and private companies from financial, logistics and energy sectors. The coalition has an end goal of turning the country into a leader of blockchain technology and keeping the Netherlands on the forefront of innovative technologies. The coalition focuses on: Development of blockchain building blocks called Digital Identities, realizing conditions for the use of blockchain, and the development and realization of the Human Capital Agenda. Essentially, the coalition tries to create the conditions for reliable and socially acceptable blockchain applications.

Financial Blockchain Shenzhen Consortium (FBSC)

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: Shenzhen, China

Description: The Financial Blockchain Shenzhen Consortium (FBSC) is a business alliance of finance and tech firms to collectively explore applications of the blockchain technology in China. The consortium was built for information exchange and testing various financial blockchain use cases. The new alliance pursues two major goals: First, the consortium will serve as a communication tool for companies and a platform for information sharing related to blockchain studies. Second, company members will perform joint research on blockchain applications and create collective projects for its testing in the financial sphere.

Special projects include the development of a prototype of a blockchain platform for securities trading and exploration of related services for credit, digital asset registry and invoice management. Focused exclusively on the financial sector, the general areas of possible blockchain implementation that are of interest to these companies include capital markets, securities exchange, trading platforms, life insurance, and banking.

FIX Trading Community: Digital Currency/Blockchain Working Group

Category: coordination of development efforts

Location: London, England

<http://www.fixtradingcommunity.org/pg/workinggroup/2410076/digital-currencyblockchain-working-group/>

Description: The mission of FIX Trading Digital Currency Working Group is to identify, analyze and define use cases and integration points for digital currency and distributed ledger technologies across the spectrum of capital markets

requirements. The organization also aims to recommend best practices for FIX implementation and usage of this emerging technology in financial markets.

Global Blockchain Council (Dubai)

Category: global coordination

Location: Dubai, UAE

<http://www.dubaifuture.gov.ae/our-initiatives/global-blockchain-council/>
Description: The Global Blockchain Council (GBC) of Dubai's goal is to explore and discuss current and future applications of blockchain and organize transactions through the Blockchain platform. The organization aims to enhance the UAE's position as a leading center for innovation and the knowledge economy. The Council will help UAE authorities and corporations better understand blockchain technology and consider its regulatory implications, while conducting pilot projects to test the readiness of markets to adopt digital currencies. The Council will highlight the implications of this innovation on the future of the business and financial sectors, and its role in facilitating transactions within the various sectors of financial and non-financial sectors in order to increase efficiency and reliability at all levels. The council's membership consists of government entities, international companies, leading UAE banks, and international Blockchain technology firms.

Global Blockchain Business Council

Category: education and advocacy

Location: Geneva, Switzerland & Washington, D.C.

The Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) brings together global leaders and businesses to highlight the latest innovations and advances in Blockchain technology. The GBBC is committed to raising awareness of the potential of this groundbreaking technology, advocating for its global adoption and providing a forum for education, collaboration, dialogue and standardization.

Hyperledger

Category: software development and standardization

Location: San Francisco, California, USA

<https://www.hyperledger.org/>

Description: Hyperledger is an open source collaborative effort created to advance cross-industry blockchain technologies. It is a global collaboration, hosted by The Linux Foundation, including leaders in finance, banking, Internet of Things (IoT), supply chains, manufacturing and technology. Hyperledger provides maintainers and their communities direct access to one of the deepest open source brain trusts in the world to help with everything

from licensing to governance to release management to ecosystem development. They let companies focus on developing the technology, confident that the legal, technical and organizational infrastructure their project need for the long run will be in place.

Hyperledger focuses on Finance and Healthcare industries specifically; they also host hackathons.

International Blockchain Real Estate Association (IBREA)

Category: education & promotion (real estate)

Location: San Francisco, California

<http://www.ibtcrea.org/>

Description: A nonprofit, member-focused advocacy, educational, and trade organization dedicated to implementing Bitcoin and other blockchain technology in real estate. Their initiatives include: Develop a universal property registry and title platform that is open source, non-profit, secure, and scalable; Develop a universal digital deed (Token) platform that is open source, non-profit, secure, and scalable; Create a "How to use bitcoin with real estate right now" resource and begin a database for organizing the uses and people, companies, tools, instructions, etc. that it takes to use them; Promote individual real estate transactions to occur using Bitcoin in any practical role; Bring together professionals including brokers, investors, entrepreneurs, developers, government officials, escrow and title officers; Set real estate industry standards.

Japan Blockchain Association (JBA)

Category: coordination, education, regulation

Location: 〒107-0052 Tōkyō-to, Minato-ku, Akasaka, 3 Chome- 5 -5, Japan

Description: The group's primary aims are to: Apply blockchain technology to social infrastructure and policy recommendations; Establish guidelines for bitcoin and other digital currency exchanges; Facilitate communication between the industry and government departments such as the FSA, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the Consumer Affairs Agency and the National Police Agency and the Tax Bureau, as well as other financial and banking industry groups. The Association will also promote and support its member businesses, organize promotional events, talk to similar industry groups internationally, and communicate with related and similar industry groups. JBA has two divisions: one dealing with virtual currency and the other with blockchain technologies in general. The former group concerns consumer, tax and financial regulatory issues. The latter group concerns definition and policy proposals for non-currency blockchain tech. Not only an advocate for

blockchain technology, JBA is the point of contact for governmental authorities and global associations.

Japan Exchange Group (JPX) Blockchain Consortium

Category: local coordination (blockchain), PoC testing of blockchain technology

Location: 〒103-0026 Tōkyō-to, Chūō-ku, Nihonbashikabutochō, 2-1 Japan

Description: The purpose of the consortium of Japanese financial institutions is to continue proof-of-concept (PoC) testing on the Hyperledger framework and to discuss the possibility of applying blockchain technology to capital market infrastructure. JPX is cooperating with financial institutions and blockchain engineers to make progress in verifying the technology.

Post-Trade Distributed Ledger Group

Category: global coordination

Location: N/A

<http://www.ptdlgroup.org/>

Description: The Post-Trade Distributed Ledger Group (PTDL) is a group of nearly 40 financial institutions and prominent market infrastructures players from all regions of the globe. The PTDL Group provides a trusted environment for key post-trade participants to collaborate and share information for the best interests of our industry. The Post-Trade Distributed Ledger (PTDL) Group, brings together major post-trade industry participants and regulators to share information and ideas about how distributed ledger technologies could transform the post-trade landscape.

R3 Consortium

Category: software development and standardization; global coordination

Location: 1370 Broadway, Ste 1050 New York, NY 10018

<http://www.r3cev.com/>

Description: R3 is a consortium of over 80 financial institutions in the establishment of an open, enterprise-grade, shared platform to record financial events and execute smart contract logic. R3 is building a new distributed ledger platform, Corda – which is the outcome of over two years of intense research and development by R3 and its consortium of financial institutions. It is an open-source distributed ledger platform designed to record, manage and automate legal agreements between businesses. With Corda, participants can transact without the need for central authorities creating a world of frictionless commerce. R3 operates a consortium of the world's largest financial institutions that have guided and contributed to the development of Corda.

Russia Blockchain Consortium

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: St. Petersburg, Russia

Description: The Russia Blockchain Consortium was created for joint exploration and implementation of blockchain technology and its derivatives.

The Consortium represents Russia's first collaborative platform across innovative and distributed technologies. The activities of the Consortium's members will focus on the creation and implementation of the most advanced technological solutions in the field of financial services. The Consortium's activities spread over technological, regulatory, practical and communicative purposes. Members will be engaged in joint development and testing of prototypes, standardization of technology as efforts to open doors for the technology for market participants. In addition, an important part of the Consortium's activities will be technological harmonization of the Russian blockchain movement with the global one, launching an open communicative platform for the market participants and the regulator, in hopes of raising the level of public knowledge and confidence in the financial services based on blockchain.

Shanghai Blockchain Industry Development Research Alliance(SBIDRA)

Category: local coordination (blockchain)

Location: Shanghai, China

Description: The purpose of the Shanghai Blockchain Industry Development Research Alliance (SBIDRA) is to facilitate blockchain research, technological development, personnel training and help in coordinate government efforts and blockchain organizations. The Alliance acts as a business incubator and a cooperative exchange platform for various enterprises, institutions, non-profit organizations and others to promote blockchain research. It provides a platform for the Shanghai Municipal Government, relevant departments and the whole blockchain industry to promote sharing of resources and knowledge –in hopes of providing valuable and high quality research results. The establishment of the alliance can effectively strengthen the communication between industry, regulatory authorities and other relevant companies, to build a platform for mutual exchange.

UK Digital Currency Association(UKDCA)

Category: local coordination (blockchain & Bitcoin)

Location: 76 Wardour St Soho, London W1F 0UR UK

<https://www.ukdca.org/>

Description: The United Kingdom Digital Currency Association (UKDCA) promotes the use and development of digital currency technologies in the UK, through education, lobbying and public engagement. It provides a united public voice for the digital currency community, engages with government and regulators in order to build a world-leading regulatory environment for the creation of jobs and growth in this emerging field, promotes development and dissemination of best-practices by digital currency businesses and works to counter illegitimate uses of the technology. The challenges faced by digital currency users and businesses are always at the forefront of the UKDCA's actions. By bringing all interested parties together into industry specific working groups, they aim to achieve more for the digital currency community through coordinated and collaborative efforts. The UKDCA is highly active in lobbying policymakers and regulators.

Wall Street Blockchain Alliance(WSBA)

Category: education & advocacy, local coordination (blockchain)

Location: 150 E 2nd Street Suite 3B New York, NY 10009

<http://www.wsba.co/>

Description: The Wall Street Blockchain Alliance's (WSBA) mission is to guide and promote comprehensive adoption of distributed ledger technology across financial markets. They do this by engaging with market participants, regulators, policymakers and technology innovators through direct communication, comment letters, studies and more to guide the public dialogue about blockchain, distributed ledger and smart contract technology, in hopes that the financial markets can realize the full potential of these capabilities

Wanxiang Blockchain Labs

Category: software development & promotion

Location: 99, West Lujiazui Road, Pudong, Shanghai, China

http://www.blockchainlabs.org/index_en.html

Description: Wangxiang blockchain labs is a research institution focused on blockchain technology. The lab gathers experts in the field to work on technological development, business applications, industrial strategies and other aspects of blockchain technology. They provide guidance for entrepreneurs and seek to positively influence the development of the industry through policy making. The labs host blockchain summits, forums, and alliances, in addition to software platforms, sponsorships, and proofs-of-concept services.

