

# Dubai implementing blockchain strategy 2020

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DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATE, December 10, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dubai announced its intention to turn itself into the first blockchain-powered government in the world by 2020. These ambitions are part of the Emirate's goal of becoming a global business hub with next-generation technology playing a key role in delivering this vision.

As a result, a number of Middle East companies, both private and public, have made substantial progress on understanding the opportunities, applications and preparations of adopting blockchain technology within their organisations.

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Business leaders and government leadership figures across the Middle East will gather at the [2nd Blockchain Middle East](#) forum from 5-6 February 2018 in Dubai, UAE, to discuss the opportunities, application and adoption of blockchain technology within the organisation.

Confirmed speakers:

- Ajay Rathi, Senior Director Information Technology, Meraas Holding
- Andrew Rippon, Principal Consultant and Blockchain Evangelist, NeXgen
- Dr Sohail Munir, Acting Director of Smart City Enablement Department, Smart Dubai Government
- Franco Bosoni, Director, DMCC Innovation Hub
- Hans Henrik Christensen, Director of Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Centre, Dubai Silicon Oasis Authority
- Haroun Dharsey, Senior Vice President, Head of Technology and Projects, Dubai Islamic Bank
- Henri Bergstrom, Advisor, Business Development, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange
- James Bernard, Director Business Development, Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)
- Jose Francisco Fernandez, IoT Blockchain Lead, du
- Krishna Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, Commercial Bank of Dubai
- Massimiliano Di Gregorio, Partner, Digital and Technology Consulting Lead, PwC
- Mureed Mustada, Operations Director, Dubai Land Department
- Saqr Ereiqat, Blockchain Evangelist
- Shajahan K. Kakkatti, Cyber Security & IT Quality, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Simone Vernacchia, Senior Digital & Technology Consulting Director, PwC
- Sultan Al Akraf, Head of Real Estate Registration, Dubai Land Department
- Waleed Aldhuhouri, Head of Corporate Applications, Dubai Health Authority
- Yazad Khandhadia, Associate Vice President – Information Security, Leading Financial Institute in the Middle East
- Yousuf Mohammed AlShaiba, Director of Smart Services Development Department, Ajman Municipality & Planning Department

The 2nd Blockchain Middle East Forum will be held from 5-6 February 2018 at the Grosvenor House, Dubai, UAE. For more information, please visit the event website <https://blockchainme.iqpc.ae/news>

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