

Blockchain's potential for financial inclusion in Africa
Seminar session
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Abstract: At various scales, financial inclusion is a pervasive issue governing the Development agenda on the African continent. While a number of ways of creating inclusive financial opportunities have been developed using notably mobile telecommunications technology, the potential of furthering such efforts using the blockchain technology have been on the rise. From lowered remittances transfer costs to loan management for SMEs, the seminar will aim at providing an insight into the current scenario and the blockchain's potential within the diverse African contexts.

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