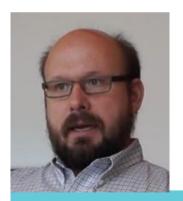
# **Blockchain Governance**



Standards 2.0 Governance Innovation for Blockchain/digital Solutions for Climate

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### **Challenges** $\rightarrow$ **Governance Innovation**

- New era of bottom up approach for climate change solutions (NDCs and non-state actors) needs a Nextgen MRV governance system
- Need a governance system to make the rules to structure and operate Blockchain/digital system
- Existing governance outdated and needs a culture change (shared control) and new business model to motivate governance stakeholders

# **Are Governance/Standards a Big Deal?**

- The benefit of standards is estimated at 2-3% GDP

   as context, commodities markets about 7% GDP
- \$ Billions every year to develop standards

 If no standards, then no viable sustainability markets that can achieve the Paris Agreement Goals



# Problems with How We Write Standards <u>Now</u>

• Draft text in a MS Word file is passed around, often without the track changes

- Comments collected in a table in MS Word file and then consolidated into one file
  - can take > 2 days of work over a couple weeks



# **Goals for <u>New</u> Standards System**

• Reduce costs and time

Increase participation and confidence

- Modernize standards and standards system to be more synergistic with digital technologies
  - Achieve more results with new standards (and avoid being a bottleneck)



### How We Need to Write <u>New</u> Standards

• Shared online document, just one version and accessible by all stakeholders anytime

• Comments are automatically posted/compiled within the online document

• Make Smart Standards



### **Building a new online community for decentralized Standards 2.0 System**

#### Standards Development

CDSB

Setting and Validating Rules, Methods for MRV



#### Knowledge Base

Support Planning the Standards Modular Framework and Standards Development



Online Reporting And Verification

Rules and Methods for MRV Applied with Companies

**ICRO** 

#### Link Standards 2.0 To Blockchain

Standards to be Interactive Digital Feedstock into Blockchain New standards business model



#### Supporting Resources to Enable Standards as A "Living Document"

Contextual How to Guidance Case Study Examples Links to Data Expert Forum



The Higher Ground Foundation - stand up to climate chang On Collaborase Over 5000 Experts 100s of Standards Activities





**Standards as Interactive Documents** Standard is not just a PDF, but an interactive "living document" with several layers of integrated content

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Ma "Main" content that is what users need to follow to report

"Requirements" and process followed to produce the standard

"Rationale" and substantiation that supports development of the standard

"Usage" by users sharing lessons learned how the standard is being used

"Guidance" for users to support verifiability of reported information

Comment Q&A discussion forums within each section/clause of the standard Surveys within each section for structured feedback Uploaded files (e.g. Excel®, Word®, PDF, images) as added resources

# **Summary Points**

- Blockchain/digital system brings efficiency and accountability, but needs corresponding innovation in decentralized collaborative governance systems
- Availability of web-tools and integration with digital technologies NOT ENOUGH
- Need culture change (shared control) and new business model to motivate governance stakeholders





### **Thank You. Questions?**



### **Extra Slides**



# Videos

Collaborase – easy to use for quality process and content <u>Watch</u>





Increase Participation with Transparent User Engagement <u>Watch</u>

Online knowledge life cycle Move to Interactive Standards 2.0 <u>Watch</u>



 the community of standards experts (development, management, application) use advanced online collaboration tools much more extensively;

 each standard is restructured in a modular way so that specific parts can be updated more easily (as a "living document") without compromising the overall integrity of the document, in contrast to current practices with a static published document;

- each standard (that specifies criteria/procedures/methods) is linked to contextual content within a larger collaboration knowledge management (KM) system, including platform and user community, for example
- (a) links to the online knowledge base (e.g., a Wiki) and supporting research/work that went into the development of the standard,
- (b) links to "how to" guides, templates, data sources and other resources to support better implementation of the standard,
- (c) engages directly with online expert groups (like a mini social network of professionals) sharing expertise in Q&A forums

- all the standards are designed to be more modular within a comprehensive framework, and these modular standards are made to be interoperable building blocks to reduce conflicting/duplicative requirements, as well as avoid wasted resources and uncoordinated proliferation of standards;
- the specific content/methods in the standards reflects the new digital/automated processes enabled by Blockchain and IoT (in contrast to the largely manual/Excel based current practices);

- the foundational governance rules guiding the standards 2.0 system, e.g. the standardized process for developing a standard, and validation of new standards incorporates open decentralized participatory/democratized collaboration models enabled by online tools, in contrast to the current practices that are more hierarchical/bureaucratic; and,
- participants are motivated by a new economic model that is results-based on the outcomes of the use of the standards, in contrast to current practices of strained volunteerism/fatigue or standards bodies selling copyrighted standards.