

Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) ...

... has received widespread attention by securities servicing professionals due to the potential transformation it could bring to post-trade processing.

This Newsletter initiates the release of ISSA's DLT Report which covers the following aspects:

- **Executive summary** listing the key points elaborated on in the Report and an introductory section on ISSA's rationale to address this topic
- A section on **Governance** lays out the broad principles recommended for financial institutions to consider and embrace as DLT networks are implemented and adopted for the financial markets
- A section on **Information Security** provides an overview of the key information security building blocks and the different approaches being taken by different solutions
- A detailed assessment of how DLT may impact existing ISSA Principles
- A non-exhaustive inventory of regulatory initiatives in the DLT space

Privacy Policy

In view of the recent enactment of the General Data Protection Regulation in the European Union, ISSA has published an updated privacy statement/privacy policy, which can be accessed [here](#).



ISSA's Report on DLT – Principles for Industry-Wide Acceptance

In view of the ISSA Symposium held towards the end of May 2018 in Zurich, Switzerland, ISSA's Working Group on Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) prepared a draft Report on principles that should be followed when implementing this new technology. This work was mandated by the ISSA Symposium held two years ago, when DLT was a focal agenda topic as well.

The Report published today ([link](#)) explores and highlights the principles and developments that should be followed by the industry players in the governance, information security and regulatory aspects of implementing this new technology. The paper concentrates on the application of DLT to conventional asset classes serviced by custodian banks and CSDs/ICSDs. The existing ISSA principles embodied in its many white papers are also looked at and are analyzed as a proxy for changes DLT may cause in securities practices in the near future.

There is currently an explosion of interest and activity around initial coin offerings (ICOs), new crypto-assets and tokens, and servicing them as an emerging new asset class. A separate stream of ISSA's Working Group on DLT started work in January 2018 on the "Definition of Digital Assets and Required Services / Infra-structure", scheduled for completion during the 3rd quarter 2018.

ISSA would like to refer to the document "General Meeting Proxy Voting on Distributed Ledger; Product Requirements v2.1; November 2017", recently published by the same stream of the ISSA Working Group on DLT and announced by ISSA's December 2017 Newsletter. This document can be accessed [here](#).

On this occasion the ISSA community thanks **Urs Sauer** from SIX Securities & Exchanges and the entire Working Group for their efforts and commitment.

With its next Newsletter, ISSA will inform in detail on the recently held Symposium that attracted a record attendance.

With best personal regards,
ISSA CEO Office