



Remittance Innovation Forum (RemTECH)

Tuesday, November 28th, 2018



8:00	REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR COURSE ATTENDEES		
9:00	PRE-CONFERENCE COURSES START- <i>all course attendees must be registered to participate</i>		
	TITLE	SUBJECTS	SPEAKERS / PANELISTS
9:00	WELCOME - INTRODUCTIONS	Overview of what will be discussed, evolution of MTBIT to RemTECH, and objective of today.	Greta Geankoplis <i>CEO of Stratus Digital Systems</i>
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9:15	Blockchain Remittances 101	An introduction to blockchain technology for MSBs, and how it's being used around the world	Luis Buenaventura <i>CTO of BloomSolutions</i>
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9:30	The Value of Blockchain in the Money Transfer Workflow	How does blockchain really impact the economics of money transfer? Does it really make it cheaper or is that just pure hype? Are there other factors to consider other than settlement?	Yakov Kofner <i>Founder of SaveOnSend Inc.</i> Luis Buenaventura <i>CTO of BloomSolutions</i>
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10:15	PANEL: What MSBs need to know about blockchain regulation	A realistic and global discussion on the compliance and banking risks around using blockchain technologies will be explored in this panel. We want to arm you with the knowledge to understand how to think about it, how to plan for it, and what to watch out for. With the needs of the MSB in mind, we'll cover how are regulators and banks are looking at virtual currencies, blockchain, ICOs, forks, custody of funds, custody of data, and taxes.	Moderator Olivia Chow <i>CEO of Yakip Consulting</i> Panelists Tim Byun, Chief Risk Officer and Head of Government Relations of OKLink, Lindsay Lin Counsel & Regulatory Affairs Manager of Lightyear.io
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11:00	Coffee Break		
11:30	Coffee Break		
AltRails: Ending reliance on correspondent banking			
11:30	Why MSBs should adopt blockchain to stay competitive	<i>Remitr was started because they saw there is a serious threat to traditional MTOs being posed by new-age fintech startups who have VC funding to pump into customer acquisition. In 63 countries, they provide a way for MSBs to sustain themselves by leap frogging to blockchain to provide superior service and combine them with already built trust with customers.</i>	Kanchan Kumar <i>CEO and Founder of Remitr</i>
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12:00	The blockchain backbone that is re-inventing payment rails	<i>De-risking, fees, and untrackable delayed transactions are just some of the burdens of relying on correspondent banking. Find out how Stellar's blockchain is the backbone to this alternative system and why it has garnered partnerships with IBM, 12 banks, and Klickex.</i>	Brit Yonge <i>Co-founder of Lightyear.io</i>
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12:30	The sharing economy of money transfer licenses	<i>Obtaining a money transfer license and bank account can be one of the most difficult parts of setting up and expanding your business. OKLink allows MTOs to earn from their license by approving transactions and letting them take advantage of other's licenses in more payout countries on a network outside traditional banking.</i>	Pablo Magro <i>Business Development Lead at OKLink</i>
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13:00	Lunch		
14:00	<i>for Course Participants only</i>		
14:00	Beating mid-market exchange rates	<i>How does using bitcoin for settlement allow Bridge21 to offer rates better than the mid-market? How can other MTOs take advantage of this. Why is it the settlement vehicle of choice?</i>	William Madden <i>CEO and founder of Bridge21</i>
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14:30	Market making in underdeveloped corridors	<i>A major reason underdeveloped corridors are the most expensive and take the longest to complete transfers is the lack of market makers. Cashaa is rebuilding the financial system by catering to both end users and traders who can take advantage of the fiat and e-currency arbitrage to increase liquidity.</i>	Kumar Gaurav <i>Founder of Cashaa</i>
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15:00	Localizing blockchain money transfers	<i>Each corridor and money transfer use case is of course unique. Kora Foundation is set on growing economic wealth in Nigeria by focusing on the needs of local entrepreneurs from the city to the farm. This requires simplified money transfer rails, SMS and USSD integration, and providing the record keeping needed to attract investors.</i>	Dickson Nsofar <i>CEO and Co-founder of Kora Foundation</i>
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15:30	Coffee Break		
16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00	PANEL: Which AltRails are right for my business?	<i>Depending on your corridors, budget, IT resources, and customers different altrails may be relevant to your business. Today's altrail speakers and more will help you make that decision.</i>	Moderator Kanchan Kuma <i>CEO and Founder of Remitr</i> Panelists Brit Yonge, Co-founder of Lightyear.io, Pablo Magro, Business Development Lead at OKLink, William Madden, CEO and founder of Bridge21, Luis Buenaventura, CTO of Bloom.Solutions, Maomao Hu, COO and Co-founder of Kor
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16:30	SEMINAR ROUNDTABLE	<i>Questions and Answers - Open Discussion with all speakers and panelists</i>	Greta Geankoplis, CEO of Stratus Digital Systems
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