

Keynote Address to ACSAT 2018 Conference

Blockchain Applications: Between hypes & Realities

Abstract:

As the world celebrated the 10th Birthday of Bitcoin this year, one wonders whether blockchain - the technology underpinning the cryptocurrency - is fulfilling its promise, or is it just “hot air”. The hypes and the claimed impacts look equally strong. There have been huge losses, yet the amount invested into Blockchain agenda keeps increasing. What are just claims, and what have actually worked? It is obvious that the technology has a lot of believers, yet there is a disconnect between the hype and the reality. As technologists, let us progress from just "blockchain tourists “, and move on to see the issue in a balanced, independent and objective way.