CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY

Potentially a new form of digital central bank money that can be distinguished from reserves or settlement balances held by commercial banks at central banks. It is a central bank liability, denominated in an existing unit of account, which serves both as a medium of exchange and a store of value. CBDCs are not cryptoassets.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Individuals and businesses have access to useful and affordable financial products and services that meet their needs-such as transactions, payments, savings, credit, and insurance-and are delivered in a responsible and sustainable way.

SECURITY TOKENS

Crypto assets that meet the definition of security in the jurisdiction where they're issued, marketed, transferred, exchange or stored.

STABLECOIN

A crypto asset that aims to maintain a fixed value relative to a specified asset, or a basket of assets.



DECENTRALIZED FINANCE (DEFI)

A set of alternative financial markets, products and systems that use crypto assets and software known as smart contracts that are built using distributed ledger or similar technology.

BLOCKCHAIN

A distributed ledger in which transaction details are held in blocks of information.



A new block is attached to the chain of existing blocks via a computerized process that validates transactions.

UNBACKED CRYPTO ASSET

Crypto assets that are neither tokenized traditional assets nor stablecoins.



DIGITAL ASSETS

A digital instrument issued or represented using distributed ledger or similar technology. This excludes digital representations of fiat currencies.



DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY (DLT)

A means of saving information through a distributed ledger, such as a repeated digital copy of data available at multiple locations. A database that's stored, shared and synchronized on a computer network. Data is updated by consensus among the network participants. Blockchain is one example, but it doesn't necessarily maintain its record using the same chain of blocks architecture.

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CRYPTO ASSET

Also known as cryptocurrency, a private sector digital asset that depends primarily on cryptography and distributed ledger or similar technology.

E-MONEY

A stored monetary value or prepaid product in which a record of the funds or value available to the consumer for multipurpose use is stored on a prepaid card or electronic device like a computer or phone, and which is accepted as a payment instrument by other than the issuer (multipurpose use). The stored value represents a claim enforceable against the e-money provider to repay the balance on demand and in full.

UTILITY TOKENS

Crypto assets that give holders a right to access a current or prospective product or service from the issuer or issuing network.