

HOW WILL THIS HELP YOU?

The Distributed Futures Research Programme will be of value to stakeholders in many areas.

- **Industry**

The wide applicability of Smart Ledgers means that we intend to engage with a diverse range of industries. These will include banking, insurance, trading, shipping, logistics, identity, law, accountancy, agriculture, forestry, fishing, music, advertising, mining, construction, manufacturing, transportation, utilities, the voluntary sector, and the public sector.

- **Entrepreneurs**

Our research programme will be shared openly to speed learning.

- **Regulators**

Our research will contribute to thinking and consultations.

- **Researchers**

Our programme hopes to become one of the core research hubs for Smart Ledgers.

- **Financiers**

Our network provides access to a ground-breaking new industrial sector.

- **Governments**

Our community should help governments shape policy for the common good.

OUTREACH

In partnership with Cardano Foundation and Long Finance, Distributed Futures aims to create a collaborative and responsive community of stakeholders.

Distributed Futures events

<http://www.longfinance.net/programmes/distributed-futures-menu/df-events.html>

Distributed Futures publications

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SPONSORS

Distributed Futures welcomes sponsorship offers. Our principal sponsor is:

Cardano Foundation

The Foundation's mission is the promotion of developments of new technologies and applications, especially in the fields of new, open, and decentralised software architectures.



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ABOUT US

Long Finance

Long Finance was established with the aim of exploring long-term thinking across a global network of people.



"When would we know our financial system is working?" is the question underlying Long Finance.

Z/Yen

Z/Yen was founded in 1994 as a commercial think-tank to promote societal advance through better finance and technology.



Working worldwide with clients on business, finance, and technology, Z/Yen has been researching Smart Ledgers and related technologies since its inception.

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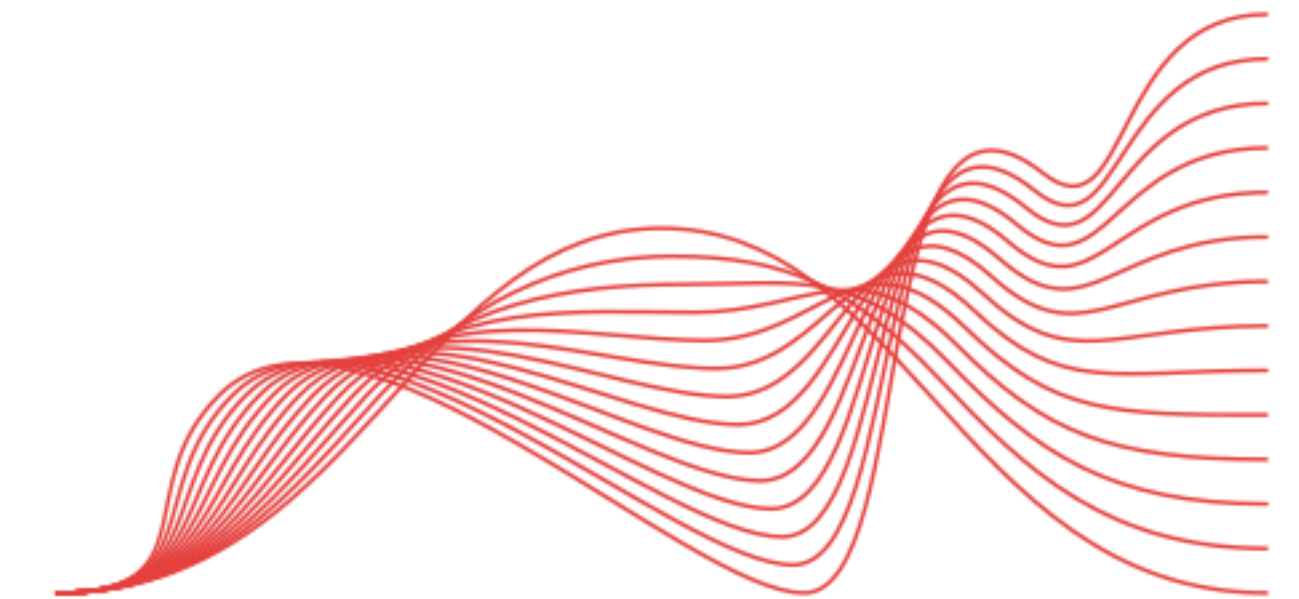
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DISTRIBUTEDFUTURES

An open source research programme for Smart Ledgers and new technologies

SMART LEDGERS

Smart Ledgers are mutual distributed ledgers (MDLs, aka blockchains: multi-organisational databases with a super audit trail, used in cryptocurrencies) combined with embedded programming and sensing.

This enables transactions that are semi-intelligent and autonomous.

Smart Ledgers are particularly suited to identity, document and agreement exchange, and are a technology for fair play in a globalised world.

OUR RESEARCH STRUCTURE

	SOCIAL	TECHNOLOGICAL	ECONOMIC	POLITICAL
EXPANDING FRONTIERS				
CHANGING SYSTEMS				
DELIVERING SERVICES				
BUILDING COMMUNITIES				

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DISTRIBUTED FUTURES RESEARCH PROGRAMME

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our programme includes a wide variety of activities: from developing new technologies, proofs-of-concept demonstrators and pilots, through research papers and commissioned research, to events, seminars, lectures, and online fora.

As the field matures, we anticipate providing more services, such as test harnesses and intellectual property vehicles. We may also look at mutual vehicles for areas of cooperation, such as infrastructure, insurance, indemnities, standards, co-regulation, and lobbying.

Along the way we hope to develop courses, games, simulators, and benchmarking services.

“Smart Ledgers are ultimately multi-organisational databases ordering facts and events with guarantees about timestamps and immutability.”

*Michael Parsons FCA,
Chairman, Cardano Foundation*

WHO IS DOING THIS?

Long Finance is a long-standing initiative of several thousand, facilitated by Z/Yen, the City of London's leading commercial think-tank.

Distributed Futures is part of the Long Finance research programme managed by the Z/Yen Group.

Since 2005, the Long Finance community has published over 100 reports, re-published over 600, and held over 600 public events.

