

SPEAKERS



JO CARUANA

Director at WriteMeAnything
& Finesse Consulta

EVENT LEADER & PR PARTNER

Jo runs a PR and content company, and is accredited through the European School of Etiquette and Protocol to train and consult on corporate etiquette & media management, business communication, cross-cultural awareness, public speaking and customer service.



VANESSA CAMILLERI

Lecturer at the University of Malta,
Faculty of ICT

PANELIST

Vanessa's work is in the area of human-computer interaction, virtual reality applications, and serious games. She has also lectured Computing at the Faculty of Education and is a great believer that education is further enhanced by the digital possibilities and technology applications available today. Her publications are mostly in the areas of autonomous learning projects and possibilities and her current interests are in the field of Virtual Worlds for Education and Serious Applications.



AVIYA ARIKA

Chief of Blockchain at Aviya Innovative
Law & Head of Strategic Initiatives
at the Israeli Blockchain Association

PRESENTER

Aviya is passionate about crypto and blockchain legal practice. She has broad a knowledge of financial and securities law in a number of jurisdictions (EU, Israel, GCC) and is well equipped to help entrepreneurs and investors understand crypto constellations from a legal perspective. Aviya is highly active in the Israeli blockchain and fintech startups space.



HELEN BURROWS

Journal of Modern Slavery
Advisory Board

PRESENTER

Helen Burrows is a human rights lawyer committed to the development of the rule of law globally. She is an advocate for the development and use of technology to address human sustainability challenges.



CLAUDIA BORG

Lecturer at the University of Malta,
Department of Artificial Intelligence

PANELIST

Claudia has a special interest in the automatic processing of languages such as Maltese and enjoys building and teaching software. She recently co-won the University of Malta Research Fund to build the first prototype Automatic Speech Recognition system for Maltese. She is Country Lead for Women Techmakers, and is also the Working Group Vice Lead in an EU Cost Action called EnetCollect, aimed at using Crowdsourcing and AI techniques to aid Language Learning, ushering in the new era of CrowdLearning.



JP FABRI

Director Regulatory & Advisory
at ARQ Malta

PANELIST

JP and his team apply economics, market research and data analytics to consumer behaviour, firms and governments. He also heads the Financial Services & Fintech unit within ARQ. JP has consulted 9 governments of small island states on behalf of The Commonwealth Secretariat. He worked as an economist at the Central Bank of Malta, the private cabinet of Prime Minister in Malta and in advisory. JP is also a Visiting Assistant Lecturer at The University of Malta.

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ABIGAIL MAMO

CEO at GRTU, Chamber of SMEs

PANEL LEADER

Abigail has occupied the position of GRTU CEO for the last 5 years. Her experience and expertise revolve around economic topics of competitiveness and sustainability of enterprises, especially SMEs. She is an experienced lobbyist and represents the interest of businesses on a number of high level fora.



JOSEPH ANTHONY DEBONO

Senior Advisor at Zeta

PANELIST

Joseph is a Historian and Classicist whose attention turned to cryptocurrency and DLT in 2016. He has been researching and studying the sector ever since. He was co-editor of "DLT Malta – Thoughts from the Blockchain Island".



PHILIP MAURICE MIFSUD

CEO at Meta Luminor & President at the Malta Decentralized Chapter

PRESENTER

Philip is a focused growth hacker and connector who is all about building, growing startups and companies looking to expand on a global scale in the Fintech / DLT space. His B2B and B2C go to market strategies and content direction revolve around taking something small and with a limited budget and taking it places.



GODFREY BALDACCHINO

Professor at the University of Malta

PANELIST

Godfrey is a Professor of Sociology with a PhD from Warwick University. His areas of expertise include small state studies, labour relations and the organisation of work. He is co-editor of a number of publications related to human resources.



SOULLA LOUCA

Professor at the University of Nicosia

PANEL LEADER

Soulla has a PhD in Computer Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. She has served as a reviewer for various international conferences/journals and as an evaluator and committee member for various EU programmes. Soulla is one of the first academics to get involved in blockchain technologies when she assumed the responsibility of the Blockchain Initiative which designed and developed the first ever MSc in Digital Currency.



MARK MALLIA

CTO at Inbound Muse

PANELIST

Mark is a published researcher with an extensive background in Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science. He is a strategic and critical technologist who drives IP Creation, technology stack adoption and business opportunities. Since 2015 he has been the CTO of where he has instilled a culture centred around high quality R&D.

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JAMES MUSCAT AZZOPARDI

Director at Credence Corporate & Advisory Services

PANELIST

James became a lawyer in 2001 and also has a Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation. He advises on regulatory issues with a focus on asset management and assists a wide portfolio of international clients including global law firms, asset managers and banks. He regularly examines LL.D and Masters theses and is the First Vice President of the Maltese Spanish Chamber of Commerce.



PIERRE MALIA

CEO and Founder, iMovo Ltd.

PANELIST

Pierre is a veteran in the ICT industry. After some time working with start-ups he moved to Microsoft as country manager establishing Microsoft's subsidiary here. In 2010 he founded iMovo, a company specialised in the area of Customer Experience & Service Management using approaches like CRM, Business Intelligence and Workforce Management to help its customers extend and deepen their own customer relationships.



HELGA PIZZUTO

Chairperson at the Malta Competition & Consumer Affairs Authority

PANELIST

Helga is an electrical engineer by profession. She has held a number of senior positions both within local industry, within the public sector and with other regulatory authorities, namely the Malta Communications Authority and the Malta Gaming Authority. She was also president of the Chamber of Engineers and the Malta Federation of Professional Associations.



DENISE DE GAETANO

Blockchain & AI specialist

PANELIST

Denise is an AI and Blockchain specialist with experience in various industries. She has applied big data, web presence, content publishing and enterprise search solutions to help businesses transform data investments into business results. Through Data Science Malta she is also involved in education, networking and knowledge transfer in her specialist areas.



DARREN PARKIN

Author at Coin Rivet

PRESENTER

Darren is a former daily newspaper editor and currently the editorial director of Keep It 100 Media – publisher of Coin Rivet, The Leaf Desk and The e-Gaming Desk. A multi award-winning journalist, his expertise in the crypto, and blockchain industries as a writer and presenter is always in demand.



MALCOLM FALZON

Partner at Camilleri Preziosi Advocates & Director at CAMA Ltd.

PANELIST

Malcolm's areas of specialisation include capital markets, corporate, M&A, corporate /asset finance, gaming, insurance, fintech and DLT. In his dual role as head of Camilleri Preziosi's Fintech & DLT team and executive director of CAMA Ltd, Malcolm regularly advises on matters relating to the provision of VFA Services and applicable licensing requirements, IVFAOs, STOs and the regulation and certification of innovative technology arrangements.

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IAN GAUCI

Managing Partner – GTG Advocates,
Aflexion Alliance & Caledo Group

PANELIST

Ian is a lawyer interested in all things tech, and is one of Malta's top crypto-currency and blockchain experts. He has developed a comprehensive legal, advisory and support services portfolio related to technology, offering a 360-degree service to clients. Ian also lectures at the University of Malta and helped setting up the Maltese IT Lawyers Association and the Blockchain Malta Association.



DAVID GALEA

Founder & CEO at BEAT Group

PANELIST

David is an accountant and a digital transformation advisor with over 21 of international advisory experience. He assists technology startups to develop new business models, through the issuing ICOs and to access funding. He helps start-ups use blockchain as an underlying technology to disrupt existing industries. David also supports established companies develop a technology roadmap.



BÉATRICE COLLET

Managing Director at Chiliz
Blockchain Campus

PANELIST

Before joining Chiliz, Béatrice was the Head of Sales & Marketing at Truevo Payments. She also has experience in business journalism and in facilitating cross border operations. She is focussed on growing the blockchain business community in Malta. Béatrice holds a B.A. in International Business from ESC Rennes and two Master degrees from Australia, an MBA from Southern Cross and a Master of Business Law from Bond.



GORDON PACE

Professor at the University of Malta,
Department of Computer Science

PANELIST

Gordon obtained his DPhil in Oxford and worked at a number of universities including Chalmers University, Laboratoire Verimag and Universidad de Buenos Aires. His interest is in developing techniques to ensure computer systems work as expected for applications in FinTech and RegTech. He has also worked on tools for applications to blockchain, and in other areas such as automated music analysis. Gordon is the author of Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science.



JEAN-MICHEL AZZOPARDI

Founder & CEO at Kralanx
Cyber-Security

PANELIST

Jean-Michel has worked with IBM, SAP and Acunetix. He has negotiated cyber security deals with companies and governments across Asia including Apple, Huawei and some of the largest fortune companies around the world. Having been involved in a number of start ups, he prides himself in striking a balance between corporate standards and SME efficiency



LUIS PALLARES

CEO & Founder at
Plyzer Technologies

PRESENTER

Luis is a serial entrepreneur and experienced business manager. He is driven by technology and his companies work on and optimise state of the art artificial intelligence and machine learning for various applications.

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