

Bitnation Whitepaper

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Bitnation, founded in 2014 by Susanne Tarkowski Tempelhof, is a for-profit organization powered by the

blockchain technology that aggregates both human capital and decentralized applications (DAPPs) in

order to provide governance services for a small fee.

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Current State of Affairs: Governance 1.0

Governance 1.0: We refer to governance 1.0 as the involuntary combination of governance and geographical territory. To clarify, a governance entity - democratic, authoritarian, theocratic or other type of entity - is a body which (successfully or unsuccessfully) claims a monopoly on the legitimate use of violence over a specific geographic territory. In return, they commonly provide various degrees of governance services such as security, dispute resolution, and law enforcement to their subjects. More often than not, they also claim a monopoly on these services, even when their own services are poorly executed or virtually non-existent.

Geographic Governance Monopolies Throughout History

Governments with geographic monopolies have been the rule through most of human civilization, their borders determined largely by the reach of their weapons technology. Since peoples within the borders of a city state, kingdom or nation state tended to have shared culture, history, language and values, with little means of communication outside their own communities, cohesion was relatively easy. In Europe, the Treaty of Westphalia (1648) established the nation state construct as the standard for governance in the West and the concept spread globally in the 19th century. By the 20th century, the nation state had supplanted vast empires, as well as unincorporated territories and smaller ethnic states such as those in Italy and Germany, creating an oligopoly of governance and claiming nearly every square meter of habitable land on the globe. While the defined borders and cultural cohesion of the nation state provided some relief from the near-constant violence of the imperial wars, in our own era the borders themselves continue to be a persistent source of conflict and instability.

Compounding ongoing property rights and other governance issues in most of the developing world is the fact that nation state borders continue to represent oppression to millions. The tensions created by arbitrarily drawn state borders are perhaps exemplified by the ill-conceived Sykes-Picot agreement (1916). During the last years of the ailing Ottoman Empire, international borders in the Middle East were crudely drawn pursuant to colonial interests of the period and have exacerbated ethnic and religious conflict. Even though the ongoing human tragedy facilitated by the Sykes-Picot borders and similar conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caucasus is clear to the world, changing decades-old international boundaries that are supported by political interests and international demand for stability is virtually impossible.

The Myth of Choice

Some suggest that individuals living in deplorable conditions are free to "vote with their feet" and move from one country to another to avoid oppression, famine, and other problems. This obtuse and simplistic remedy rarely proves so simple in reality, primarily because truly free and unencumbered movement between countries does not exist. For a farmer in the Central African Republic or a fruit vendor in Bangladesh, obtaining foreign visas or citizenship can be an insurmountable obstacle. Even when they do, they often find little changes from one government to the next.

Even in more prosperous countries such as the U.S., political stagnation may in large part be the result of the confines of nation-statehood. Politicizing government services and forcing conflicting political visions on a very diverse population has led the U.S. and others down the path of dysfunction, inhibited social mobility, higher debt and lower economic growth, driving a wedge between people who otherwise may have little reason for animosity.

Enormous swaths of the global population are forced to support laws and policies they may detest simply because political leaders can convince more than half the voting population of a nation state that preserving a miserable status quo is vital to their security or interests. In response, hundreds of separatist

movements have gained traction and asserted a right to independence from central governments viewed as despotic, oppressive, or at least ineffective. The Arab Spring, the Scottish independence referendum, the Catalan independence movement, protests in Hong Kong, the growth of Islamic insurrectionary movements, terrorist networks and nativist movements in Europe have all been the diverse symptoms of a global power struggle exacerbated by ossified nation states that have remained unwilling or unable to ensure economic mobility and political choice.⁴

1.2 The Change of Paradigm: Governance 2.0

Governance 2.0: We refer to governance 2.0 as the dissociation of geography and governance, as well as the voluntary choice between governance service providers. Governance 2.0 allows for a plurality of legal systems to compete on a free market offering more fair services to its member-citizens.

Governance 2.0 is based on observations of the following general patterns of human behaviour:

- The majority of people do want various degrees of governance services; some want more and some want less, or none at all
- The majority of people want an easy choice of governance service providers e.g. an end-to-end solution instead of having to chose between every single service provider themselves. Aggregation of services is a key part of the solution.
- Many people do not wish to leave their geographical area because of their attachment to their family, friends, work situation, and culture. Relocation should not be a requirement to choose your governance service provider.
- The existing blockchain technology, along with others still emerging, enables governance 2.0 in its function of being a cryptographically secure public ledger.

Governance 1.0 was perhaps the most appropriate solution to govern a fragmented world where access to information was difficult. Now however, the world has become decreasingly geographically contingent -- through international trade, instant connectivity via communication channels like the internet, cheap transportation, and large migrant movements, human beings are increasingly connected across borders, resulting in the growth of communities defined by common interest regardless of locality or national origin. The movement of individuals, capital and information are becoming freer, faster and more efficient of their own accord; The hierarchical bureaucracies of the state, paralyzed by political conflict and the deliberative processes required to maintain some semblance of legitimacy, are growing sclerotic and declining in relevance.

With the rapid growth of information and consumer technologies over the last three decades and the improvements they have brought to even some of the poorest in the world, now is the perfect time to consider applications that could solve some of humanity's most persistent governance problems. The establishment of identity and property rights, the maintenance of reputation, dispute management and resolution among scores of other possibilities abound.

The Rise of the Blockchain

Governments have historically been the trusted verifier and issuer of identification and transaction information simply because they were the best positioned to offer those services to the public. Private companies have their own verification systems, but companies come and go. When companies do offer some identification or reputation service, such as a credit bureau, it is usually to a specific market for a specific reason. They don't offer the broad range of services the government are able to with redistributed tax dollars. If a competitor is to offer such services, they must be permanently reliable: i.e., they can't just go bankrupt and lose your birth certificate or marriage record. They have to be able to maintain accessibility to the records regardless of market volatility. They also must have a universally recognized

and widely trusted process for determining your identity and they must be around as long as the document is guaranteed to be valid (in the case of licenses) or forever (in the case of birth records) to vouch for you.

The blockchain transactional database has the basic record-keeping properties required of a governance system. Once the information is online, it exists forever on the network, preserved in millions of individual nodes. The blockchain has a rigorous verification process that is virtually impossible to crack once the network reaches a certain critical mass. It can record births, marriages, deaths, property ownership, business contracts and a variety of other records traditionally created and held by governments. The identities of individuals on the network can be established definitively through their unique "signatures", and in turn, those individuals can sign and verify transactions (e.g. the attending physician at your birth or the official recording your wedding). Instead of a government official acting as notary or other trusted third party verifier, the consensus of the blockchain now takes on that role.¹

It is well established that, when information is broadly available, free markets can improve quality and reduce cost, while monopolies are generally the cause of economic stagnation. We believe that it is possible for today's innovators to apply the competitive spirit of the marketplace to governance and forever end the power of monopolistic bureaucracies to squander resources, abuse authority, and oppress the powerless. By offering real choices, transparency and depoliticized governance services, entrepreneurs can enable the reclamation of personal sovereignty for individuals while they enhance their own autonomy.

A Better Future

To that end, Bitnation proposes the creation of a platform that will enable the emergence of Decentralized Borderless Voluntary Nations (DBVNs). This platform is entirely open source and forkable, allowing practically anyone to create their own DBVN. We hope that BitNation will be only the *first of many*

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¹ Note that other technologies, such as DHT-based systems could also be used.

alternatives to traditional monopolistic governance to use blockchain verification qualities as a replacement for the "third party" authority hitherto monopolized by governments. We believe the establishment of property rights, marriage, incorporation, identification, dispute resolution and other governance services can be accomplished without resorting to abhorrent behavior such as bribery, exorbitant fees, politicization and coercion through arbitrary authorities. Beyond the aforementioned, the possibilities with DBVNs are both encouraging and virtually limitless.

2. Distributed Borderless Voluntary Nations (DBVN's) Overview

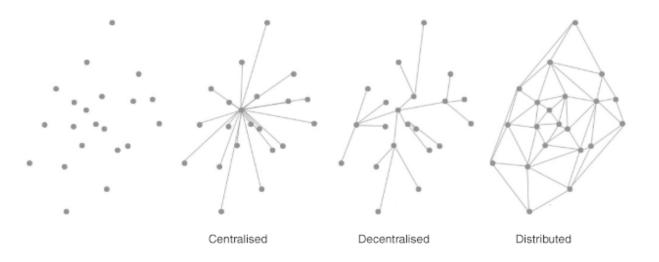
Hence, with the above parameters in mind, we have outlined DBVN's as a concept, -- and Bitnation as an enterprise.

2.1 DBVN Definition

As a 'nation' - providing governance services to its customers, the primary purpose of a DBVN is to provide an all-encompassing set of services through identifying and aggregating the best technology and service providers currently available, and then deliver it to the end user in a comprehensive package. However, it differs from a normal nation-state government in the following ways:

Decentralized: Decentralization is the process of redistributing or dispersing functions, powers, people or things away from a central location or authority. In the realm of a DBVN, decentralization translates into both technological and human decentralization - through striving for P2P (Peer-to-Peer) technology, modular interfaces, API (Applications Programming Interface) layers, and forkable (duplicated) code. This means that every user can become its own node and transform the platform to their own liking.

Decentralization also benefits from not having any single point of failure in the event of an attack. Human nodes should be able to reorganize themselves in resilient nodes no matter what part of the network comes under attack - be it human or other technological factors. In practice, this means that various clusters, regional or otherwise, are entirely autonomous.



Borderless: DBVN's do not limit their services to any specific geographical area, ethnicity or other categories of populations. They have no borders or ports of entry: no land boundaries, airports, coastlines, or seaports. DBVN's provide services to all areas, regardless of where it is located.

Some would claim that a DBVN is 'virtual' by design. Although virtual-by-design is an intuitive assumption, it does not have to be based entirely in the virtual world, nor its services.

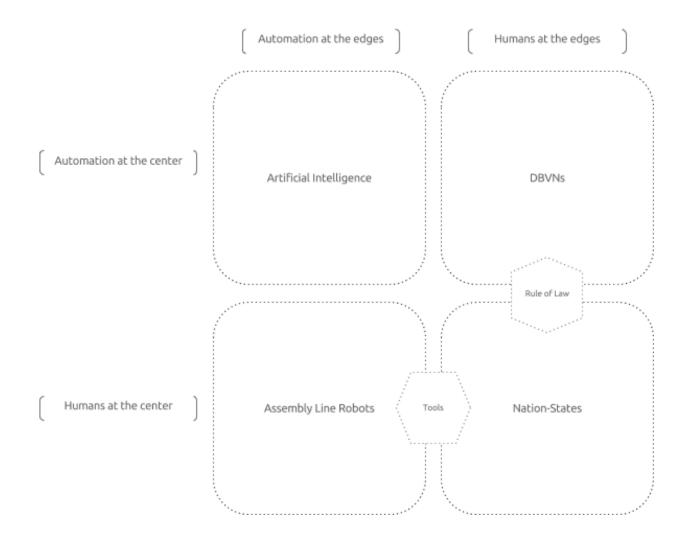
Voluntary: DBVN's do not use force, fraud, or coercion, nor subject their citizens to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Due to the fact that DBVN's are voluntary in nature, they are inherently free of persecution, intimidation, reprisals, and other forms of systematic violence. DBVN's compete in a free market where customers, the "citizens" of the platform, voluntarily choose which

DBVN's they want to use-- including the option of using several DBVN's, or none at all, or if they so choose to create their own DBVN.

Nation: A nation is a large group of people who share a common language, culture, ethnicity, descent, or history. In the case of DBVN's it is likely that people would be as connected through mutual interests and goals as they would more traditional commonalities such as culture and language.

A nation is a voluntary formation rather than a governing entity (i.e. a state). We provide the tools for governance but do not impose them, nor do we impose any specific code of law or regulations.

In essence, our vision is to make the choice of governance service providers for individual users as easy as choosing to join a social network (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc). Users can choose several of them or choose none. Users will also be able to create their own DBVN through forking the Bitnation source code.



3. Bitnation

Bitnation is a Decentralized Organization (DO), a for-profit entity incorporated on the Bitcoin Blockchain through the CounterParty technology. Bitnation will offer a platform which includes an ID System, a Decentralized Application (DAPP) Library, a dispute resolution mechanism, insurance, diplomacy and security services and more, mostly through offering a small transaction fee on selected DAPPS downloads and Smart Contracts.

Through making it non-geographical and voluntary, we create a market that is fast moving and competitive allowing for innovation and improvement which the current nation state system is incapable of. Bitnation will aggregate services, both in-house developed services like arbitration, blockchain incorporation, marriage. Additionally, Bitnation will aggregate external services like education, healthcare, security. Services will be available both as independent services and in a collection of packaged services.

Our services will be accessible on any blockchain that is compatible, including but not limited to Bitcoin and Ethereum. The functions of Bitnation will be as "blockchain-agnostic" as possible to mitigate the risk of a 51% attack¹ or poor maintenance of a single blockchain.

As far as we are aware, Bitnation is the first attempt to build a DBVN.

¹ Learn Cryptography, <u>www.learncryptography.com/51-attack/</u>

3.1 Bitnation Overview

Bitnation aims to provide the services a traditional government provides, including dispute resolution, insurance, social services, security, diplomacy and various packages. Bitnation will identify the best technology out there for our governance services, as well as vetting suitable subcontractors for non-technical governance applications via diplomacy and security.

Bitnation will negotiate prices to buy services in bulk, therefore making it cheaper for its customers to purchase the services from Bitnation than directly from a traditional provider, with a greater vetting of user interface and support. As an organization, Bitnation stands by its principle of being "Borderless, Decentralized, and Voluntary" at all times, having transparency with its plans and finances, as well as solely using and developing open source code.

The key-functionalities of the Bitnation technological platform consist of a P2P browser, an ID System, a DAPP Library with an API layer where everybody can download DIY Governance DAPPs or upload and give away (or sell) their own DAPPs. The dispute resolution and smart contract function key functionalities as well - which supports many other parts of the governance ecosystem in the platform.

However, to clarify some commonly asked question with respect to what we intend to provide, or not provide -- Bitnation *will* provide:

- An ID system, including physical IDs, based on verification and reputation
- A dispute resolution mechanism with voluntary choice of code of law, and arbitrator
- Diplomacy, as far as global advocacy goes
- Security, such as tools for organising voluntary community policing

Bitnation *will not* provide the following functions or services:

- A diplomatically recognized "citizenship" enabling international travels (unless it reaches critical mass adoption)
- A code of law (choice of code of law is entirely voluntary)
- Physical law enforcement. Bitnation's primary crime prevention method is its reputation system²
- A blockchain or a currency. Bitnation will rely on different blockchains, and will be using Bitcoin as
 the standard currency, and over time, move to accept other currencies such as Litecoin, Peercoin,
 Dogecoin, and other coins available on CounterWallet and digital currency exchanges.

Please find an overview of Bitnation's six strands of service categories below. For more information on each individual services, see the DEV PLAN (attached). In this Whitepaper we will focus more on the human aspect of Bitnation, because the human network is a key-enabler of worldwide adoption of

governance services; a largely self organizing network building the new and free societies locally, and internationally.

Bitnation is committed to identifying and aggregating the best technology available while working with industry leaders in the cryptology field to organize it into a comprehensible and user friendly platform delivered to the end customer. To that end, we are looking at technologies such as CounterParty, Ethereum, Open Transactions and other so-called "Bitcoin 2.0" technologies, and Bitcoin meta protocols.

Bitnation is committed to the open source philosophy both in terms of the technology it uses, as well as in sharing all its code on GitHub (a repository web-based hosting service), for the community to improve, or fork. At its core, the Bitnation platform is NodeJS and JavaScript which makes it very modular and approachable for third-party developers.

Here are some ways which the Bitnation platform, and its DIY Governance DAPPs can be used:

- In emerging and frontier markets, governance services do not exist or are nearly impossible to use because of corruption and the endless red tape of bureaucracies. Yet these services are sorely needed; from deeding land, to corporate incorporation, mutual insurance, dispute resolution, and more. Imagine for example Ricardo who owns a house in the favela in Brazil, but due to government distrust and corruption he cannot deed it to protect it for his children's future use and enjoyment. Once deeded, he can then invest in building on it, and he can use it to get credit to pay for perhaps setting up a company, or securing his children's education.
- Imagine Preah, a phone salesman in Cambodia who can't open a small back office company due to the significant bureaucratic red tape he has to overcome (the incorporation process takes an average of 104 days in Cambodia). But Preah the phone salesman needs to incorporate to sell equity to raise funds, in order to make his vision come true. He can do that through the Bitnation platform, through

- creating a "coin" and each individual "coin" then becomes a cryptographically secure corporate equity entity, through filing a contract on the blockchain with the Shareholders agreement.
- Or take for instance a Christian family living in a country with strict Sharia Laws, who won't settle their disputes in the local courts because they only cater to Sharia.



3.1 Bitnation Human and Regional Architecture

The 'human architecture' of Bitnation through its implementation networks, are more important than its technology. The *human architecture* is key to its long-term organic survival not only as distributed technology, but also decentralized in its in-person implementation, usage, and development. Through the Ambassador Network and the Embassy hubs, Bitnation is creating a self-sustainable network of semi-autonomous and fully autonomous human nodes who can continue Bitnation's work regardless if other parts of its structure, such as the management or development components, become compromised.

Bitnation's geographical adaptation strategy is aimed at emerging market and frontier market economies. Arguably, the services Bitnation offers are valuable all over the world, considering that they are more efficient and voluntary than services offered by traditional nation-state governments. However, the part of the world where they are most sorely needed is in the developing world, where either those services does not exist at all, or are so plagued by bureaucracy and corruption that they are generally not used by the population.

Svstème D²

Further on, the regulatory landscape in the Western hemisphere (North America and Western Europe) may make it challenging to introduce new ideas because of the density of regulations already in place, and the capacity of the governments to enforce those regulations. Some recent examples of inventions facing regulatory hurdles are cryptocurrencies, car sharing services, and equity crowdfunding. We should expect that the greatest development of these technologies - although often conceived in the West - will reach mass adoption and perfection faster in the developing world - which may in turn push Western

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² In recent literature on the informal economy, System D has become a shorthand name for the growing share of the world's economy which makes up the underground economy, which as of 2011 has a projected GDP of \$10 trillion (source: Wikipedia)

governments to adjust their own strategies, in order to stay competitive for its citizen as a desirable place to live; and in its place as leaders of the global economy. More precisely, we will initially target the so called "System D" Economy, an economy estimated to be worth 10 trillion dollars per-year_2, consisting of people living 'outside of the system' - mainly traders who are unbanked, undeeded, and non-incorporated, as mentioned in the introduction part of this document.

In the developing world, ethnic and religious minorities receive unequal access to government services; deprivation of essential services are even used to punish some groups, and governments as a whole have tended to put their own interests ahead of their citizens. Uneven access to basic services has led to the rise of the massive "shadow economy," also called System D, an outlet for economic activity when doing business on the books has proven too expensive and prohibitively complicated. System D is the second largest economic system in the world, after the U.S. economy, grossing over \$10 trillion dollars annually. System D has provided much-needed relief from government oppression around the world, with transactions occurring off the record, generally free of tax and regulatory burdens.

However System D also has an enormous drawback: entrepreneurs who circumvent insulated, sclerotic or corrupt government services may be able to engage in trade, but they are unable to secure government protection, legal guarantees and the financial benefits of property rights. Because of this, they are likewise unable to grow a business and capitalize on existing income. The longitudinal study by Hernando de Soto found this to be true on nearly every continent in the world.³

Key-regions and countries are defined by their Bitcoin penetration, for two reasons. Firstly, - a basic knowledge and understanding of cryptocurrencies helps with popularising the idea of the blockchain being used for other purposes. Secondly, the implementation of the technology will be a lot easier with a lot of tech savvy Bitcoin Entrepreneurs on the ground. Countries with high Bitcoin usage are generally speaking either countries where remittance payments are a large part of the economy (Mexico,

 $^{^3~}See~De~Soto, \\ \underline{The~Mystery~of~Capital}.~https://yendieu.files.wordpress.com/2009/04/the-mystery-of-capital.pdf$

Philippines) or countries whose economy is highly unstable (Argentina, Greece, Cyprus etc). The Ambassadors will identify key-locations throughout Latin and Central America, Africa, and Asia for this purpose.

3.2 Ambassador Network

In alignment with the principles of borderless decentralization, autonomy and self-governance, we have structured our Ambassadors Network to enable a large number of volunteers to cooperate on common goals in numbers previously not possible before the Internet.

The unique proposition of Bitnation's Ambassador Network is to be the first socio-cultural context for the co-creation of a more humane and people-centered, rather than a money-centered, way of global governance. The Ambassador Network becomes the global social context of shared values, self-organizing direction, co-developing methods, and distributing best practices for all Bitnation users.

The purpose of the Ambassadors is to identify governance needs in their communities and, help people discover (and understand) how to implement Do-It-Yourself (DIY) blockchain based solutions to resolve those problems.

We will work with each Ambassador to determine what success criterion we will use to assess their progress, and which events constitutes success. Then we will aggregate resources to provide what they will need to get there. What we are offering Ambassadors is the opportunity to capitalize on the ground floor potential of becoming a global team of co-creating, autonomous people.

A Self-Governance Co-creation Platform.

Humans possess a unique ability to realize themselves through what they create. When this is collectively pursued as a modern technologically empowered *nation*, amazing things can be achieved. Co-creation is a process whereby multiple parties collaborate in adding value to a given concept or joint project. Bitnation aims to collectively allow all those who participate (which is potentially everyone) to add value to this co-creational effort.

Most of us already are fully engaged in "co-creating" through our use of three of the World's biggest social networking platforms - Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. What we have not been doing yet, however, is capitalizing on those engagements.

The aforementioned platforms deliver tremendous value to each and every one of us. It should also be noted that when we spend time on these platforms; we are not just users (as in passive consumers), but we are the actual creators and producers of the value that these platforms deliver. In other words, we have already co-created the value the owners of these platforms capitalize on through our collective participatory effort of shared experience which give them life. Value/money is acquired from the creative and social value of *our* content which these platforms sell to advertisers who want to sell their products and services to us.

We have already co-created the Facebook, Twitter and YouTube content their respective stockholders have capitalized into billions. But again, we the content creators, have yet to capitalize on those engagements. The time has come for us to begin to consciously and purposefully engage in capitalizing our collective creative potential as a new way to attain, beyond monetary wealth, a more socioeconomically evolved and personally fulfilling way of governance.

Ambassadors and Embassies

Hence, the Governance 2.0 adoption strategy of Bitnation is through its partners in the field, the Ambassadors, and the Embassies. The Ambassadors are volunteers made up of civic society entrepreneurs and Bitcoin enthusiasts across the world, and function as the bridge between technological and human organization, i.e. between those providing and requiring governance services. The Ambassadors should be motivated by a commitment to constructive social change, as well as the opportunity to create his or her own businesses and make money through the DAPPs, or in other related ways. Ambassadors will fall into one of three categories, although overlap is expected:

- The most important type of Ambassador is the 'Ambassador Entrepreneur' who will actively go out and look for governance problems in his community, and find ways to solve them through the blockchain DAPPs (Distributed Applications).
- The second category is the 'Advocacy Ambassador' someone who is not an entrepreneur but who is passionate about the cause of Bitcoin and voluntary blockchain governance, and who wishes to promote it in their circles, or to the media, or lobby for the sake of Bitcoin or crypto currencies and Bitnation. For instance if a country wants to change the legislation to make it harder for Bitcoin exchanges or markets, the Advocacy Ambassador will assist in this region.
- The third category of the Network is the 'Support Ambassador' e.g. people who are happy to help other people in the network with their expertise, like local legal systems, management tools, social media, etc. The Support Ambassador is more of an internal network support operator with a distinct skillset that helps the other Ambassadors, particularly the Ambassador Entrepreneur.

The ambassadors will conduct various different activities like polling, workshops, meetups, outreach, and similar as well as other activities. Through those activities the ambassadors will meet other enthusiast and entrepreneurs, who will form nodes of entrepreneurs and organize themselves into local hubs. These hubs will be entirely independent and self-organized entities, that make their own profits, but they will be

supported by Bitnation in terms of being able to tailor DAPPs to their location, receive get communication resources to help them market their DAPP's and receive as well as organization resources. On In rare occasion, Bitnation may also help to fund the Embassies. In reward for its the support work, Bitnation gets a larger user base for its DAPP library, as well as more data to better design locally tailored DAPPS.

Typical ambassador activities consist of:

- Meetups with other governance 2.0 and blockchain technology enthusiasts
- Workshops with local community members
- Polling: qualitative and quantitative to better understand local governance needs
- Videos: record local workshops
- Blog posts: write occasional blog posts on local challenges and solutions
- Virtual meetups with the international Ambassador network to share ideas and experiences
- Helping other Ambassadors in the international network with advice and support

Ambassadors are a vital part of the long-run process of bringing blockchain technology into larger awareness. Helping people understand its benefits will be as crucial as helping to define and refine those benefits in real-world terms through activism, legal, political and social advocacy, and trial-and-error.

4. Conclusion

The challenges facing Bitnation and DBVN's at large are many, both in terms of technological obstacles, adaptation challenges, and in some cases,; legal concerns. It is fair to assume that it will be a bumpy road for the next decade until DBVN's have reached critical mass adoption on a global level.

The technological challenges will be primarily that of the tradeoff between security and mainstream

accessibility. To understand what matters most to our customers will be a continual work in progress.

Maintaining the quality of services at a time of rapid expansion will also create further challenges. We are

working diligently to mitigate that risk by keeping a large pool of talent engaged and available in our

ecosystem.

Adaptation challenges consist in the initial educational process of advertising blockchain technology as a

secure public ledger, and second will be in regional and cultural adaption. Bitnation counts on its

Ambassador Network to mitigate this transitional period which we admit will have its initial challenges

with great global rewards.

Maintenance of the system and the quality of the services requires a sound monetization strategy which is

sustainable long-term, but does not make the services inaccessible to anyone regardless of the reality of

their economic situation. The most intuitive way to monetize Bitnation and DBVN's in general is to

charge a minimal transaction fee for transactions on our platform. However the monetization strategy may

change over time after having been tested in the market, assessed, and fully analyzed.

Despite all the above known and unknown challenges, the Bitnation team is very optimistic about the

future of DBVNs. We believe that the time has come for a new, voluntary, and decentralized governance

paradigm. We believe using open-source technology and distributed networks are the most effective way

to bring that change into fruition. We believe the value of the our services we provide to customers, and

the improvements it brings to their daily lives will be worth all the risks and will lead us to a successful

future both for Bitnation, and for all of humanity. Joins us in the Governance 2.0 paradigm.

Bitnation is... Borderless. Decentralized. Voluntary.

From an anonymous forum post on bitcointalk.org:

We are Bitnation

We are the Birth of a New Virtual Nation.

We are a Future for Our World and Humanity.

We are Sentinel, Universal and Inalienable.

We are Rights and Freedoms.

We are Tolerant and Accepting.

We are Polity and Entity.

We are Privacy and Security.

We are Openness and Transparency.

We are a Dream and a Reality.

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