



THE NETWORK FORUM MIDDLE EAST

POLLING RESULTS

Tuesday 5th November – Wednesday 6th November 2024

Which of the following is true about Qatar? %

- It is the flattest country in the world 50
- Second flattest country in the world 39
- Third flattest country in the world 11

Do you think settlement cycles across the region require: %

- A reduction in some markets 48
- A reduction in most markets 26
- No change 26
- Increasing in some markets 0
- Increasing in most markets 0

Where do you predict settlement cycles will be across the region in 3 years: %

- Reduced in some markets 29
- Reduced in most markets 21
- No change 46
- Increased in some markets 4
- Increased in most markets 0

Is AI widely used in our industry today? %

- Yes, Extensively 0
- It has a long way to go 56
- Not used enough 44
- Not sure 0

Will there be any role for humans in our industry in the future once AI takes over? %

– Yes	95
– No	0
– Maybe	5
What is the primary objective of your organization with regards to DLT or digital asset initiatives?	%
– New Project	63
– Pilot / Proof of Concept (POC)	26
– Minimum Viable Product (MVP) / Revenue-generating deployment	11
What types of digital assets is your organization currently utilizing?	%
– Stablecoins	0
– Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)	4
– Cryptocurrencies	8
– Tokenized assets	12
– None	77
How would you rate the current level of DLT adoption within your organization?	%
– Not at all adopted	72
– Somewhat adopted	22
– Fully adopted	0
– Planning to adopt in the next year	6
Is there a need for derivatives markets in GCC?	%
– Yes	83
– No	0
– Yes, but not the current stage	17
What is the main challenge for derivatives markets in GCC?	%
– Awareness and know-how	32
– Market liquidity	50
– Access for investors	5
– Regulations & Compliance to Shariah	14
What is the current state of SBL in the GCC and how mature is the market?	%
– Well-developed	0
– Minor development required for improvement	38
	62

- Major development required for improvement

Who needs to do more for SBL to be successful in GCC?

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| – Regulator | 60 |
| – Stock Exchange | 0 |
| – Market Maker | 33 |
| – Portfolio Manager/ Investor | 7 |