REGTECH FOR REGULATORS
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The RegTech for Regulators Accelerator (R^{2}A) partners with leading financial sector authorities to pioneer the next generation of tools and techniques for market supervision and policy analysis. Financial authorities want to better monitor and understand financial marketplaces that are increasingly complex and innovative. R^{2}A accelerates this capability by helping them re-imagine how they operate and prototyping new solutions to strengthen their capacities.

The rapid growth of inclusive digital finance and tech-oriented innovation makes many traditional financial regulatory and supervisory approaches insufficient for marketplaces that now look quite different than they once did. This unprecedented expansion in financial services and the data generated by financial customers comes at a time when financial sector authorities are already faced with stronger requirements to maintain the stability and integrity of the financial system in the aftermath of the financial crisis and in the shadow of increased scrutiny of terrorist financing and money laundering. Moreover, emerging markets financial authorities are increasingly under pressure to remove barriers to access and make the sector more inclusive.

We believe the future of financial supervision and policymaking lies in using technology and data to improve the speed, quality and comprehensiveness of information in support of targeted, risk-based decision-making. A RegTech approach allows financial authorities to understand marketplaces and understand customer experiences and needs.

Launched in October 2016, R^{2}A is partnering with a select set of leading financial authorities to develop and test next-generation RegTech prototypes that could serve as examples for other supervisors and regulators to follow. R^{2}A also engages closely with technology innovators, creating structured opportunities for them to propose solutions and collaborate with financial authorities in the design and testing of promising ideas.

R^{2}A's twenty-month program consists of three phases:

1. Months 1 to 6 – Defining the opportunity: Assessing with partner financial authorities their needs, selecting a specific area of opportunity, and defining the requirements of potential solutions.
2. Months 7 to 10 – Engaging innovators through competitions to crowdsource innovative ideas that meet regulatory and supervisory needs.
3. Months 10 to 20 – Testing prototypes: Co-design, development, and testing of ideas between financial authorities and innovators.

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