A framework for piloting retail CBDC in the CMA

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Cenfri's CBDC journey so far

2016 until today

Research on risk and benefits of both retail and wholesale CBDC for financial inclusion Research on the implications of retail CBDC on mobile money

Ongoing:

proposals to some central banks in the Common Monetary Area (CMA: South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland) around developing a roadmap to CBDC





A framework for a CBDC country diagnostic

Phase 1: Understand the demand Phase 2: Assessment of pre-requisites

- Current adoption of payment products by consumers
- Primary use cases, preferred channels/cost to consumer
- Av. volume/speed of clearing/settlement
- Av. cost of cash reticulation



- Infrastructure and market prerequisites
- Supply- and demand-side prerequisites
- Regulation and institutional capacity
- Key gaps in monetary/ economic conditions, prerequisites, regulatory and institutional capacity

Phase 3: Gap

analysis &

feasibility

assessment

- Feasibility assessment incl. necessary policy/regulatory changes
- Workshop with all stakeholders

Phase 4: Roadmap for potential introduction of CBDC

 Based on gap analysis and feasibility report



Thank you

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