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# Introducing... Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE



**Founder and President, British Blockchain Association**

Naseem received an MBE for services to Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies



## **Can you introduce yourself to the group, your professional journey, and your biggest achievements?**

I'm Professor Dr Naseem Naqvi, Founder and President of The British Blockchain Association (BBA) — recognised as one of the world's most prestigious and influential institutions in blockchain thought leadership.

Receiving an MBE from His Majesty the King — the first ever UK Honour awarded globally in the field of Blockchain Technologies — was a deeply humbling milestone. But for me, the real achievement lies in what it represents: a growing global recognition that blockchain can deliver meaningful, positive change in society.

Over the past decade, I have championed evidence-based approaches to blockchain policy, research, and education. In my role at the BBA, I've had the privilege of building a number of significant “firsts” for the UK and the world:

- Lead Author of the UK's National Blockchain Roadmap (NBR) VISION 2030 — making the UK one of only 14 countries in the world with a national blockchain roadmap
- Established the world's first Centre for Evidence-Based Blockchain (CEBB) in 2018



- Launched the world's first peer-reviewed academic blockchain journal (The JBBA) — in print and online
  - Founded the Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF), uniting 51 countries
- Pioneered the first metaverse headquarters of a blockchain industry association
  - Convened the world's first Scholars in Blockchain International Symposium (SIBIS), bringing together 100+ leading blockchain professors from across six continents
  - Established the world's first and largest university blockchain network, now spanning 900+ institutions across 107 countries
- Chaired seven International Scientific Conferences on Blockchain (ISCs) — the UK's first and most prestigious blockchain ISCs

Whether it's advising regulators on responsible crypto frameworks or guiding postgrads in publishing their first research papers, I'm proud to have contributed to reshaping how the world understands, applies, and governs blockchain technologies.

I am also an honorary professor of Blockchain, as well as a Neurovascular Consultant in the NHS, being a Fellow of both the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh and London.



## **What are your priorities for 2025 and beyond?**

My core focus is on building trust infrastructure for the digital economy — harnessing blockchain and crypto-assets to tackle real-world challenges: from data provenance and AI transparency to inclusive finance and institutional trust.

Blockchain is already reshaping economies and institutions, with the World Economic Forum forecasting that around 10% of the global GDP – an estimated \$16 trillion - will be stored on Blockchain by 2030.

Through the BBA and in my capacity as the Head of Secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blockchain, we are launching dedicated working groups, expanding international collaborations, and advancing the UK's leadership in blockchain policy, regulation, and scientific research.

Above all, I remain deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of blockchain professionals — not just to create more followers, but to empower more leaders who will carry forward my mission of societal transformation through evidence-based blockchain.



## **What did receiving your honour mean to you?**

It was more than an award — it was a signal that blockchain is no longer a fringe innovation, but a credible and transformative force for good.

I will never forget the moment I met His Majesty the King at my MBE ceremony and his words: “Thank you for your service to our nation.” In that moment, I felt a profound sense of responsibility — to keep building, keep educating, and keep elevating the UK’s global profile in this vital space.

My mission is clear: to ensure blockchain is used not just to disrupt, but to uplift and empower communities around the world.