THE SODA-MIT CHARTER

This Charter is a statement of intent for technology solution providers working on protocols which host digital assets or digital money.

If all issuers of digital assets follow the principles stated in this Charter then any digital asset should, unless precluded from doing so, be able to exist on any blockchain-based asset network, and can be transferred from any one network to another.

Any technology design, Layer-1 architecture or protocol solution - including permissioned and permissionless blockchains - can follow the principles in this Charter to allow digital assets to operate in an open, liquid, token-based digital ecosystem.

A digital asset, or any token holding value, should possess the following attributes or functional properties:

- A ledger or record should have the capability to show which party has responsibility for issuing the asset, who owns the asset currently and who is moving the asset in all circumstances.
- A ledger or record should allow the asset to be visible to all relevant economic actors and relevant authorities.
- It should provide a clear mechanism under which an asset can be revoked and be protected from revocation.
- Be capable of carrying out a dispute resolution outcome.
- Ensure that the asset can be moved or redeemed safely, and in line with ownership obligations.
- Liquidity arrangements should be capable of being made visible and auditable.
- Be designed in such a way so it would be possible to provide clear information on how and where the asset is held at all times on any future registry or data log.
- Provide an identity infrastructure that meets legal obligations, allowing all actors in the asset lifecycle to be unambiguously identified. (Including a mechanism to pre-approve actors in certain circumstances.)
- There should be a single point of contact to handle queries related to these functionalities.
- Allow an asset, or the representation of value, to move to another protocol which meets these requirements, if desired.

THESE ARE REQUIREMENTS, WITHOUT WHICH INTEROPERABLE DIGITAL ASSETS AND DIGITAL MONEY CAN NOT EXIST