Thailand: Motivation in exploring CBDC

Motivation



Technology can address long-standing pain points in the financial system, by improving efficiency, access, and inclusion

Hands-on experimentation



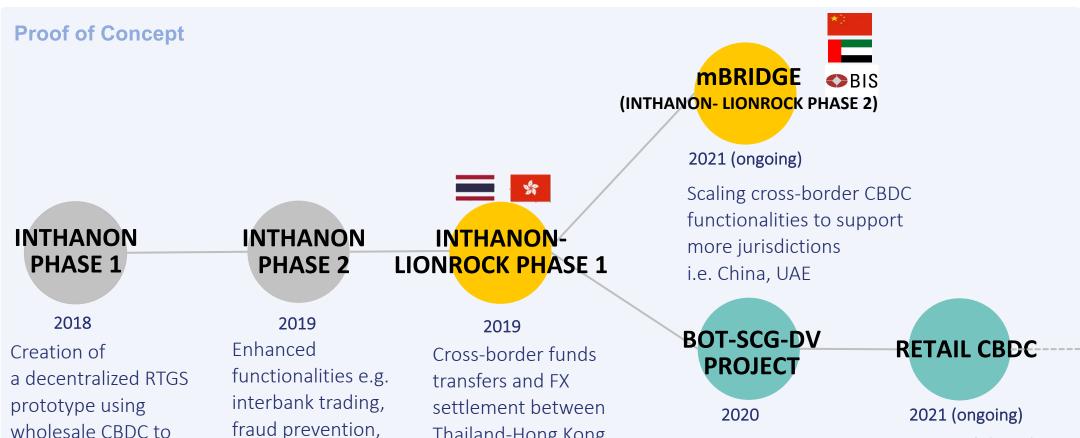
CBDC research and development in collaboration with the private sector, to better understand technology

Vision going forward



CBDC can become an accesible digital form of central bank money and the infrastructure for future innovative financial services

Bank of Thailand's CBDC Journey



Ready for live pilot in Q2 2022

Live pilot

Domestic wholesale **PROJECT CBDC TYPE**

achieve key payment

functionalities



and regulatory

compliance



Thailand-Hong Kong

Integration with

achieve invoice

tokenization and

business platforms to

conditional payments

Provision of digital form of central bank money and innovative services to general public

Findings & Challenges going forward

FINDINGS



- A 24/7 corridor network affects existing operations, since legacy systems do not run 24/7 and CBDC must be reserved for off-hour transactions
- Elimination of correspondent banks in cross-border transactions causes shortage of FX liquidity. Liquidity provider or liquidity saving mechanisms needed
- Atomic nature of corridor network makes compliance with jurisdiction-specific
 FX regulations difficult
- DLT has scalability and performance limitations

CHALLENGES



- Onboarding new jurisdictions/participants must take into account country-specific regulations and formats e.g. FX regulations, data privacy policies payment messaging standards
- Multiple currencies may complicate privacy and liquidity provision
- Establishment of a robust governance structure, participant criteria and incentive / fee model