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In June 2022, the Kusama network, often referred to as Polkadot's "canary network," saw a flurry of activity and developments that solidified its position as a key player in the blockchain space. From ongoing parachain auctions to major ecosystem events, Kusama continued to push the boundaries of blockchain innovation and interoperability.

Parachain Auctions Heat Up

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The month of June saw the continuation of Kusama's parachain slot auctions, a critical process for expanding the network's capabilities. These auctions determine which projects will secure coveted parachain slots, allowing them to launch their own customized blockchains connected to the Kusama relay chain.

One of the notable winners in this round was the Turing Network, which successfully secured the 30th parachain slot. Turing Network aims to drive cross-chain automation and DeFi innovation within the Kusama ecosystem. As the canary network of the OAK Network, Turing is focused on building easy-to-use, event-driven transaction models to enable more sophisticated DeFi and payment use cases across parachains.

The ongoing parachain auctions highlight Kusama's role as a proving ground for cutting-edge blockchain projects before they potentially migrate to Polkadot. This "test in production" approach allows teams to battle-test their technology in a live, incentivized environment.

Polkadot Decoded Takes Global Stage

Web3 Analyst

The biggest event on the Kusama and Polkadot calendar in June was undoubtedly Polkadot Decoded 2022. This annual summit, held on June 29-30, spanned four major cities worldwide: New York, Berlin, Buenos Aires, and Hangzhou. The event brought together developers, researchers,

and community members from across the Dot-sama (Polkadot-Kusama) ecosystem.

Polkadot Decoded featured a series of talks and presentations voted on by the community, staying true to the decentralized ethos of the network. Several Kusama parachain teams took to the stage to discuss their projects and the broader vision of Web3 decentralization.

A major highlight was the presentation on staking developments by Kian Paimani, which covered the latest innovations in Kusama's Nominated Proof-of-Stake (NPoS) system. The talk delved into nomination pools and other improvements aimed at making staking more accessible and efficient for KSM token holders.

In addition to the main event, community-organized side events took place in various locations. One such gathering was planned for Ibiza, Spain, demonstrating the global reach and enthusiasm of the Kusama community.

Technical Developments and Upgrades

Technology Reporter

June also saw significant progress on the technical front for Kusama. The network's developers worked diligently to address and fix several bugs discovered in the nomination pools feature during its test run on Kusama. These fixes, once thoroughly tested, are slated to be implemented on Polkadot as well, showcasing Kusama's vital role in refining core infrastructure.

The Kusama codebase, while intentionally less audited than Polkadot's to encourage rapid iteration, continued to evolve. Developers pushed updates to improve network performance, security, and functionality. These enhancements are crucial as Kusama serves as a live testing environment for features that may eventually be deployed on Polkadot.

Ecosystem Growth and Project Developments

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Several Kusama-based projects made notable announcements and progress during June. The Kabocha parachain, an offshoot of the Edgeware project, continued to develop its vision for accelerating DAO creation and management on Kusama. Kabocha aims to improve the overall experience for users engaging with decentralized autonomous organizations, focusing on sustainable funding and meaningful participation.

Other parachains like Karura, Moonriver, and Shiden continued to build out their respective ecosystems, attracting developers and users to their platforms. These projects, having secured their parachain slots in earlier auctions, are now focused on delivering on their roadmaps and expanding their user bases.

Looking Forward

Editorial Team

As the ecosystem moves forward, all eyes will be on how Kusama's experiments translate into real-world applications and how its symbiotic relationship with Polkadot evolves. For now, June 2022 stands as a testament to the vibrant and dynamic nature of the Kusama network, setting the stage for continued growth and innovation in the months and years to come.

“Kusama continues to serve as the innovation hub for the Polkadot ecosystem, embracing chaos to drive blockchain evolution forward.”

— Blockchain Observer