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Polkadot's Canary Network Continues to Innovate Despite Crypto Winter

Special Correspondent

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Governance Overhaul on the Horizon

Blockchain Policy Correspondent

One of the most significant developments in September was the announcement of Kusama's upcoming governance upgrade. Slated for deployment in early Q4 2022, the new governance model aims to increase decentralization and community participation in the network's decision-making processes.

Gavin Wood, founder of Polkadot and Kusama, unveiled details of the governance revamp at the Polkadot Decoded 2022 conference. The proposed changes will expand the scope of decisions that can be made through on-chain governance, while also introducing new mechanisms to promote inclusivity.

"This represents a major evolution in how Kusama and eventually Polkadot will be governed," said a spokesperson from the Web3 Foundation. "It aligns with our vision of progressively decentralizing control of these networks to their respective communities."

The proposal for the new governance model is expected to be put to a community vote in the coming weeks. If approved, it will likely be implemented with the v0.9.30 runtime upgrade.

Parachain Ecosystem Continues to Flourish

Blockchain Report

September saw continued growth and development across Kusama's parachain ecosystem. Notable projects like Karura, Moonriver, and Shiden Network pushed forward with new features and integrations.

Acala, the DeFi hub of Polkadot, and its Kusama deployment Karura, announced plans to integrate with Wormhole - one of the largest cross-chain bridges in the crypto space. This move aims to enhance interoperability between the Kusama/Polkadot ecosystems and other major blockchain networks.

"Connecting Karura and eventually Acala to Wormhole's network of chains opens up immense possibilities for liquidity and composability," said Bette Chen, co-founder of Acala. "This is a major step towards our vision of a multi-chain future."

Meanwhile, Moonbeam's Kusama deployment, Moonriver, continued to attract developers with its Ethereum-compatible smart contract platform. The project reported a 25% increase in daily active addresses compared to August, signaling growing adoption.

Technical Innovations and Upgrades

Technology Reporter

On the technical front, several key upgrades were implemented or proposed for the Kusama network in September. These included improvements to cross-chain messaging, parachain auction mechanics, and overall network performance.

One notable development was the progress on asynchronous backing, a feature aimed at signifi-

cantly improving block times and throughput for parachains. While still in testing on Kusama, this upgrade is seen as a crucial step towards enhancing scalability across the ecosystem.

"Asynchronous backing represents a major leap forward in parachain technology," explained a Parity Technologies developer. "Once fully implemented, it could reduce block times to as low as 6 seconds while maintaining robust security guarantees."

Looking Forward

Editorial Team

With its role as a testing ground for cutting-edge blockchain features, Kusama remains a crucial piece of the broader Polkadot ecosystem. As the crypto industry continues to evolve, all eyes will be on this experimental network to see what innovations emerge next.

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

— Blockchain Observer