

The Kii Blockchain Whitepaper

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The first layer 1 blockchain from Latin America ushering in the new era of tokenization of products and commodities.

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Abstract

A lot has transpired since Satoshi's whitepaper announcing the arrival of Bitcoin in 2008 as Bitcoin has become the digital gold standard and is positioning itself as the reserve currency of the world. In 2013,

Ethereum established itself as the leader in layer 1 infrastructure, initiating the cycle of growth among web2 and web3 businesses. Since then, over 10,000 tokens have been publicly launched, each with their unique focus.

The growth of each project has a common theme within the technology: Communication. Blockchain infrastructure connects users in ways never before, eliminating a centralized counterparty needed to facilitate that connection, and instead proposes changes to the architecture enabling decentralization as the preferred means of communication. Even though this change has prompted user adoption globally, there remains gaps in the technology that adjust to specific market and cultural conditions in emerging economies.

In developing countries in Latin America, users can't adopt blockchain settlements where the gas fees are more expensive than the product or service itself, and many users and businesses fail to understand the benefits when building on blockchains abroad. The current transfer of value mechanisms that connect emerging economies to developed economies are overly centralized, slow and costly. It's determined to be why emerging economies in the last 25 years have yet to really "emerge". These transfer of value networks have failed to improve globalization and local commerce in an efficient way, connecting important economic counterparts to create uniformity in how they communicate.

Although economically a very large industry, emerging markets don't just thrive on remittances from users abroad. Their economies are normally derived from production locally. Whether its natural resources and commodities, exports of goods, imports for raw materials for production of those goods, the necessity for a B2B commodity and product-based settlement network is clear given that the B2B market is 10x+ the size of consumer remittances with higher average volumes and transactions. Faster fiat settlements, safer FX solutions, and access to international credit terms are only a few of the current pain-points within the market.

Kii Blockchain is unwaveringly committed to delivering high-performance, interconnected, and ultra-secure blockchain solutions as a driver in economic development in emerging markets to improve communication and globalization. At the heart of our technological prowess is the Tendermint mechanism, a solution for problems that exist in the economy, particularly emerging economies and Latin America. However, more than just a blockchain, Kii Global has built an ecosystem of solutions that include a centralized exchange streamlining institutional liquidity to an array of low-cost fiat cash solutions and a robust DeFi mobile app offering an array of low cost custodial and swap solutions.

Introduction to Kii

Kii Global's Layer One Blockchain is a trailblazing tokenization and payment settlement ecosystem tailored for Latin America and emerging markets. It seamlessly melds with prevailing payment infrastructures, aiming to alleviate the exorbitant costs and reduce barriers in economic transactions.

This system rides on the back of the Cosmos Tendermint BFT – a testament to its decentralization and commitment to achieve lightning-fast transactions and minuscule network fees. Primarily, its design suits the daily exigencies of emerging economies, considering the wealth imbalances that exist. Kii's Tendermint mechanism boasts supercar-fast validators that produce blocks in seconds, allowing instantaneous transaction times and a fee on the network less than *one peso*.

The Kii blueprint saw expansion within its product and app suite, incorporating decentralized mobile wallets and a centralized exchange (KiiEX) specifically conceptualized for payment settlement assimilations. The product suite provides institutional infrastructure and liquidity connecting global players to local operators. Kii Blockchain is customizable and will support smart contracts written and deployed with Solidity.

Recognizing the exorbitant costs associated with both local and global payments and the palpable need for a speedier and cost-effective solution, Danyel Arenas and Alex Cavallero forged the Kii Blockchain concept. Their collective vision? To sculpt a robust, secure, and scalable payment arena that ushers in the next generation of tokenized products and commodities, offering top shelf savings and accessibility for the main economic drivers in the region.

Kii Globals's Philosophy and Vision

While the cryptocurrency space is saturated with a myriad of options, Kii Global distinguishes itself through its profound commitment to societal betterment. Beyond the technical marvels and financial prospects, Kii's ethos is rooted in fostering an accessible, and inclusive financial landscape, especially for the Latino community.

Currently, 50% of citizens in developing countries are unbanked, or underbanked. The main reason: their income isn't sufficient to pay for the monthly costs associated with traditional financial services. As a result, these users, and many small businesses associated, lack access to basic financial services and credit lines.

As the world rapidly pivots to a decentralized financial paradigm, Kii envisions itself at the forefront – not merely as a passive participant but as an active change-maker. By continually iterating on its offerings, forging meaningful partnerships, and staying attuned to the real-world needs of its users, Kii is not just building a blockchain; it's crafting the future of finance by developing zero-fixed cost solutions with problem-solving settlement solutions.

At the heart of it all, Kii Global is more than just a blockchain or a cryptocurrency company. It's a beacon of hope, a promise of a brighter financial future, and a testament to what's possible when *innovation meets empathy*. Our main goal: *create a systemic shift in the middle class*.

Ecosystem Product Line-Up

Kii Global is building an ecosystem to support the next generation of tokenization across emerging markets.

The Kii Blockchain – A layer 1

The Kii Blockchain is an EVM and Rust compatible layer 1 designed for payment settlement and tokenization of products and commodities. Transactions on the blockchain are processed faster than it takes for a mobile device to reload a web page. Processing costs and gas fees will be a fraction of a peso and will not inflate more than a fraction of a penny.

Wallet Infrastructure

The Kii Blockchain is integrated within the suite of Cosmos options but has built custom products integrated with Keplr. These wallets can be linked to Kii Blockchain's web wallets as well as the Block Explorer App. Additionally, available on iOS and Android, users can store, send, receive, and stake their Kii on the Kii Wallet mobile App. Users can choose to manage their keys privately, or create a centralized account. When sending and receiving Kii, users can select their preferred validator.

KIEX: Centralized Liquidity for Immediate Settlement and Open APIs.

Part of Kii Global's ecosystem is KIEX, a centralized exchange platform bringing institutional liquidity and immediate settlement to places that need it the most. Apart from operating as a traditional trading platform, KIEX is market-making the most popular fiat/crypto instruments in the region. By vertically integrating the cash-in and cash-out infrastructure, KIEX is transforming the cost efficiency and timing of settlement in the region. Within its suite of products are open APIs where corporations and DeFi or payment apps can access these liquidity settlement options.

The KIEX DeFi App

The Kii Wallet is transitioning into the KIEX Defi wallet where users can manage their own keys and store their preferred assets. However, instead of only having the option to swap among DEX options with high transaction costs and low maximums, the DeFi app will have connectivity with KIEX through API connections allowing instant swaps at costs significantly lower than traditional DEXs.

The Problems Kii Solves

Undoubtedly current blockchain infrastructure solves many significant problems within a transfer of value settlement network. However, Kii is designed to solve current industry problems within its geographical focus.

The Best Cash Settlements in Latam

Mainstream remittance and payment providers, tethered to archaic banking systems like ACH and SWIFT, grapple with inefficiencies, tardiness, and inflated costs. Their modern counterparts, built on decentralized ledger tech, often falter at the “last mile”, rendering their P2P solutions uneconomical.

Kii Global’s ecosystem offers a much better on-ramp and off-ramp than any other provider in Latam. Typical on and off-ramp services have limits, delays, and generally are not a reliable way to onboard into crypto or to off-ramp into fiat. KII can utilize the local financial infrastructure, because they have built relationships with the local banks, which makes their services low cost, reliable, and without long delays. A spotlight feature of the exchange is its emphasis on “last mile delivery,” addressing the importance of deep liquidity pairs against local fiat and the efficient verticalization of its on/off ramp rails for less than 1% cost.

Gas Fee Scalability for the Sensitive User with IBC

Scaling issues exist in current blockchain infrastructure because the number of transactions processed in seconds is limited to total processing power. For example, Ethereum 2.0 can process roughly 30 transactions per second, therefore, it must rely on sharding and rollups to scale horizontally and keep transactions flowing at minimal costs. High gas fees on Ethereum (\$5 – \$20 USD nominal) have prevented wide scale adoption among emerging markets. The majority of adoption thus far has been driven to more low-cost gas networks like Tron. However, these networks are becoming more and more congested and the need for a more robust, structured decentralized solution is evident.

Cosmos BFT Tendermint can process roughly 10,000 transactions per second and is predesigned within the Inter-Blockchain Communication Pool (IBC). IBC works in conjunction with other layer 1s in the cosmos community to process transactions and keep gas fees minimal, *forever*.

Access to Institutional Liquidity & Credit

50% of individuals in emerging markets are underbanked and have extremely limited access to credit terms. The other 50% struggle with high banking costs and interest rates. Kii Global’s layer 1 with infrastructure for DeFi lending options mixed with the liquidity settlements of its centralized exchange is solving these problems.

Through bridging the capital disparities between developed and emerging economies, the Kii ecosystem will support a wide range of DeFi lending protocols tailored for emerging markets in parallel with KIIEX’s open liquidity to centralized applications.

User Friendly Tokenization

Cosmos based blockchains are built to deploy smart contracts written in Rust and deployed via CosmWasm. Although Rust is an advanced language of code with its benefits, there is a lack of real-world developers who understand Rust, and companies who are looking to deploy their contracts with that language.

Kii Blockchain has coded in the popular Solidity language for building and launching smart contracts, making Kii Blockchain EVM compatible. Users can easily deploy their smart contracts, already written in Solidity, into the Kii Blockchain. Kii Global has built an in-house dedicated team to help deploy user's smart contracts within the blockchain. Companies looking for assistance on how to build smart contracts can rely on Kii Global's developers for support and assistance when writing and deploying code.

An Equitable Ecosystem Built for Latam

The Kii token and the Kii blockchain gives a chance for Latam locals to participate in an ecosystem built just for them, and one they can own a piece of. Users can earn a return on their KII by staking it through validator nodes, and rewards are replenished with 5% of Kii Global's cash flow. This gives every Latam person an opportunity to take part of a community and a company with a vision of equitable justice for all.

A Compliant Ecosystem

KII is not at risk of clashing with the local government and banks, because the KII team has done the hard work of educating and building relationships with top banks and government officials in Latam. While most traditional financial institutions have a stigma as well as a lack of knowledge about crypto, KII is paving the way by building the infrastructure needed to offer frictionless cash settlement services. The KII team is a shining example of what right looks like, when it comes to compliance.

Use Cases

Payment settlement and remittances

Upon block number 1, the Kii Blockchain can process 10,000 transactions per second (TPS) and can scale within the Cosmos ecosystem with IBC. Currently the Cosmos community is collectively synced to process ~500,000 TPS, and depending on the inclusion of future layer 1s, processing can increase to an *infinite number*. Transaction fees in the Kii Blockchain are a fraction of a peso and settlement is instantaneous. Users can seamlessly remit funds to any wallet in the world.

Tokenization of Commodities

Commodities are among the most valuable and traded goods in the world with major reserves being mined and developed in emerging countries. Local companies can now tokenize their commodities and contracts, pricing them in Kii or a native asset to their project and create instant liquidity on a global scale.

Tokenization of Products

Imported and exported goods are one of the major drivers of GDP within Latin America and emerging economies. Many multinational companies in the region struggle to process funds and manage

liquidity reserves. These products can be tokenized and transacted on the blockchain for users to transact with these goods, and for companies to better manage their reserves.

DeFi Lending and Borrowing for Open Credit System

Credit is a huge issue in developing countries with strict underwriting standards, toxic level interest rates and lack of available capital. DeFi lending will provide secure ways for users in developed countries to extend safe credit terms to participants in emerging markets.

Yield Farming

High yield opportunities are plentiful in Latam and can help generate this productive yield for yield farming aggregators to offer to lenders with liquidity.

Spot and Forward Settlement

The B2B remittance market transacts over \$600 billion USD. These importers and exporters either win or lose on spot or forward contract settlements. By each counterparty posting liquidity via a smart contract on the blockchain, users can eliminate losses by sharing in any FX swings.

Inflation Protection

The Kii blockchain has a fixed supply 1,800,000,000 kii with no minting or burning of coins. Therefore, the total amount can never be inflated. In fact, on the contract, 5% of cash flow from operations of Kii Global will be reverted to purchasing Kii and replenishing the staking and rewards pool.

Business Model and Revenue Streams

Kii Global's activity will be driven through the suite of revenue generating products:

KIEX Trading and Processing Fees

By inaugurating our proprietary centralized exchange platform, we're revolutionizing the remittance and payment experience for users. This nexus of cryptocurrency trading ensures seamless transactions, all while fostering an environment of growth and financial prosperity. KIEX leads the market for cash-in/cash-out options in Latam.

DeFi Wallet Trading Fees

Our homegrown multi-currency decentralized wallet offers users a secure haven for their assets. Nominal trading and transfer fees not only ensure affordability for our users but also serve as a sustainable revenue stream for the Kii ecosystem. This wallet, attuned to user needs, exemplifies the blend of security, functionality, and cost-efficiency, becoming an indispensable tool for every crypto enthusiast.

DeFi Commissions

5% of total supply is for posting liquidity to DEX operations, and after the public sale, that 5% will be matched in liquidity on the other side of the trade. These trades will produce revenue for the holding company.

Fees from Integrations

Our footprint in the blockchain space hasn't gone unnoticed. By integrating Kii's robust ecosystem into conventional fintech enterprises, we've forged a revenue model wherein we glean a slice of every transaction made through our infrastructural offerings.

Secondary Suite of Products

Apart from the main revenue streams, Kii Global's roadmap entails launching a suite of banking-as-a-service products like cold storage processing cards which will further produce earnings for the company.

Kii Blockchain Features

Introduction to the Kii Blockchain: *Leveraging the Superiority of Tendermint in Blockchain Architecture for Economic Development in Emerging Markets.*

Technical information provided by Cosmos.

Cosmos is a network of independent parallel blockchains that are each powered by classical BFT consensus algorithms like Tendermint 1. The Kii Blockchain is its own independent layer 1 Blockchain that will connect to the Cosmos Hub to take advantage of its benefits.

The Cosmos Hub is the inaugural blockchain in this network and serves as a pivotal connection point to various other blockchains (referred herein as *Zones*), including the Kii Blockchain, through the novel and innovative Inter-Blockchain Communication (IBC) protocol. It maintains a record of multiple token types and their quantities across all linked Zones. Thanks to this system, tokens can be transferred swiftly and securely between Zones without requiring a direct exchange, as all transfers between zones are channeled through the Cosmos Hub.

This design addresses several challenges currently facing the blockchain sector, including application interoperability, scalability, and easy upgradability. The Cosmos Hub is compatible with diverse blockchain systems like Bitcoin, Go-Ethereum, CryptoNote, and BNB, facilitating infinite scalability to meet worldwide transaction demands. Additionally, its architecture is well-suited for cross-sector uses like decentralized exchanges.

Cosmos extends beyond a solitary distributed ledger, and the Cosmos Hub is not an isolated ecosystem or its focal point. Instead, it's part of a broader vision to create an open network of distributed ledgers,

laying the groundwork for new financial systems built on cryptography, robust economic principles, consensus theory, transparency, and accountability.

Key Technical Highlights

Unmatched Transaction Speed

Forget the agonizing wait of sluggish transaction confirmations. Tendermint's Byzantine Fault Tolerant (BFT) consensus algorithm churns out rapid results. Speed is a priority, and Tendermint doesn't disappoint.

Rock-Solid Security

What's the point of speed if you're compromising security? With Tendermint, you don't have to make that trade-off. Its BFT properties ensure that unless more than one-third of the network is compromised, your data is impenetrable. It's a bedrock promise of reliability, and it aligns perfectly with Kii Blockchain's commitment to robust security.

Seamless Chain-to-Chain Interactions

In today's digitized landscape, working in silos is a formula for stagnation. Tendermint's architecture thrives on interoperability, allowing for smooth interactions between disparate blockchains. Kii Blockchain harnesses this feature to pave the way for limitless cross-chain operations.

Sustainability in Focus

As global awareness around climate change intensifies, Tendermint offers an eco-friendly alternative to energy-guzzling consensus mechanisms. This aligns seamlessly with Kii Global Blockchain's own sustainability goals. In a nutshell, Tendermint isn't just a mechanism; it's a blueprint for the future of blockchain technology. By integrating Tendermint into our architecture, Kii Blockchain is not just keeping pace with advancements; we are setting the pace.

Technical Underpinnings of Tendermint: An Advanced Consensus Algorithm Distinguished in Efficacy

The efficacy of a blockchain architecture is, to a large extent, contingent on the robustness of its underlying consensus algorithm. Tendermint distinguishes itself as an exemplar in this arena, and it's instructive to delve into its operational intricacies to understand its superiority.

Sequential Consensus Rounds: A Tripartite Paradigm

Tendermint's consensus model operates through a tripartite sequence comprising Prevote, Precommit, and Commit phases. This algorithmic construct engenders an organized and deterministic approach to decision-making.

Prevote: In this phase, validators engage in a preliminary voting round to weigh the validity of a proposed block.

Precommit: Conditional upon attaining a quorum of affirmative prevotes—specifically a two-thirds majority—the algorithm transitions to a more formalized commitment to the proposed block.

Commit: A subsequent affirmation in this phase culminates in the irrevocable acceptance of the block into the blockchain. This sequential arrangement ensures procedural integrity and minimizes the potential for erroneous or malicious insertions.

Deterministic Finality: A Benchmark in Transaction Integrity

While various blockchain platforms employ probabilistic finality, Tendermint assures deterministic finality. Once a transaction attains consensus approval, it is irrevocably committed to the ledger, thereby eliminating any subsequent ambiguities or vulnerabilities.

Byzantine Fault Tolerance: Mitigating Systemic Risks

One of the most salient features of Tendermint is its capability to mitigate the Byzantine Generals Problem, a classical quandary in distributed computing. Tendermint's Byzantine Fault Tolerance ensures that the network sustains its functional integrity even when up to one-third of its nodes are compromised or malfunctioning.

Proof-of-Stake Economy: An Eco-conscious Approach

In juxtaposition to energy-intensive Proof-of-Work algorithms, Tendermint employs a Proof-of-Stake model. This renders the consensus process not only more efficient but also congruent with sustainable energy utilization protocols.

Tendermint BFT Means Business

Launched in 2014, the Tendermint open-source project aimed to overcome the limitations of Bitcoin's proof-of-work consensus algorithm, particularly in terms of speed, scalability, and environmental impact. Leveraging and enhancing the Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT) algorithms originally developed at MIT in 1988, the Tendermint team pioneered the conceptual development of a proof-of-stake cryptocurrency. This innovation successfully tackled the "nothing-at-stake" issue, a problem prevalent in early proof-of-stake cryptocurrencies like NXT and BitShares1.0.

Today, most Bitcoin mobile wallets rely on trusted servers for transaction verification due to the need for multiple confirmations in proof-of-work to ensure a transaction is irreversibly committed. This has led to successful double-spend attacks on platforms like Coinbase.

In contrast, Tendermint's blockchain consensus system enables secure and immediate verification for mobile-client payments. Designed to avoid forking entirely, Tendermint allows mobile wallets to confirm transactions instantly, facilitating trustless and practical payments on smartphones, which is also beneficial for Internet of Things applications.

Kii's validators function similarly to Bitcoin miners but use cryptographic signatures for voting. These validators, operating on dedicated, secure machines, are responsible for block commitment. Non-validators can delegate their Kii tokens to validators, earning a share of block fees and Kii rewards. However, there's a risk of penalty (slashing) if their chosen validator is compromised or breaches protocol rules. The proven reliability of Tendermint's BFT consensus and the collateral deposits from both validators and delegators provide a measurable and dependable level of security for all network nodes and light clients.

Governance

Every distributed public ledger should include a constitution and a governance mechanism. Bitcoin, for instance, depends on the Bitcoin Foundation and its mining community to manage updates, a process that tends to be sluggish. Ethereum experienced a split into ETH and ETC following a hard fork to rectify TheDAO hack, primarily due to the absence of an established social contract or decision-making process.

On the Kii Blockchain, both validators and delegators have the power to vote on proposals. These proposals can automatically modify system settings (like the block gas limit), facilitate upgrades, or amend the blockchain's human-readable constitution, which dictates its policies. This constitution provides a framework for stakeholders to quickly and effectively address issues like theft or bugs, similar to TheDAO incident.

The Kii Blockchain network, with its commitment to interoperability among different policy zones, offers users unparalleled freedom and opportunities for unrestricted experimentation. Open governance is planned to be introduced on the Kii Blockchain within 12 to 24 months post-launch.

Validators

In classical Byzantine fault-tolerant (BFT) algorithms, each node has the same weight. In Tendermint, nodes have a non-negative amount of voting power, and nodes that have positive voting power are called validators. Validators participate in the consensus protocol by broadcasting cryptographic signatures, or votes, to agree upon the next block.

Validators' voting powers are determined at genesis, or are changed deterministically by the blockchain, depending on the application. For example, in a proof-of-stake application such as the Kii Blockchain, the voting power may be determined by the amount of staking tokens bonded as collateral.

NOTE: Fractions like $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ refer to fractions of the total voting power, never the total number of validators, unless all the validators have equal weight. $>\frac{2}{3}$ means "more than $\frac{2}{3}$ ", $\geq\frac{1}{3}$ means "at least $\frac{1}{3}$ ".

Consensus

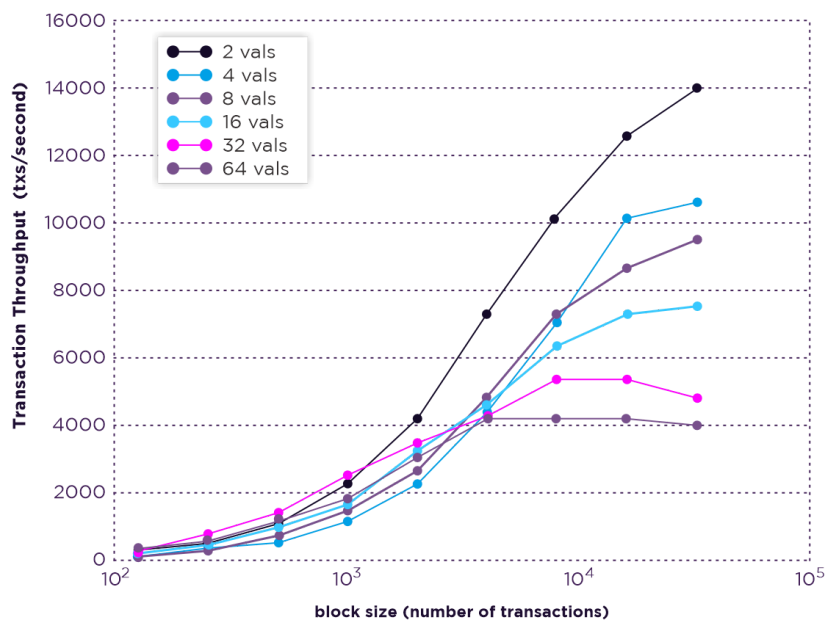
Tendermint is a partially synchronous BFT consensus protocol derived from the DLS consensus algorithm [20]. Tendermint is notable for its simplicity, performance, and fork-accountability. The

protocol requires a fixed known set of validators, where each validator is identified by their public key. Validators attempt to come to consensus on one block at a time, where a block is a list of transactions. Voting for consensus on a block proceeds in rounds. Each round has a round-leader, or proposer, who proposes a block. The validators then vote, in stages, on whether to accept the proposed block or move on to the next round. The proposer for a round is chosen deterministically from the ordered list of validators, in proportion to their voting power.

Tendermint's security derives from its use of optimal Byzantine fault-tolerance via super-majority ($>\frac{2}{3}$) voting and a locking mechanism. Together, they ensure that:

- $\geq \frac{2}{3}$ voting power must be Byzantine to cause a violation of safety, where more than two values are committed.
- If any set of validators ever succeeds in violating safety, or even attempts to do so, they can be identified by the protocol. This includes both voting for conflicting blocks and broadcasting unjustified votes.

Despite its strong guarantees, Tendermint provides exceptional performance. In benchmarks of 64 nodes distributed across 7 datacenters on 5 continents, on commodity cloud instances, Tendermint consensus can process thousands of transactions per second, with commit latencies on the order of one to two seconds. Notably, performance of well over a thousand transactions per second is maintained even in harsh adversarial conditions, with validators crashing or broadcasting maliciously crafted votes. See the figure below for details.



Light Clients

A major benefit of Tendermint's consensus algorithm is simplified light client security, making it an ideal candidate for mobile and internet-of-things use cases. While a Bitcoin light client must sync chains of block headers and find the one with the most proof of work, Tendermint light clients need only to keep up with changes to the validator set, and then verify the $\geq \frac{2}{3}$ PreCommits in the latest block to determine the latest state.

Succinct light client proofs also enable inter-blockchain communication.

Preventing Attacks

Tendermint has protective measures for preventing certain notable attacks, like long-range-nothing-at-stake double spends and censorship.

ABCI

The Tendermint consensus algorithm is implemented in a program called Tendermint Core. Tendermint BFT is an application-agnostic "consensus engine" that can turn any deterministic blackbox application into a distributed replicated blockchain. Tendermint BFT connects to blockchain applications via the Application Blockchain Interface (ABCI). ABCI is an interface that defines the boundary between the replication engine (the blockchain), and the state machine (the application). By using a socket protocol, we enable a consensus engine running in one process to manage an application state running in another. Thus, the ABCI allows for blockchain applications to be programmed in any language, not just the programming language that the consensus engine is written in. Additionally, the ABCI makes it possible to easily swap out the consensus layer of any existing blockchain stack.

We draw an analogy with the well-known cryptocurrency Bitcoin. Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency blockchain where each node maintains a fully audited Unspent Transaction Output (UTXO) database. If one wanted to create a Bitcoin-like system on top of ABCI, Tendermint BFT would be responsible for

- Sharing blocks and transactions between nodes
- Establishing a canonical/immutable order of transactions (the blockchain)

Meanwhile, the ABCI application would be responsible for

- Maintaining the UTXO database
- Validating cryptographic signatures of transactions
- Preventing transactions from spending non-existent funds
- Allowing clients to query the UTXO database

Tendermint is able to decompose the blockchain design by offering a very simple API between the application process and consensus process.

ABCI consists of 3 primary message types that get delivered from the core to the application. The application replies with corresponding response messages.

The *AppendTx* message is the workhorse of the application. Each transaction in the blockchain is delivered with this message. The application needs to validate each transaction received with the *AppendTx* message against the current state, application protocol, and the cryptographic credentials of the transaction. A validated transaction then needs to update the application state — by binding a value into a key values store, or by updating the UTXO database.

The *CheckTx* message is similar to *AppendTx*, but it's only for validating transactions. Tendermint BFT's mempool first checks the validity of a transaction with *CheckTx*, and only relays valid transactions to its peers. Applications may check an incrementing nonce in the transaction and return an error upon *CheckTx* if the nonce is old.

The *Commit* message is used to compute a cryptographic commitment to the current application state, to be placed into the next block header. This has some handy properties. Inconsistencies in updating that state will now appear as blockchain forks which catches a whole class of programming errors. This also simplifies the development of secure lightweight clients, as Merkle-hash proofs can be verified by checking against the block-hash, and the block-hash is signed by a quorum of validators (by voting power).

Additional ABCI messages allow the application to keep track of and change the validator set, and for the application to receive the block information, such as the height and the commit votes.

ABCI requests/responses are simple Protobuf messages. Check out the schema file.

AppendTx

- Arguments:
 - Data ([]byte): The request transaction bytes
- Returns:
 - Code (uint32): Response code
 - Data ([]byte): Result bytes, if any
 - Log (string): Debug or error message
- Usage:

Append and run a transaction. If the transaction is valid, returns CodeType.OK

CheckTx

- Arguments:
 - Data ([]byte): The request transaction bytes

- Returns:
 - Code (uint32): Response code
 - Data ([]byte): Result bytes, if any
 - Log (string): Debug or error message
- Usage:

Validate a transaction. This message should not mutate the state. Transactions are first run through CheckTx before broadcast to peers in the mempool layer. You can make CheckTx semi-stateful and clear the state upon Commit or BeginBlock, to allow for dependent sequences of transactions in the same block.

Commit

- Returns:
 - Data ([]byte): The Merkle root hash
 - Log (string): Debug or error message
- Usage:

Return a Merkle root hash of the application state.

Query

- Arguments:
 - Data ([]byte): The query request bytes
- Returns:
 - Code (uint32): Response code
 - Data ([]byte): The query response bytes
 - Log (string): Debug or error message

Flush

- Usage:

Flush the response queue. Applications that implement types.Application need not implement this message – it's handled by the project.

Info

- Returns:
 - Data ([]byte): The info bytes
- Usage:

Return information about the application state. Application specific.

SetOption

- Arguments:
 - Key (string): Key to set

- Value (string): Value to set for key
- Returns:
 - Log (string): Debug or error message
- Usage:

Set application options. E.g. Key="mode", Value="mempool" for a mempool connection, or Key="mode", Value="consensus" for a consensus connection. Other options are application specific.

InitChain

- Arguments:
 - Validators ([]Validator): Initial genesis-validators
- Usage:

Called once upon genesis

BeginBlock

- Arguments:
 - Height (uint64): The block height that is starting
- Usage:

Signals the beginning of a new block. Called prior to any AppendTxs.

EndBlock

- Arguments:
 - Height (uint64): The block height that ended
- Returns:
 - Validators ([]Validator): Changed validators with new voting powers (0 to remove)
- Usage:

Signals the end of a block. Called prior to each Commit after all transactions

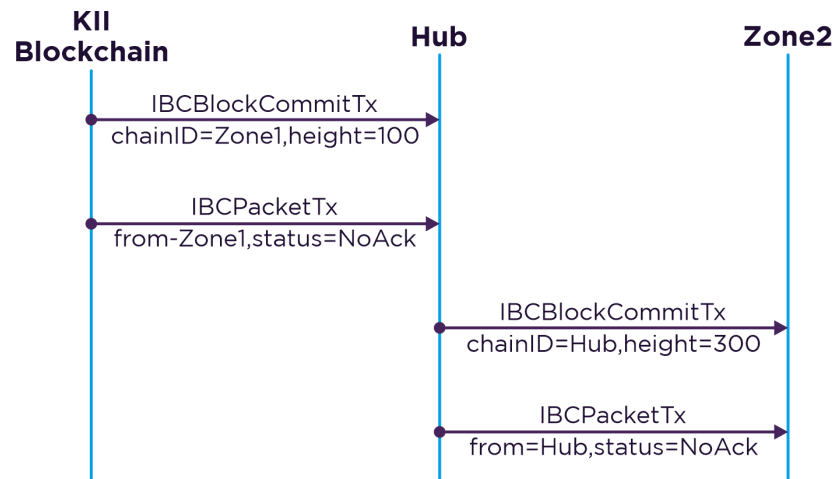
IBC: Inter-Blockchain Communication

Now we look at how the Hub and zones communicate with each other. For example, if there are three blockchains, "Zone1", "Zone2", and "Hub", and we wish for "Zone1" to produce a packet destined for "Zone2" going through "Hub". To move a packet from one blockchain to another, a proof is posted on the receiving chain. The proof states that the sending chain published a packet for the alleged destination. For the receiving chain to check this proof, it must be able to keep up with the sender's block headers. This mechanism is similar to that used by sidechains, which requires two interacting chains to be aware of one another via a bidirectional stream of proof-of-existence datagrams (transactions). This is how the Kii Blockchain connects to the Cosmos Hub.

The IBC protocol can naturally be defined using two types of transactions: an IBCBlockCommitTx transaction, which allows a blockchain to prove to any observer of its most recent block-hash, and an

IBCPacketTx transaction, which allows a blockchain to prove to any observer that the given packet was indeed published by the sender's application, via a Merkle-proof to the recent block-hash.

By splitting the IBC mechanics into two separate transactions, we allow the native fee market-mechanism of the receiving chain to determine which packets get committed (i.e. acknowledged), while allowing for complete freedom on the sending chain as to how many outbound packets are allowed.



In the example above, in order to update the block-hash of "Zone1" on "Hub" (or of "Hub" on "Zone2"), an IBCBlockCommitTx transaction must be posted on "Hub" with the block-hash of "Zone1" (or on "Zone2" with the block-hash of "Hub").

Transaction Types – How Kii Interacts with the Cosmos Hub

In the standard implementation, transactions are transmitted to the Cosmos hub application through the ABCI (Application Blockchain Interface).

The Cosmos Hub will accept a number of primary transaction types from the Kii Blockchain, including SendTx, BondTx, UnbondTx, ReportHackTx, SlashTx, ProposalCreateTx, and ProposalVoteTx, which are fairly self-explanatory and will be documented in a future revision of this paper. Here we document the two primary transaction types for IBC: IBCBlockCommitTx and IBCPacketTx.

IBCBlockCommitTx

An IBCBlockCommitTx transaction is composed of:

- ChainID (string): The ID of the blockchain
- BlockHash ([]byte): The block-hash bytes, the Merkle root which includes the app-hash
- BlockPartsHeader (PartSetHeader): The block part-set header bytes, only needed to verify vote signatures

- BlockHeight (int): The height of the commit
- BlockRound (int): The round of the commit
- Commit ([]Vote): The >2/3 Tendermint Precommit votes that comprise a block commit
- ValidatorsHash ([]byte): A Merkle-tree root hash of the new validator set
- ValidatorsHashProof (SimpleProof): A SimpleTree Merkle-proof for proving the ValidatorsHash against the BlockHash
- AppHash ([]byte): A IAVLTree Merkle-tree root hash of the application state
- AppHashProof (SimpleProof): A SimpleTree Merkle-proof for proving the AppHash against the BlockHash

IBCPacketTx

An IBCPacket is composed of:

- Header (IBCPacketHeader): The packet header
- Payload ([]byte): The bytes of the packet payload. *Optional*
- PayloadHash ([]byte): The hash for the bytes of the packet. *Optional*

Either one of Payload or PayloadHash must be present. The hash of an IBCPacket is a simple Merkle root of the two items, Header and Payload. An IBCPacket without the full payload is called an *abbreviated packet*.

An IBCPacketHeader is composed of:

- SrcChainID (string): The source blockchain ID
- DstChainID (string): The destination blockchain ID
- Number (int): A unique number for all packets
- Status (enum): Can be one of AckPending, AckSent, AckReceived, NoAck, or Timeout
- Type (string): The types are application-dependent. Cosmos reserves the “coin” packet type
- MaxHeight (int): If status is not NoAckWanted or AckReceived by this height, status becomes Timeout. *Optional*

An IBCPacketTx transaction is composed of:

- FromChainID (string): The ID of the blockchain which is providing this packet; not necessarily the source
- FromBlockHeight (int): The blockchain height in which the following packet is included (Merkle-ized) in the block-hash of the source chain
- Packet (IBCPacket): A packet of data, whose status may be one of AckPending, AckSent, AckReceived, NoAck, or Timeout

- PacketProof (IAVLProof): A IAVLTree Merkle-proof for proving the packet's hash against the AppHash of the source chain at given height

The sequence for sending a packet from "Zone1" to "Zone2" through the "Hub" is depicted in {Figure X}. First, an IBCPacketTx proves to "Hub" that the packet is included in the app-state of "Zone1". Then, another IBCPacketTx proves to "Zone2" that the packet is included in the app-state of "Hub". During this procedure, the IBCPacket fields are identical: the SrcChainID is always "Zone1", and the DstChainID is always "Zone2".

The PacketProof must have the correct Merkle-proof path, as follows:

IBC/<SrcChainID>/<DstChainID>/<Number>

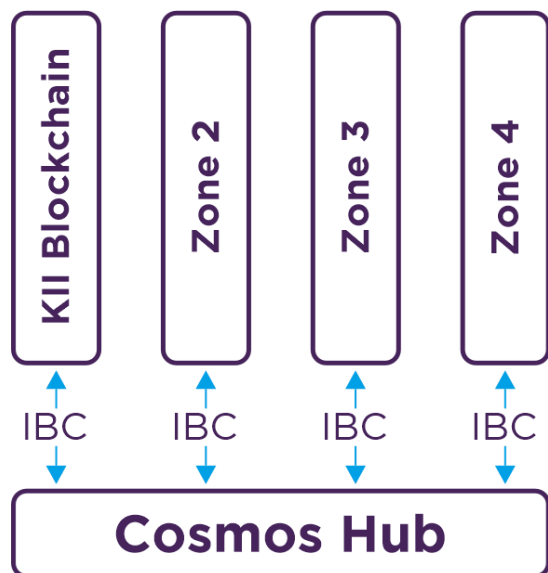
When "Zone1" wants to send a packet to "Zone2" through "Hub", the IBCPacket data are identical whether the packet is Merkle-ized on "Zone1", the "Hub", or "Zone2". The only mutable field is Status for tracking delivery.

The Hub and Zones – How Kii Blockchain Connects to the Cosmos Hub

The Hub and Zones, powered by IBC, is an innovative model for growth and scalability in the decentralized blockchain ledger world. As we've discussed before, Cosmos is a network of multiple blockchains powered by Tendermint, and the Kii Blockchain is one of those blockchains. While existing proposals aim to create a "stand alone blockchain" with transaction processing dependent on their own network, or layer 2s that build under them, Cosmos permits many layer 1 blockchains to run concurrently with one another while retaining interoperability.

At its core the Cosmos Hub manages many independent blockchains called "Zones" (sometimes referred to as "shards", in reference to the database scaling technique known as "sharding"). A constant stream of recent block information (commits) from Zones are posted on the Cosmos Hub, which allows the Cosmos Hub to keep up with the state of each Zone. Likewise, each Zone keeps up with the state of the Hub (however, Zones do not keep up with each other except indirectly through the Hub). "Packets" of information are then communicated from one zone to another by posting Merkle-proofs as evidence that the information was sent and received. This mechanism is called inter-blockchain communication, or IBC for short.

Any of the zones can themselves be hubs to form an acyclic graph, but for the sake of clarity we will only describe the simple configuration where there is only one hub, and many non-hub zones.



The Hub

The Cosmos Hub is a blockchain that hosts a multi-asset distributed ledger, where tokens can be held by individual users or by zones themselves. These tokens can be moved from one zone to another in a special IBC packet called a “coin packet” – this is how the information is communicated between the zone and the hub. The hub is responsible for preserving the global invariance of the total amount of each token across the zones. IBC coin packet transactions must be committed by the sender, hub, and receiver blockchains.

Since the Cosmos Hub acts as the central ledger for the whole system, the security of the Hub is of paramount importance. While each zone may be a Tendermint blockchain that is secured by as few as 4 validators (or even less if BFT consensus is not needed), the Hub must be secured by a globally decentralized set of validators that can withstand the most severe attack scenarios, such as a continental network partition or a nation-state sponsored attack.

The Zones

A Cosmos zone is an independent blockchain that exchanges IBC messages with the Hub and in this particular case, the zone is the Kii Blockchain. From the Hub’s perspective, the Kii Blockchain is a *multi-asset dynamic-membership multi-signature account* that can send and receive tokens using IBC packets. Like a cryptocurrency account, the Kii Blockchain cannot transfer more tokens than it has, but can receive tokens from others who have them.

Kii may be staked by validators to the Kii Blockchain while connected to the Hub. While double-spend attacks on these zones would result in the slashing of Kii with Tendermint’s fork-accountability, a zone where $>\frac{2}{3}$ of the voting power are Byzantine can commit invalid state. The Cosmos Hub does not verify or execute transactions committed on the Kii Blockchain, so it is the responsibility of users to send tokens to zones that they trust. I

Enabling Smart Contracts

The Cosmos EVM module allows Ethereum-compatible smart contracts to run on a Cosmos blockchain, emulating the EVM environment. This module ensures compatibility with existing Ethereum tools and dApps, allowing developers to deploy Ethereum smart contracts on Cosmos blockchains without significant modifications.

The module processes and executes smart contracts written in Solidity similarly to how they would run on Ethereum's blockchain. Transactions intended for the EVM module are identified and processed. These can include contract deployment, contract interaction, or other EVM-specific operations. A benefit of the Cosmos EVM module is that it is integrated within the Cosmos SDK, therefore the module can coexist with other modules, providing flexibility and functionality to the blockchain.

By supporting Ethereum smart contracts, the Kii Blockchain can tap into the vast ecosystem of Ethereum developers and existing dApps, fostering greater collaboration and innovation. The EVM module operates within its own execution environment, ensuring that issues within the EVM do not affect other parts of the blockchain, and opens the door for these contracts to interact with other IBC-enabled blockchains within the Cosmos network. This level of interoperability is a significant advancement in the blockchain space. The module manages Ethereum state separately from the Cosmos state. This segregation ensures that the EVM's state transitions and account models do not conflict with the Cosmos chain's state.

When integrating the EVM module, developers can configure it to suit their specific needs. This includes setting gas prices, enabling specific EVM functionalities, or defining how Ethereum transactions and smart contracts are handled within the Kii Blockchain. The module exposes APIs and RPC endpoints that are compatible with Ethereum's, allowing tools and applications built for Ethereum (like wallets and dApps) to interact with the Kii Blockchain chain without significant modifications. Developers can use standard development tools like Node.js applications and environments like Truffle or Hardhat are popular for Solidity development.

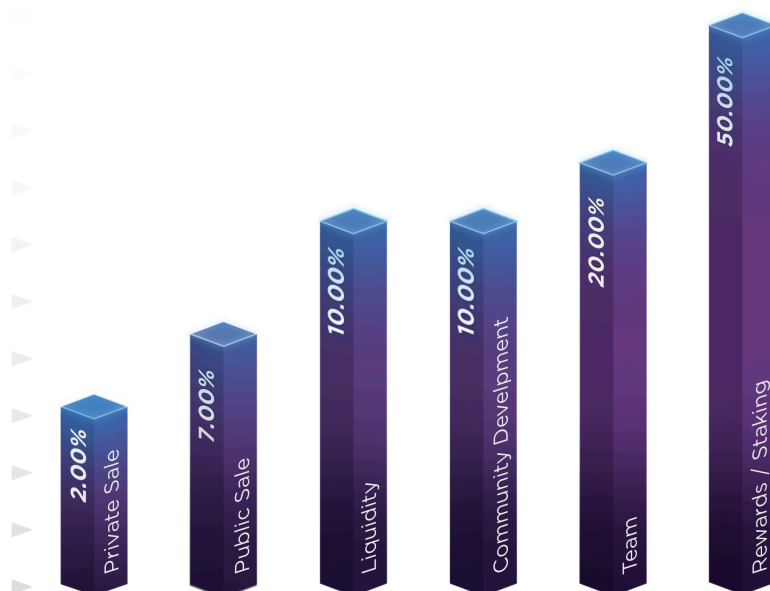
The Kii Coin

While the Kii Blockchain operates within the Cosmos Hub, it runs its native asset, KII as a non-inflationary cryptocurrency. The token economics are vital for how the ecosystem will interact with the blockchain and will detail the use of the native token, KII. In this case, the token's value is designed to derive from its utility and use, rather than a speculative investment. The goal is to create a sustainable model that creates a profound community, compensates the validators and delgators for their work in the long run, and designs a structure that extracts maximum utility for KII. The point of this section is to explain that value within the ecosystem, the distribution of the tokenomics, the release and circulation expectations, and its general utility.

Tokenomics

The Kii Blockchain maximum cap is set at 1,800,000,000 Kii. At the genesis block, all 1,800,000,000 tokens are released into specified accounts, each with their purpose in the ecosystem. Kii has a fixed supply meaning extra coins cannot be minted or created.

The initial distribution of Kii tokens and validators on Genesis will be distributed into the following categories:

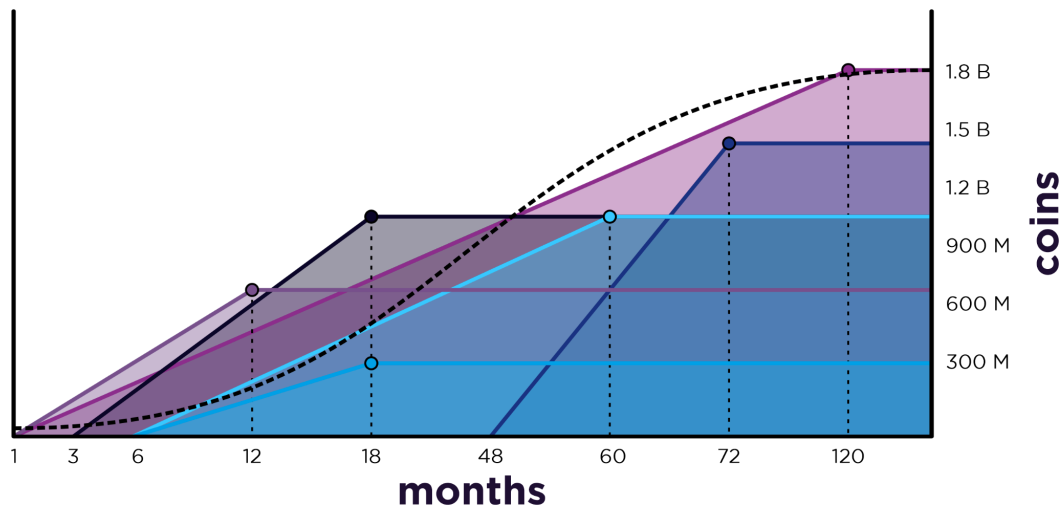


Category	% total Supply	Amount of tokens	Comments
Presale	3%	56.000.000	The presale was sold in three different rounds in the initial seed round in 2021-2022
Public Sale	7%	126.000.000	Planned for the public sale / IEO / Listing
liquidity	10%	180.000.000	Separated into DeFi liquidity, wrapping, and market making.
Community Development	10%	180.000.000	Pool for grants, airdrops, competitions and hackathons.
Team	20%	360.000.000	For the team, developers, and investors.
Rewards / Staking	50%	900.000.000	For validators and delegators servicing the blockchain.

Token Vesting and Distribution

Token distribution and vesting was developed collectively between the founders and developers and is a result of many years of collective experience as users, investors, stakers and developers in other projects and blockchains. The collective result is a product from taking multiple points of views and considerations in account to protect the blockchain and community. It is strategically designed to prevent sudden fluctuations in price or volume and to prevent any one group or person from having an unfair advantage over the rest. Structurally, there needs to be a steady flow of supply relative to demand over a prolonged period, rather than short bursts in the release schedule.

There was a particular emphasis on the long cliff and vesting for team members behind the project, to show commitment to the longevity of the ecosystem and its community. Additionally, notable differences are the low amount sold in presale (3%), a differentiating factor among other projects who sell upwards of 30% to early venture investors who then unwind those positions aggressively in the market upon release with the users bearing the sell side pressure. Additionally, all vest/release schedules are emitted daily. The advantage of daily emission is users will sell or transfer on different days rather than all movements concentrated within one day or week. By seeding the company with internal investment, the economics were designed with the community users interests as the top priority.



The Kii Coin Utility

While the Kii Blockchain is its own independent blockchain connected to the Cosmo's Hub, the blockchain will run its native token, KII. Kii is the only staking token of the Kii Blockchain. Kii is a license for the holder to vote, validate, or delegate to other validators. Like Ethereum's ether, Kii can also be used to pay for transaction fees to mitigate spam. KII is a utility token with the following use cases:

- Network Health and Activity: KII acts as a community tool and is the only asset used among Validators, Delegators, Operators, and Contributors. No other digital asset can be used to service the network.
- Payments: KII can be used for payment, remittances, and any type of value settlement. Its utility is derived from being able to transfer value wallet to wallet.
- Tokenization pricing: users who deploy smart contracts on the blockchain can price their commodities or assets in KII and use the token for valuation means.
- Commission rewards: KII will act as the digital token for rewards to users validating and delegating on the blockchain. Additionally, within several models for its DeFi protocols, KII will act as the commission token for trading and spot and forward contract hedging.
- Governance: KII enables decentralized governance, where token holders can vote on proposals and changes to the network.
- Security: By decentralized use of validating and staking, users can protect malicious attacks to the network.
- Autonomy as a Community: The Kii Global ecosystem is independent and fully functional. It does not depend on other large parties for its operation. Therefore, KII empowers users at the heart of decentralized finance.
- Non-inflationary Design: KII is a non-inflationary digital asset used within its models, therefore users will not suffer from common inflationary related problems.

Evergreen Rewards Pool

Unlike most blockchain ecosystems, 5% of Kii Global's cash flow will be redirected to purchasing coins through the lead market maker and replenishing the Kii rewards pool for validating and staking. Kii Global is committed to a non-inflationary environment where users can participate in a non-inflationary blockchain supported by the entire Kii Global ecosystem.

Three months after public launch, Kii Global will publicly report the cash flow from company operations and will make payments to our lead market maker with instructions to purchase KII in the open market and send the KII to the public address for Rewards. The KII will not be purchased all in one day, but rather throughout a longer period in order to prevent heavy price fluctuations. This operation will be performed quarterly.

Validator Limitations and Requirements

Unlike Bitcoin, Dash or other proof-of-work blockchains, the Tendermint consensus mechanism gets slower with more validators due to the increased communication complexity. Fortunately, the speed of the KII blockchain is still 300x faster than its proof-of-work counterparts. The KII Blockchain can still easily support enough validators in order to keep the network completely decentralized.

On genesis day, the maximum number of validators in the open set will be set to 100. In the beginning, each validator will be required to post a minimum of 10,000 KII to transition a node into a validator and will be ranked by how much total KII is staked. The higher the rank, the higher the rewards. The total number of validators in the open set will be adjusted based on Kii Global's assessment of the network and participants in the non-active set. The number of validators in the open set can be scaled to 300 validators without losing performance metrics, however, with 100 validators the network should still have a healthy ratio of decentralization to network performance. The number will scale to provide greater decentralization for when the blockchain transitions to open governance.

Becoming a Validator After Genesis Day

Kii holders who are yet to become validators can do so by signing and submitting a BondTx transaction. The amount of Kii provided as collateral must be 10,000 as a minimum. Anyone can become a validator at any time, except when the size of the current validator set is greater than the maximum number of validators allowed. In that case, the transaction is only valid if the amount of Kii is greater than the amount of effective Kii held by the smallest validator, where effective Kii include delegated Kii's. When a new validator replaces an existing validator in such a way, the existing validator becomes inactive and all the Kii and delegated Kii enter the unbonding state.

Kii Corporate Validators

Kii Global will run a particular validator called The MasterNode Validator. To stake KII in the Masternode Validator, delegators will have to commit 150,000 KII, but will be compensated with minimum rewards via staking, adjusted via airdrops.

Penalties for Validators

To ensure protocol adherence, validators face penalties for any deviations, whether deliberate or accidental. Clear infractions include dual signatures at the same block height and round, or breaking the Tendermint consensus protocol's "prevote-the-lock" rule. Such violations lead to the forfeiture of the validator's status and the seizure of their bonded Kii, along with their share of the reserve pool's tokens, known collectively as their "stake".

There are instances when validators may become unavailable due to issues like network interruptions or power outages. If a validator fails to commit a vote to the blockchain more than a specified maximum number of times within a certain number of past blocks, they will be deemed inactive and lose a default penalty of 1% of their stake.

Some harmful activities may not leave clear traces on the blockchain. In these cases, validators can collaborate externally to enforce timeouts on these harmful validators, provided there's overwhelming consensus.

In scenarios where more than one-third of the Kii Blockchain's voting power is offline, causing a halt, or if a similar coalition prevents evidence of malicious acts from being recorded on the blockchain, a recovery is initiated through a hard-fork reorganization proposal.

Transaction Fees

Validators on the Kii Blockchain earn KII tokens as rewards for processing transactions. They have the freedom to set their own exchange rates and select the transactions they process, as long as they don't exceed the BlockGasLimit. The fees collected are shared with stakeholders who have bonded their Kii, distributed proportionally every ValidatorPayoutPeriod (default is 1 hour).

Kii token holders who entrust their voting power to other validators have to pay a commission to these validators. The rate of this commission is determined by each individual validator.

Incentivizing Hackers

The Kii Blockchain's security hinges on the robustness of its validators and the delegation choices of delegators. To promote early detection and reporting of security flaws, the Kii Blockchain motivates hackers to disclose successful breaches through a ReportHackTx transaction. This transaction essentially communicates, "This validator has been compromised. Please allocate a bounty to this address." Following such a breach, the affected validator and its delegators are rendered inactive. A default of 5% of everyone's Kii (HackPunishmentRatio) is deducted, and an equal percentage (HackRewardRatio) is awarded to the hacker at the specified address. The validator must then restore their remaining Kii using a backup key.

To ensure this feature isn't exploited to illegitimately transfer unvested Kii, the ratio of vested to unvested Kii for validators and delegators before and after the ReportHackTx transaction will remain unchanged. The hacker's bounty will also include a portion of unvested Kii, if available.

This feature will come in particular use during Testnet and Testnet related competitions.

Governance Specifications

In the first 12 - 14 months, the Kii Blockchain will have closed governance in order to protect the integrity of the network in its infancy. Proposed changes to the network and the addition of smart contracts will be review by the internal development team to audit code and protect the network from malicious attacks.

When the network has filled its 100 validators in the open set, and the average validator has at least 12 months of experience protecting the server and offering the staking services to its delegators, the Kii Global team will begin the transition to open governance.

Open governance in the Kii Blockchain will be managed by a decentralized organization which relies on a formal governance process for coordinating updates to the blockchain. This includes adjusting system parameters, implementing software upgrades, and making changes to the constitution.

All validators must vote on each proposal. If a validator doesn't vote within the set time, they are automatically deactivated for the AbsenteeismPenaltyPeriod (default is one week).

Delegators' votes are automatically aligned with their chosen validator's vote, but they can change this vote manually. Kii that is not bonded does not have voting rights.

Proposals require a MinimumProposalDeposit in tokens, which can be Kii or other token types. The voters can decide to seize this deposit. If over half the voters opt to take the deposit (for instance, in the case of a spam proposal), it's added to the reserve pool, except for any Kii, which are destroyed.

Voting options for each proposal include:

- Yea
- YeaWithForce
- Nay
- NayWithForce
- Abstain

A proposal passes (or fails) if it gets more than half of the Yea or YeaWithForce (or Nay or NayWithForce) votes. However, a decision can be vetoed by more than a third of voters choosing a "with force" option. If a majority decision is vetoed, everyone loses VetoPenaltyFeeBlocks (equivalent to one

day's worth of blocks) in fees (excluding taxes), and the group that vetoed the decision also loses VetoPenaltyKii (default 0.1%) of their Kii.

Parameter Change Proposal

Any of the parameters defined here can be changed with the passing of a ParameterChangeProposal.

Bounty Proposal

Kii can be inflated and reserve pool funds spent with the passing of a BountyProposal.

Test Proposal

All other proposals, such as a proposal to upgrade the protocol, will be coordinated via the generic TextProposal.

Summary

In summation, Tendermint's technical architecture offers a comprehensive suite of advantages that make it the consensus algorithm of choice for high-stakes applications, including those deployed by Kii Blockchain. It is the epitome of speed, security, and sustainability, effectively setting a new industry standard for blockchain consensus mechanisms. Combined with Kii Global's ecosystem of products and real-world business infrastructure, the entire Kii team is dedicated to building a better future for our close counterparts in Latin America, and everyone else in emerging markets.

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