***About***

This draft document describes the initial structure and process regarding community contribution projects for the Zilliqa platform. Note that any kind of feedback to improve the current proposed structure is more than welcome and this structure is open for changes in the future. You are invited to provide your input for improvement.

***Current situation:***

In the current situation the majority of the work being done on Zilliqa is centralized and mostly fulfilled by the Zilliqa team, affiliated partners, small group of DAPP developers, etc.

***Desired situation:***

The desired situation would be that a large portion of the work needed to make Zilliqa successful is also being driven by the community. Setting a step in the right direction of decentralization in terms of contributions to the Zilliqa platform. Only together can we make Zilliqa successful.

**Community contributions**

Community contributions have always been vital in the success of any kind of open source project, especially when it comes to Blockchain technology. Zilliqa is no different in this case. Although the quality of the core code would still rest with the Zilliqa team, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the Zilliqa platform. Both from a technical and non-technical nature. Help us to increase the quality of the Zilliqa platform, only together can be successful.

**Community contribution list of projects**

An initial list of community contribution projects has been provided and can be viewed [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FJ6TxtYJQqPz5kO2WmwNG84JMDRe06dqOKTGXEr7lYA/edit?usp=sharing). This initial list is divided into three sections:

1. Deep-technical
2. Semi-technical
3. Non-technical

In the future the list will be available on zilliqa.com. The list is updated continuously and updates are also provided in the regular, to be scheduled, community calls. Work is being done to provide more detail to each community contribution project. In addition we realize that we need your help in order to grow the platform. Feedback on the current list is more than welcome. If you have a great idea to add to the list or any other input in order to improve current items we would highly appreciate your input. Input can be send to a to determined Zilliqa email address. We would love to utilize the collective knowledge and expertise of the community in order to grow the Zilliqa platform.

**Process of community contribution projects**

If you feel like contributing to the Zilliqa platform you can view the outstanding projects in the before mentioned list and pick out the one you would like to apply for. There is a process regarding fulfilling community contribution projects and the steps are described below:

* Applying for a community contribution project.
* Starting a community contribution project.
* During a community contribution project.
* Review of a completed community contribution project.
* Completing a community contribution project.

Each step in the process is explained in more detail later on.

**Zilliqa Community contribution committee**

In order to make sure that the process and structure regarding community contributions is handled fairly a committee will be formed to facilitate this process. The committee has the following responsibilities:

* Process applications for community contribution projects and inform applicants accordingly.
* Process pay-out of rewards regarding community contribution projects.
* Inform the community about the status of community contribution projects on a regular basis.
* Manage and update the list of community contribution projects.
* Specifying requirements, definition of done and rewards regarding community contribution projects.
* Validating and testing community contribution projects upon completion.
* Handle and mediate disputes regarding community contribution projects.
* Alter the process and structure regarding community contributions or the committee based on feedback.
* Facilitate the best possible collaboration among applicants/participants of the Zilliqa community regarding projects.

The initial committee will consist out of X members. X members will be from the current Zilliqa team and X members will be from the community. For now the committee members coming from the community will be selected by Zilliqa. In the future you will be able to apply and potential become a member of the community contribution committee. A specified list of requirements regarding potentially becoming a committee member will be shared at a later stage. However we can say that since a majority of the contribution projects will be technical in nature it is required to have sufficient technical knowledge.

A complete bio, roles and responsibilities of the committee members will be posted on the Zilliqa website.

**Applying for a community contribution project**

Anybody can apply to participate in a community contribution project. If you see an item you would love to work on individually or as a group you can apply for it. You can fill in the application via a to determined form. The following details are required to apply for a community contribution project:

* First Name of main applicant
* Last Name of main applicant
* Date of Birth
* Address
* Country of residence
* Copy of passport/ID
* If applicable details of team members.
* Alias or team name: This will be visible on the Zilliqa Community contribution list of projects or any other form of communication regarding community contributions.
* The community contribution project you want to apply for.
* Motivation.
* Short summary of your approach and how you will meet the requirements of the project.

Note: the data that you provide will never be shared with third parties.

Once you applied for a project the committee will contact you and schedule a call regarding your application. During the call your desired approach regarding the project is discussed and the committee will help you with any open questions you might have.

In the case that multiple teams or individuals apply for the same project the committee will look for a way where both parties can collaborate on the same project together. If no synergy can be found the committee will grant the project to the individual/team who’s approach best meets the requirements of the project.

**Granting a community contribution project**

After you have applied for a community contribution project and had your first call with the committee it can be that there are multiple contact moments afterwards. Zilliqa would like to make sure that all requirements are clear for you and/or your team and that you are comfortable with starting the project.

Before being granted a community contribution project it is important to sign a small agreement. This will ensure that you will receive the reward when the project is completed and guarantees Zilliqa, in the case of a technical project, that what you have created remains open-source under the GNU L3 license.

**Starting a community contribution project**

Congratulations you have been granted a community contribution project and we are very thankful that you want to help grow the Zilliqa platform. Once the project has been granted to you the Zilliqa community list will be updated, highlighting that the project has started.

**During a community contribution project**

Once you started your project the committee will help you. They are there to answer any questions you might have, spar with you on how to best approach the requirements, change requirements, inform you on any kind of new developments that could impact your project, etc. In addition, if you are open for it, you will have the opportunity to inform the Zilliqa community about your progress during one of the Community Calls. Regular updates regarding your project will also be visible on the Zilliqa website.

**Review of a completed community contribution project**

Once you and/or your team have successfully met the criteria for the definition of done you can submit your project to the Community Contribution Committee. Once submitted the committee will review the work that you have provided. Based on the review it can be that you have successfully completed the project or that alterations are needed to successfully complete your project. In the last case the committee will support you on the changes needed to successfully complete your project.

**Completing a community contribution project**

Well done, you have completed a project for the Zilliqa platform. Upon completion you and/or your team members will receive the predefined reward. The committee will be in contact with you to finalize the details regarding your reward. But that is not all. At Zilliqa we value the contributions made by the community and we would gladly invite you to inform the community about your completed project in the Zilliqa Community call. In addition you and/or your team will be immortalized in the Zilliqa Hall of Fame. The Zilliqa Hall of Fame is an overview of people who contributed to the Zilliqa platform, thereby publically showing our gratitude for the work you have done.

**Rewards for community contribution project**

Zilliqa realizes that in order to grow the Zilliqa platform and move more towards decentralized development it is important to have contributions from the community. In order to kickstart this movement Zilliqa will reward participants that complete a project successfully. Not only to motivate people to start working on community based projects, but also to reward the hard work involved in successfully completing a project.

Due to legislation regarding receiving financial rewards for services provided it is imperative to fill in and sign a small agreement before you start your project. Note: the data that you provide will never be shared with third parties. We are working on a more sustainable solution to display the status of community driven contributions. For now the rewards per community contribution project is highlighted in the google drive with the reward attached to a particular project. After successfully completing a project you will receive the reward within 30 days. The community contribution committee will determine whether a project has been completed successfully.

If multiple individuals/teams have participated in a project the reward will be split up based on the dividence made before starting a project. Alteration in the dividence of the reward can be done during the project in conjunction with the Community contribution committee. Any dispute regarding the dividence of the reward or the reward in general will be handled by the Community contribution committee.

**Community calls**

Regular community calls will be scheduled to inform the Zilliqa community regarding a) the status of community contribution projects and b) any kind of additional questions the community might have regarding Zilliqa. Transparency where it can be provided is key to a successful future.

The community calls are held every two months. Details on how to participate will be provided a few days before the call. If you want to provide questions regarding the above mentioned topics then please use the following channels.

* Official Telegram
* Official Reddit
* Discord
* Email

The calls will be done via Zoom. The call will be recorded and made available afterwards if you were unable to join.

***Questions answered in the above document***

Where can I find the current list of community contributions?

How often is the list of community contributions updated?

How can I add items to the list?

How can you apply to perform work for an item?

Is there a specific timeline that an item needs to be completed?

What are the requirements for a community contribution project?

Who determines whether a community contribution project is finished?

How is the reward set for a community contribution project?

Upon successful completion how do I receive the reward?

What is the process for applying to work on a community contribution project?

Application form, 1st call, test, registration,

What is the community contribution committee?

Can I apply for the community contribution committee?

What are the responsibilities of a community contribution committee?

How do I update the community on my project?

Can multiple people participate in one project as a team?

What happens if multiple teams participate in the same project?

What happens if multiple people/teams apply for the same community contribution project?

How can I alter the existing requirements of a community project?

If asked, do I need to participate in the Face of Zil/Hall of fame of Zil?

***Questions not (yet) answered in the above document***

*What happens if my contributions doesn’t fulfill the requirements?*

*How will the reward be handed out? Fiat? Zil?*

*Is there a process for disputes regarding reward pay-outs?*

*What is the surprise and delight package once a team/individual started a project? Zilliqa t-shirt, stickers, mousepad, etc.*

*What kind of legal agreement is needed in order to start a project?*

*What happens if someone wants to help out but doesn't want to provide their details?*

*How can be best start the Face of Zill/Hall of fame of Zil?*

*Do we need fancier names for elements like committee, community contributions? Maybe council, etc.*

*How can we best integrate a longer term solution on the zilliqa website regarding community contributions?*