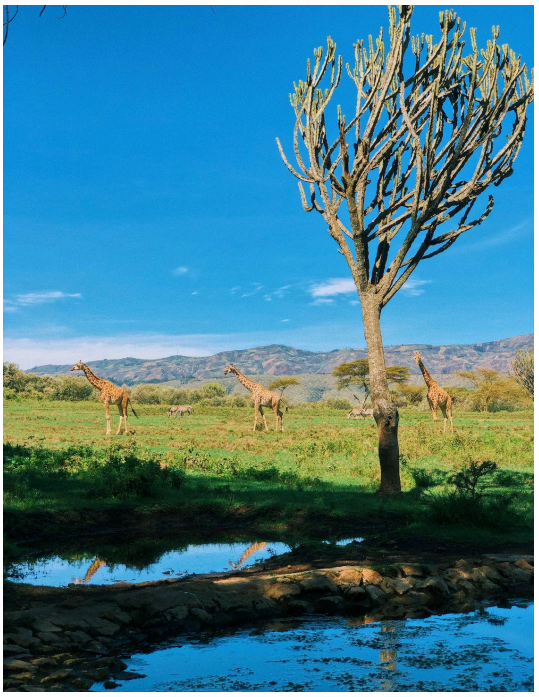
REPORT: POLKADOT SAFARI

Proponent: DwmBkG8dF9qoXcn7YzxndLjxwfaZaitqb1aUmeJ31ZD6edQ
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Treasury proposal: https://kusama.polkassembly.io/treasury/279
And https://kusama.polkassembly.io/referenda/252

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1. Context of the proposal

Polkadot Safari began with a 2 week online then IRL bootcamp- hackathon hybrid (*bootckathon)* and then culminated with a scenic trip through the Rift Valley escarpment to the lakeside city of Naivasha for the conference. The conference was held in Oserengoni conservancy which boasts a variety of wildlife from buffalo, zebra, giraffe to one of the largest populations of leopards. We aimed to bring developers out to the wild and take them completely out of their comfort zone in order to ignite their creativity, inspire them and remind them that we are all part of a greater ecosystem. The conference was held from March 30th to April 1st at Chui Lodge located in Naivasha, making it the very first Polkadot and Kusama conference in Africa. The theme of the conference was "barefoot networking," which was inspired by the successful ETHSafari. The conference aimed to immerse attendees in nature, with outdoor stages and wildlife around the venue, including zebras, giraffes, and antelopes.







The conference had several goals, including introducing the Polkadot ecosystem and its parachains to the African community, showcasing emerging technologies built on Substrate, and increasing the visibility of African startup projects on the Polkadot ecosystem. The conference also aimed to attract new talent to help build the Polkadot ecosystem, with a focus on gender inclusivity.

Lunch, tea, and snacks were provided free of charge at the conference, and the event was formally closed with a themed party featuring DJs, music bands, and performers.

The venue offered various activities such as night game drives, nature walks, boat rides, with each ticket purchased covering the conservancy fee. There was no profit in selling the tickets as it fully covered conservancy fees. Overall, Polkadot Safari was a wild and successful conference that brought together the African Polkadot community and helped to promote the development of the African DeFi space.

2. Details of the report

Milestones and Tasks

To achieve these goals, the conference organisers facilitated a 3-week online bootcamp leading up to the conference, in which ecosystem teams presented their projects. The conference also featured a workshop stream where attendees could deep-dive into Substrate and other Web3 technologies, and Polkadot Ambassadors and enthusiasts from around Africa were sponsored by H.E.R. DAO Kenya to attend the conference, with a target reach of at least 62% being women whereas the goal was 50%. Unfortunately, we were not able to achieve the goal of showcasing African Projects that are built on the Polkadot Ecosystem due to time constraints. Receiving the funds 10 days prior to the conference made it difficult to confirm whether the African ecosystem teams would be able to purchase a ticket; as they were not sure whether Polkadot Safari would take place, and flight costs were absurdly high.

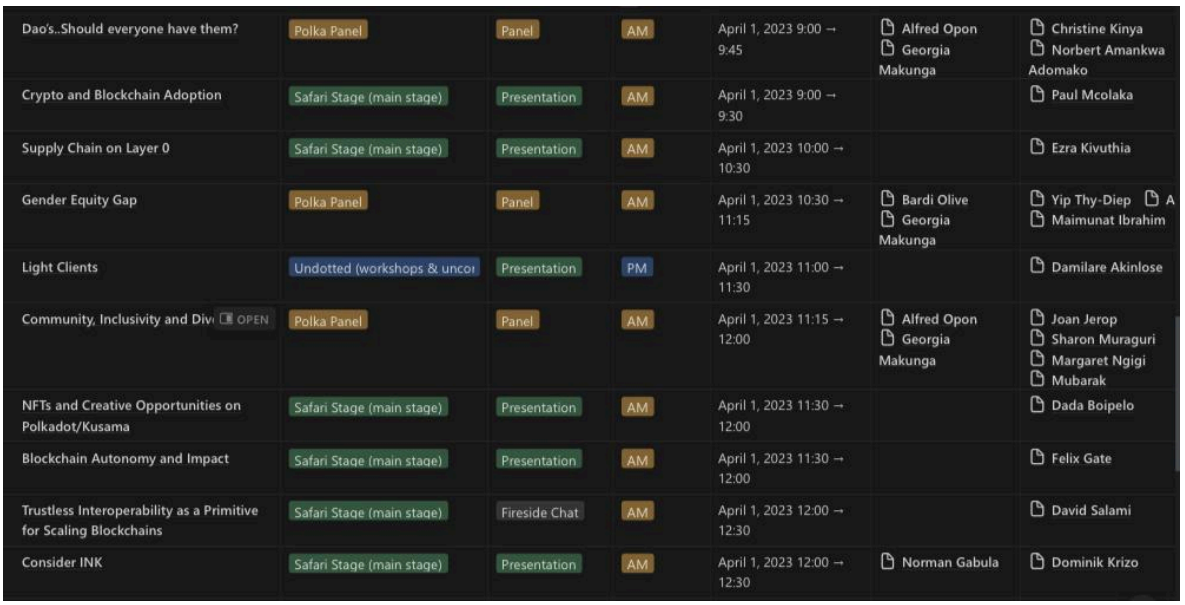
Changes Made

Due to receiving the funds late, we lost our first choice for our venue as we were not able to pay a deposit. Secondly, we had to direct funds towards paying for our newfound venue, from a few budgeted items such as Marketing, Restrooms, Internet and so on. We had already done organic marketing without the funds so we found that this was our least priority 6 days to the hackathon and 10 to the conference. And the new venue was able to provide the internet, the restrooms, and generators.

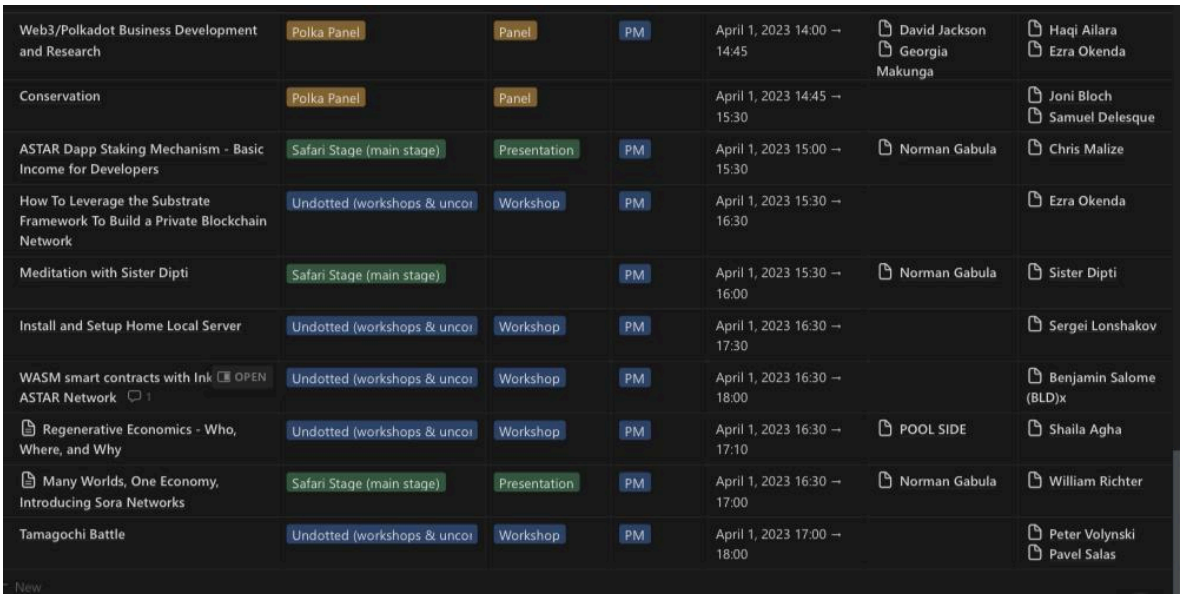
Topics Covered

The topics covered can be found via this link and in the screenshots of our agenda below;

Aa Name	Stage	Type	Session ...	Date	Moderator / Staq...	Speakers
Meet the parachain teams	Safari Stage (main stage)	Fireside Chat	PM	March 30, 2023	Koko Alfred Opon	Malik Elbay Pavel Salas Felix Gate Ryan Dinh
Local Currency for Local Needs	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	March 31, 2023 9:45 → 10:10	Jason Eisen	Malik Elbay
Towards a user oriented future building a comprehensive non-custodial wallet solution for the polkadot ecosystem	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	March 31, 2023 10:15 → 10:45	Jason Eisen David Jackson	Ryan Dinh
Metaverse Myths and Opportunities	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	March 31, 2023 11:00 → 11:45	Georgia Makunga	Lynn Gitau Alex Kimani
Financial Inclusion	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	March 31, 2023 11:05 → 11:45	Chris Malize Georgia Makunga	Felix Macharia George Mosomi William Richter
Building Smarter Solutions OPEN	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	March 31, 2023 11:15 → April 1, 2023 11:45	Jason Eisen	Pavel Salas
African Web 3 Startups	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	March 31, 2023 11:45 → 12:30	Chris Malize Georgia Makunga	Lincoln Gakuya Ogol Kwasi Cleve Simiyu Kobole
ASTAR, the next generation of multi-chain smart contracts platform	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	March 31, 2023 11:45 → 12:05	Jason Eisen	Benjamin Salome (BLD)x
Nova Wallet – Ultimate mobile app for onboarding the next wave of web3 users	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	March 31, 2023 12:05 → April 1, 2023 12:30	Jason Eisen	Leemo
Web 3 Security and Insurance	Polka Panel	Panel	PM	March 31, 2023 14:00 → 14:45	Ogol Kwasi	Justus Indeku Lumala David
Experience proof of personhood	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	March 31, 2023 14:00 → 15:30		Malik Elbay
Web 3 Cloud for IOT and Robotics.	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 14:30 → 14:55	Georgia Makunga	Sergei Lonshakov
Feminine Leadership in Web3	Polka Panel	Panel	PM	March 31, 2023 14:45 → 15:30	Meave Akinyi Ogol Kwasi	Bernice Nyambura Roselyn Wanjiru Precious Ezema
Polkadot Ambassador Program	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 15:00 → 15:30	Georgia Makunga	Maimunat Ibrahim
Why Decentralized Prediction Markets are the Future of Forecasting	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 15:00 → 15:30	Georgia Makunga	James Preston
Web 3 Grants OPEN	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 15:30 → 16:00	Georgia Makunga	Nabil Abdellaoui
Web 3 Environments As Marketing Tools	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	March 31, 2023 15:30 → 17:00		Kushim Sun Rey
Why Privacy Matters and How Integritee Can Help	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 16:00 → 16:30	Georgia Makunga	Alain Brenzikofer
Smart Contracts and Real Estate	Polka Panel	Panel	PM	March 31, 2023 16:15 → 17:00	Alfred Opon Ogol Kwasi	James Njogu Wanjir Nancy Muraguri
How legal certification helps web3 to develop	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	March 31, 2023 16:30 → 17:00		Benjamin Salome (BLD)x



Dao's..Should everyone have them?	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	April 1, 2023 9:00 → 9:45	Alfred Opon, Georgia Makunga	Christine Kinya, Norbert Amankwa Adomako
Crypto and Blockchain Adoption	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	April 1, 2023 9:00 → 9:30		Paul Mcolaka
Supply Chain on Layer 0	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	April 1, 2023 10:00 → 10:30		Ezra Kivuthia
Gender Equity Gap	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	April 1, 2023 10:30 → 11:15	Bardi Olive, Georgia Makunga	Yip Thy-Diep, A Maimunat Ibrahim
Light Clients	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Presentation	PM	April 1, 2023 11:00 → 11:30		Damilare Akinlose
Community, Inclusivity and Div OPEN	Polka Panel	Panel	AM	April 1, 2023 11:15 → 12:00	Alfred Opon, Georgia Makunga	Joan Jerop, Sharon Muraguri, Margaret Ngigi, Mubarak
NFTs and Creative Opportunities on Polkadot/Kusama	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	April 1, 2023 11:30 → 12:00		Dada Boipelo
Blockchain Autonomy and Impact	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	April 1, 2023 11:30 → 12:00		Felix Gate
Trustless Interoperability as a Primitive for Scaling Blockchains	Safari Stage (main stage)	Fireside Chat	AM	April 1, 2023 12:00 → 12:30		David Salami
Consider INK	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	AM	April 1, 2023 12:00 → 12:30	Norman Gabula	Dominik Krizo



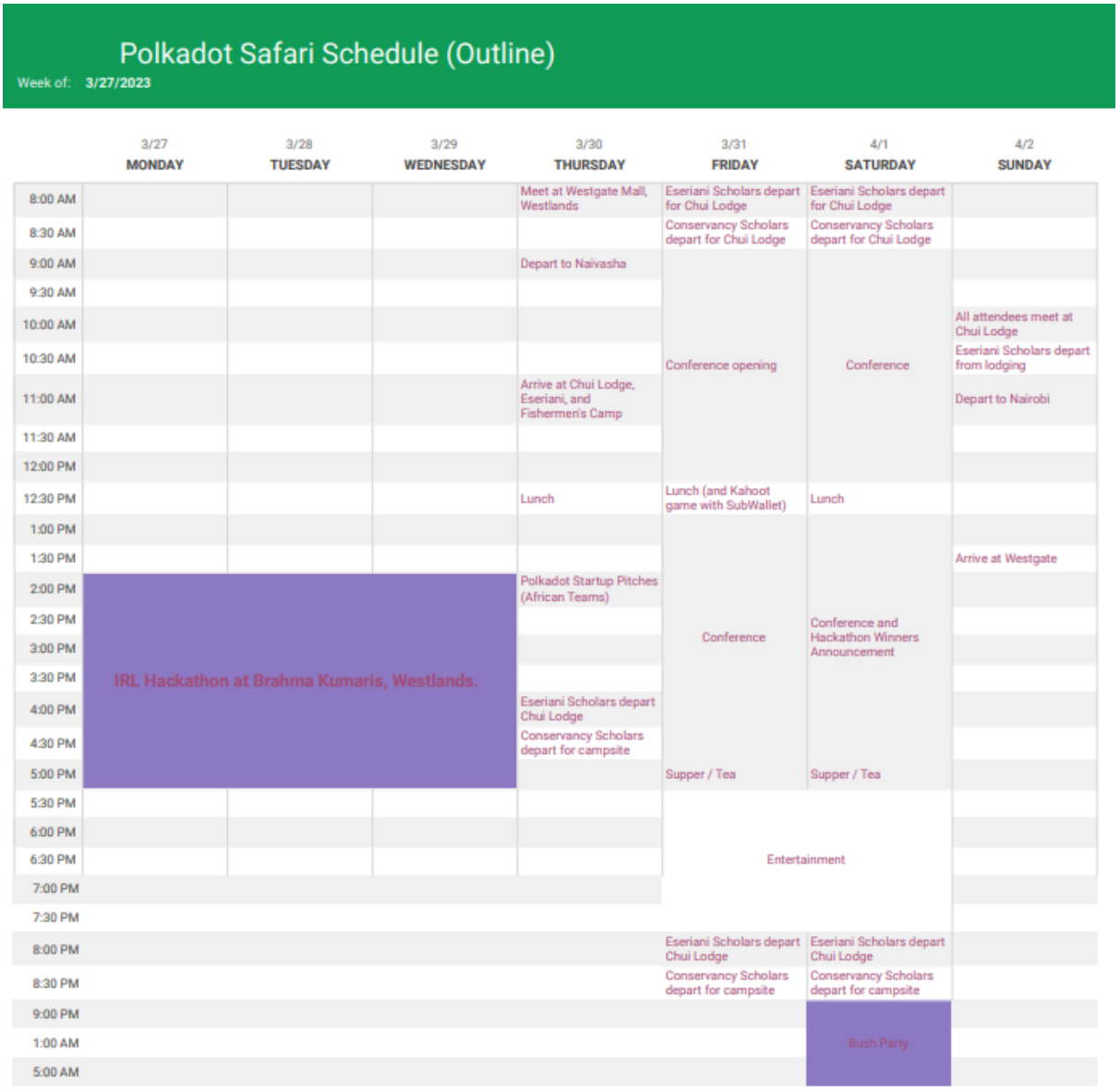
Web3/Polkadot Business Development and Research	Polka Panel	Panel	PM	April 1, 2023 14:00 → 14:45	David Jackson, Georgia Makunga	Haqi Ailara, Ezra Okenda
Conservation	Polka Panel	Panel		April 1, 2023 14:45 → 15:30		Joni Bloch, Samuel Delesque
ASTAR Dapp Staking Mechanism - Basic Income for Developers	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	April 1, 2023 15:00 → 15:30	Norman Gabula	Chris Malize
How To Leverage the Substrate Framework To Build a Private Blockchain Network	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	April 1, 2023 15:30 → 16:30		Ezra Okenda
Meditation with Sister Dipti	Safari Stage (main stage)		PM	April 1, 2023 15:30 → 16:00	Norman Gabula	Sister Dipti
Install and Setup Home Local Server	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	April 1, 2023 16:30 → 17:30		Sergei Lonshakov
WASM smart contracts with Ink OPEN ASTAR Network 1	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	April 1, 2023 16:30 → 18:00		Benjamin Salome (BLD)x
Regenerative Economics - Who, Where, and Why	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	April 1, 2023 16:30 → 17:10	POOL SIDE	Shaila Agha
Many Worlds, One Economy, Introducing Sora Networks	Safari Stage (main stage)	Presentation	PM	April 1, 2023 16:30 → 17:00	Norman Gabula	William Richter
Tamagochi Battle	Undotted (workshops & uncor	Workshop	PM	April 1, 2023 17:00 → 18:00		Peter Volynski, Pavel Salas

New

a. Agenda, attendance, location, contributors, pictures and/or videos (if applicable), twitter posts, interviews

Agenda

We had three days of the IRL hackathon (in which we had 3 weeks of a bootckathon leading up to this), a day to the venue, and 2 days of the conference. You can find our schedule below;



Polkadot Safari Schedule (Outline)

Week of: 3/27/2023

	3/27 MONDAY	3/28 TUESDAY	3/29 WEDNESDAY	3/30 THURSDAY	3/31 FRIDAY	4/1 SATURDAY	4/2 SUNDAY
8:00 AM				Meet at Westgate Mall, Westlands	Eseriani Scholars depart for Chui Lodge	Eseriani Scholars depart for Chui Lodge	
8:30 AM					Conservancy Scholars depart for Chui Lodge	Conservancy Scholars depart for Chui Lodge	
9:00 AM				Depart to Naivasha			
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM							All attendees meet at Chui Lodge
10:30 AM					Conference opening	Conference	Eseriani Scholars depart from lodging
11:00 AM				Arrive at Chui Lodge, Eseriani, and Fishermen's Camp			Depart to Nairobi
11:30 AM							
12:00 PM							
12:30 PM				Lunch	Lunch (and Kahoot game with SubWallet)	Lunch	
1:00 PM							
1:30 PM							Arrive at Westgate
2:00 PM	IRL Hackathon at Brahma Kumaris, Westlands.			Polkadot Startup Pitches (African Teams)			
2:30 PM					Conference	Conference and Hackathon Winners Announcement	
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM							
4:00 PM				Eseriani Scholars depart Chui Lodge			
4:30 PM				Conservancy Scholars depart for campsite			
5:00 PM					Supper / Tea	Supper / Tea	
5:30 PM					Entertainment		
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM							
7:00 PM							
7:30 PM							
8:00 PM					Eseriani Scholars depart Chui Lodge	Eseriani Scholars depart Chui Lodge	
8:30 PM					Conservancy Scholars depart for campsite	Conservancy Scholars depart for campsite	
9:00 PM						Bush Party	
1:00 AM							
5:00 AM							

Attendance

We initially expected 350 attendees. With organic marketing, we were able to achieve 236 attendees in person, and 326 hackathon participants both online and offline. About 124 of the 236 in person attendees were hackathon scholars.

Tweets

dadaboipelo.eth || Akinadada 🌹
@HVRmemoirs

Day 2 of #Dotsafari, innovation was in the air 👩‍🎤✨

@HERDAO_Kenya scholars & developers are hard at work pitching their team hackathon projects.

Pass by the metaverse station or catch a fire educational panel at the Safari stage 🔥

#Kusama #polkadot #Naivasha
@ETHSafari



Akinadada pfp 🌹 and 7 others

SORA | Many Worlds. One Economy...
@sora_xor

A recap from last week's @DOT_Safari and some shots from @catswithouthats presentation introducing the SORA network.

It was fun getting together with fellow Polkadotters! 🔥



Polkadot and 4 others

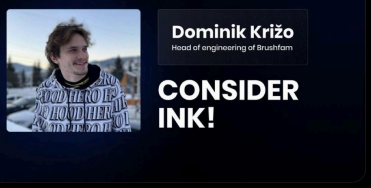
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Alina Antropova
@AlinaAntropovaa

Go go go, Dominik🔥🔥
@TheSafariDAO

> **Brushfam (Hiring Software Devs)** · 3/24/23
> Glad to announce that Head of Engineering of Brushfam @krikoeth joins #PolkadotSafari event in Africa by @TheSafariDAO .
>
> Don't miss to learn why to consider ink!🚀



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Akinadada pfp 🌹
@Akinadada

@HVRmemoirs at #Dotsafari speaking on: NFTs and Creative opportunities on #polkadot &
#kusama

#equipable-NFTs are more powerful & interactive than the usual ERC721 tokens. They are playable, useful, & can evolve over time.Well suited for scaling projects across the #metaverse



ETHSafari and 4 others

bLd v7.59
@bLd77

Amazing time, #PolkadotSafari made history, the 1st major #Polkadot event in Africa 🙌

Won't miss the next edition for any reason, I'm already hyped 🫠

> **Kratistos** @kratist0s · 4/8/23
> #PolkadotSafari wrap up!
> The event kicked off on 27 - 29 March in Nairobi.
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> Show this thread



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Astar, Future of Smart Contracts fo...
@AstarNetwork

🙏 Thanks for joining us at #PolkadotSafari with @TheSafariDAO🦁! We're thrilled by the turnout and grateful for the support!

If you missed @bLd77's speech, don't worry. You can catch the replay on YouTube: youtu.be/XLrNsiGNfmA



2:53 AM · 4/11/23 · **9,707** Views

30 Retweets **2** Quotes **153** Likes **3** Bookmarks

Sabiu Muhammad Danpullo
@S_M_Danpullo

Letter of Appreciation

Dear @TheSafariDAO, @Polkadot, @kusamanetwork @Unique_NFTchain @encointer and all sponsors of #DotSafariKenya,
I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity you gave me to attend the Bootckathon/hackathon in Nairobi and Naivasha, Kenya.

12:31 PM · 4/11/23 · **587** Views

6 Retweets **23** Likes **1** Bookmark

> **Sabiu Muhammad Danpullo** · 4/11/23
> Your sponsorship of my flight ticket, accommodation, and feeding for six days made it possible for me to explore the beautiful country of Kenya and to participate in the events. The experience was truly amazing, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.
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Encointer Association
@encointer

1/
🇰🇪 Last month, over 2️⃣5️⃣ teams were geared up to build on Polkadot & Kusama at #DotSafari, organized by @TheSafariDAO, in Nairobi. And we were in the middle of it.🚀
🤝We had a great time and also the pleasure of meeting very enthusiastic & talented #Dotsama community members.



Polkadot and kusama

9:07 AM · 4/12/23 · **1,026** Views

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Gear Technologies
@gear_techs

🏆 The #PolkadotSafari @TheSafariDAO event was a great success!

Let's recap the #Hackathon!

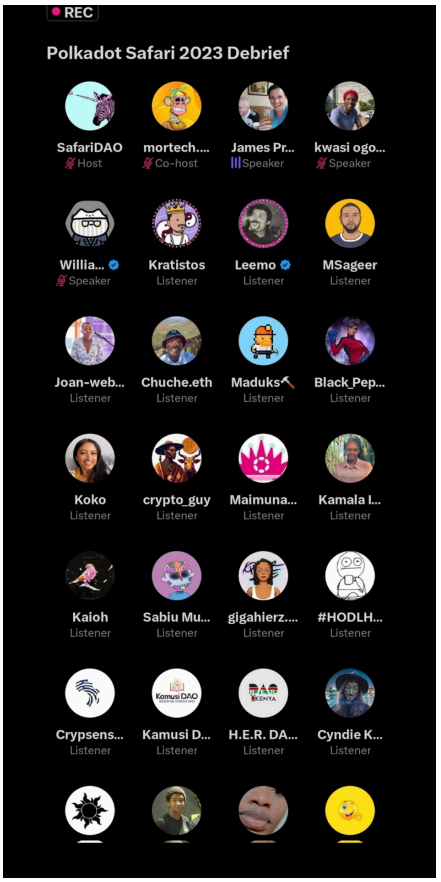
The Gear & Vara Community's participated in various activities to showcase #Gearprotocol's innovative technology.

— The best moments ⤵️



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Footage

You can find all the footage and content related to the event on our Safari DAO Youtube Channel. You will find interviews with the parachains, interviews with the developers, live streams and general videos of the hackathon and conference, including the award ceremony.

3. Success Metrics and Feedback

Present the proposal objectives and a description of their outcomes to evaluate how well the goal of the proposal was achieved.

a. Data insights from repositories, (d)app stores, cloud service providers, search engines, social media platforms, the website, etc

Participation: The number of attendees who participated in the Polkadot Safari Hackathon was a primary indicator of the event's success. The goal was to have at least 400 participants, which was closely achieved.

Attendance: Attendance of the online bootcamp and in-person hackathon was tracked separately to understand the level of engagement of participants. At least 70% of participants attended both the online bootcamp and the in-person hackathon.

Projects submitted: The number of projects submitted at the end of the hackathon was a measure of the level of engagement and creativity of the participants. At least 22 projects were submitted, meeting the set goal.

Diversity and inclusivity: The hackathon aimed to promote diversity and inclusivity in the Polkadot ecosystem, and this was reflected in the demographics of the participants. At least 60% female attendees and participants from at least 7 African countries were recorded, meeting the set goal

Quality of projects: The quality of projects was assessed based on criteria such as innovation, functionality, and potential impact. At least 25% of the projects submitted were of high quality, meeting the set goal.

Adoption: The ultimate goal of the Polkadot Safari Hackathon was to encourage the adoption of the Polkadot ecosystem in Africa. The number of projects that go on to be developed further, launched, and used by the community will be tracked over time.

b. Qualitative data from users surveys, polls, questionnaires, testimonies, etc. (if applicable)

- ☐ **Expected registrations - 400**

  We had 326 hackers that registered for the bootckathon

- ☐ **Expected Participants (conversion from registration) - 350 and 200 Hackathon participants.**

  We had up to 236 attendees at the conference, and about 150 attendees at the hackathon

- ☐ Number of people that build a project - 200 people, approximately 46 projects and 22 teams. We had more projects as some individuals had more than one project .

- ☐ Talks per day - 14

  We had 18 talks on Friday and 20 on Saturday

- ☐ Ecosystem Management - 5 Parachains IRL

We had the following parachain teams IRL;

1. Sora Network - William Richter
2. GearTech - Pavel Salas
3. Zeitgeist - James Preston
4. Imbue Network - Felix Gate
5. Robonomics - Sergei Lonshakov
6. SubWallet - Ryan Dinh
7. Polytope Labs - David Salami
8. NovaWallet - Leemo
9. Encointer - Malik El Bay
10. Brushfam - Dominik Krizo
11. Web3 Foundation - Nabil Abdel

12. AStar - bLd aka Benjamin

5 Hack challenges provided by the parachains:

The following are bounty challenges

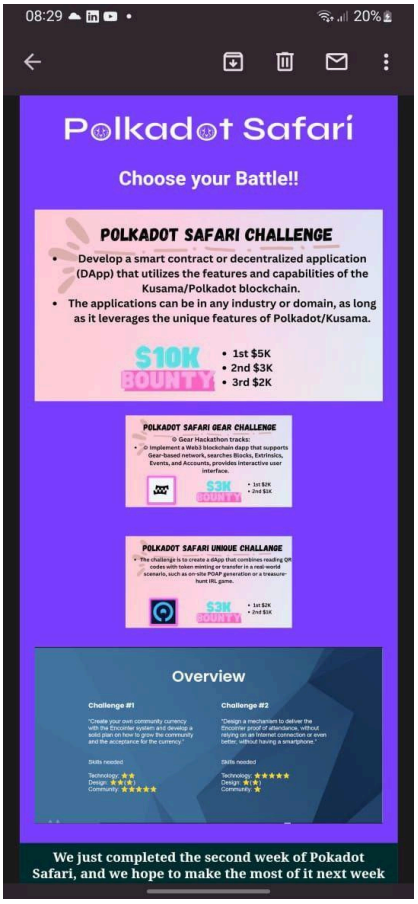
1. **Encointer**- 2 challenges (community and developer-centered) **https://t.me/c/1898474273/33**

2. **Gear tech-** implement a web 3 blockchain dapp that supports gear based network, searches blocks, Extrinsics, events, accounts, provides interactive user interface

3. **Unique-** Develop an Android or iOS app using the Unique Android/iOS SDK that can read a QR code, connect to a wallet (OPAL) and interact with the OPAL blockchain to mint or transfer a token of a predefined collection (sign an extrinsic). The challenge is to create a dApp that combines reading QR codes with token minting or transfer in a real-world scenario, such as on-site POAP generation or a treasure-hunt IRL game.

4. **Safari DAO -** Develop a smart contract or Dapp that utilises the features and capabilities of Polkadot/Kusama blockchain.

Please find the spreadsheet of hackathon results here and including their github repositories here.





Qualitative Goals

- [ ] Bringing together existing Polkadot online communities to share ideas and build a cohesive network.
- [ ] Disseminating the vision of Web3 through the Polkadot/Kusama lens.
- [ ] Giving Polkadot ecosystem participants the opportunity to interact and explore the East African market (86% of start up funding was in Kenya in 2022).
- [ ] Introducing Substrate as a framework for building blockchains to the existing web2 and web3 developers.
- [ ] Introducing Polkadot/Substrate as an enterprise solution to government agencies/corporates/organisations in attendance.
- [ ] Unravelling challenges that users utilising the network or building on Polkadot have through a QnA

The conference attracted a number of Polkadot communities from different countries in Africa to Kenya like Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia.
Polkadot head ambassador for Africa and other senior ambassadors were also present at the event.

Attendees had the chance for closer interaction with speakers for a period of 3 days. Web3 Foundation presence was essential in educating everyone about the foundation, Polkadot and grants from the hackathon to the conference where Nabil also gave a presentation and evaluated some of the projects during the hackathon pitch.

Polkadot ambassadors educated the attendees on Polkadot. Maimunat had a presentation on the Polkadot ambassadors program and its goal and as a subsequent result we have seen a number of attendees discover and join the program in the Polkadot discord introduction channel.

The turn out was good so a number of local Web3 projects attended the event who also shared their experience on their social media platforms.

Feedback

Parachains Feedback
Parachains Interviews (on the YT channel)
Attendee Feedback

4. Learning and Insights

One lesson that was learnt from the event was realising the power of bringing together a diverse group of individuals with different perspectives and experiences. Collaboration and knowledge sharing and helping to accelerate innovation and progress, especially in a rapidly evolving field of Blockchain in Africa.

In the blockchain industry, collaboration and knowledge sharing can take many forms, such as open-source development, community-driven initiatives, and conferences or events like Polkadot Safari. By working together and sharing information, developers and other stakeholders in the blockchain ecosystem collectively solved problems, identified new opportunities, and advanced the technology in meaningful ways.

Additionally, the event highlighted the importance of focusing on inclusivity and diversity in the blockchain industry. By actively seeking out and engaging with individuals from different backgrounds and perspectives, we can ensure that the technology is developed in a way that benefits everyone and promotes greater social and economic equity.

Internal DAO structuring and governance is crucial to the execution and long term sustainability of any community. By gathering feedback from all attendees, speakers and organisers, we aim to streamline tasks, processes and systems so as to have a well oiled machine. Documentation in the form of contracts with 3rd parties, Service level agreements and venue contracts are equally important. We aim to continuously work on our governance and voting mechanisms to ensure there is full accountability and representation in the community.

Overall, the blockchain industry in Africa is constantly evolving and requires ongoing collaboration and knowledge sharing to thrive. By embracing these principles and working together, we can continue to push the boundaries of what's possible and create a more decentralised, secure, and equitable future

5. Budget

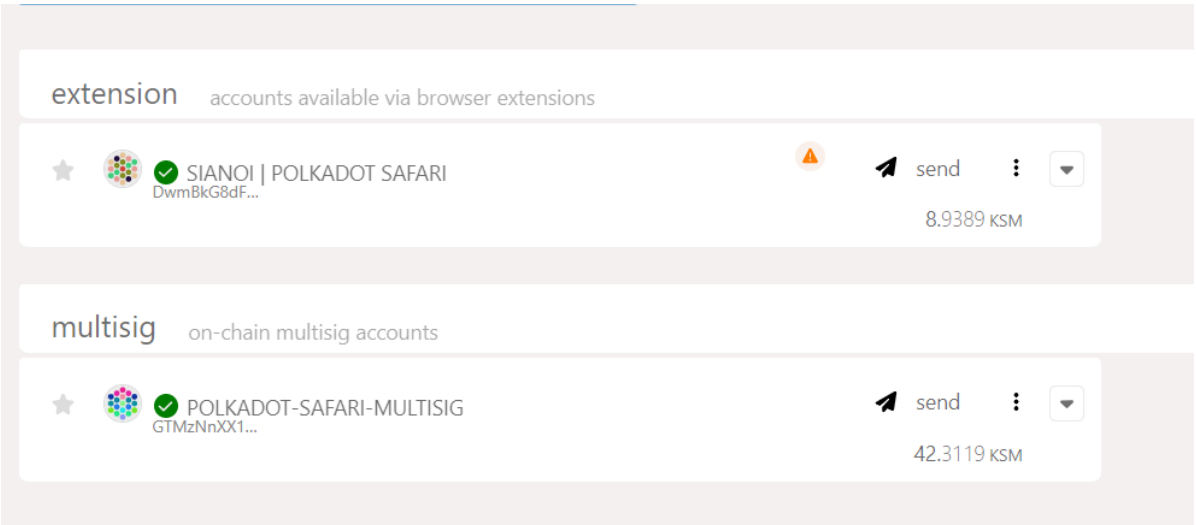
When we converted the Kusama received, it was worth $234.127.97, at the time of receipt of the funds, KSM had dropped. Our original total ask between the first and

second allocation was $289,313. Therefore, we are requesting for the balance of $55,186 which is the equivalent to KSM 2,372.28 EMA 30 as of 08/08/2023.

Upon receiving the funds only 7 days to the hackathon and 10 days to the conference, we ensured to pay out most of the services required before paying ourselves. Once 90% of the services were paid out, we paid ourselves $2000 each to keep us going. After the conference and all payments were made, we paid ourselves another round, and finally once the financial report was completed, we distributed the rest of the compensation amongst ourselves.

You can access our balance sheet and financial report here.

Amount remaining;



6. Conclusion

Summarise all points discussed throughout this report and offer a final perspective on the solution(s) developed as part of this proposal.

Summary of Points Discussed:

Attendance: The initial target was 350 attendees, but the event attracted 236 in-person attendees and 326 online and offline hackathon participants. Approximately 124

attendees were hackathon scholars.

Success Metrics and Feedback: Several metrics were used to evaluate the success of the proposal, including participation, attendance, projects submitted, diversity and inclusivity, quality of projects, and adoption. The goals for each metric were largely met.

Ecosystem Management: Five parachain teams were present at the event, representing Sora Network, GearTech, Zeitgeist, Imbue Network, and Robonomics. Other projects and organizations, such as SubWallet, Polytope Labs, NovaWallet, Encointer, Brushfam, Web3 Foundation, and AStar, were also involved.

Hack Challenges: Five hack challenges were provided by the parachains, including Encointer (2 challenges), Gear Tech, Unique, and Safari DAO. These challenges aimed to encourage developers to engage with the Polkadot ecosystem.

Learning and Insights: The event emphasized the power of collaboration, knowledge sharing, and inclusivity in accelerating innovation and progress in the blockchain industry. The importance of internal DAO structuring and governance was highlighted, along with the need for ongoing collaboration and knowledge sharing in the African blockchain ecosystem.
Budget: The total budget requested was $289,900, and the received funds amounted to $234,127.97. Expenses were prioritized, and organizers paid themselves in two installments, with the remaining funds distributed among the team members after the completion of the financial report.

Final Perspective on the Solutions Developed:

The Polkadot Safari Hackathon and Conference demonstrated success in terms of participation, attendance, projects submitted, diversity, and inclusivity. The event provided a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation within the blockchain industry. The involvement of various parachain teams, hack challenges, and the presence of organizations like Web3 Foundation contributed to the overall success of the event.

The lessons learned highlighted the importance of inclusivity, diversity, and internal DAO structuring for the long-term sustainability of the community. The event served as a catalyst for advancing the blockchain and Polkadot ecosystem in Africa and showcased the potential for a decentralized, secure, and equitable future.

Considering the achievements and positive outcomes of the event, the solutions developed as part of this proposal can be seen as successful in achieving their goals. Continued collaboration, knowledge sharing, and ongoing efforts in governance and representation will be crucial to sustain and further enhance the progress made in the African blockchain ecosystem.

7. Future Proposals

What are your longer-term plans and developments for this project? Will you be submitting follow-up proposals to request additional funding?

If SafariDAO will be contacted to host more Polkadot events in Africa (hosting it in another Africa country) in future, we plan to keep creating awareness about Polkadot and its ecosystem through educational talks, workshops, hackathons thereby onboarding more African developers to build real life use case products on Polkadot that will meet the needs of Africans and other continents, create job opportunities for those who will be interested in working with Polkadot, Web3Foundation, and Parity Technologies.

There is strong intent to be submitting proposals to request additional funding for future events and hopefully for the same period in 2024. We have received requests from members of Parity to organize the same next year after a successful first event in Africa!