

BUIP068: Satoshi's Vision 2 - Conference
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Summary

This is an Operational BUIP requesting Bitcoin Unlimited (BU) membership approve the allocation of USD \$60,000 of BU funds, to sponsor the next Bitcoin Unlimited conference: "Satoshi's Vision 2".

The conference will build on the success of the previous conferences "Satoshi's Vision", held in San Francisco in September 2016 [1], and The Future of Bitcoin Conference, which was sponsored by Bitcoin Unlimited by BUIP 047 [2], and was held in Arnhem June 29 - July 1 2017.

We may seek outside partners, or hire a professional conference organizer to assist with planning and running the conference.

Location and Date

Proposed location: Tokyo, Japan

Proposed date: 23-25 March 2018

Both of these particulars may be subject to change if deemed necessary by conference organizers.

Objectives

The purpose of the conference is to bring together noted Bitcoin figures, developers, academics, miners and enthusiasts to overview, discuss, critique and prioritize many of the leading enhancements to develop Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash into the future, including improvements which enable a far higher capacity for transactional throughput on-chain.

Goals for the conference include:

1. BU will assist by sponsoring and helping to organize the conference, but the intent is for the conference not to be BU specific, and open and welcoming to other groups.
2. One of the themes of the prior conference was Bitcoin's multiple implementations. This was very successful and provided a technical focus for the conference. This conference will broaden to include other topics, but the intention is to keep a primarily technical and research focus.
3. Attendance will be targeted to be similar to the size of the Arnhem conference (140 attendees). The duration of the conference may be extended to three days (Arnhem conference was two days).
4. Intent is to provide high-quality video recordings and live-streaming of the presentations and panel discussions, similar to the last conference [3].
5. There will be an open "call for proposals" for presentations. The conference will do its best to make the program be inclusive and representative of various groups in the Bitcoin, Bitcoin Cash, and wider cryptocurrency community.

6. Funding to pay expenses for key-note speakers/attendees. Partial expenses may be offered on a case-by-case basis.
7. Publicity for Bitcoin Unlimited itself as a growing center of excellence for Bitcoin research and full-node software development.

Note: Due to recent changes on the plan for the conference, we may need some flexibility in the particulars of how the conference happens. BU organizers may change some of the details, while still retaining the spirit of this BUIP.

References

[1] Satoshi's Vision Conference: https://medium.com/@peter_r/satoshis-vision-bitcoin-development-scaling-conference-dfb56e17c2d9

[2] BUIP 047: <https://bitco.in/forum/threads/buip...-bitcoin-development-scaling-conference.1848/>

[3] Videos of talks from Arnhem conference: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLW5YLgBF2qh_1NKB3hW24cg26KSTCsTjY