

Constitutional Workshop - Participant Information

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Constitution roadmap: "You are Here"

The Chang upgrade marks a significant milestone for Cardano this year, as it puts the community at the forefront of blockchain governance. Following the Chang upgrade, the Interim Constitution will be on-chain and in effect until the community ratifies another constitution. The Interim Constitution is intended to be minimal and temporary, allowing for the Chang upgrade to proceed by fulfilling the requirement of CIP-1694 to have a Cardano Constitution. The Interim Constitution therefore allows time for the community to converge on a more holistic constitution for Cardano.

The Cardano Constitution Consultation period spans all of 2024, summarised in the roadmap:



The red box indicates where the Constitutional Workshops fit in. Image Ref:

<https://intersectmbo.org/news/community-consultation-on-the-next-steps>

The first half of 2024 included work across Intersect committees and staff to prepare for the latter half of 2024 where broad community engagement is taking place. The Cardano Civics Committee and Parameters Committee have collaborated to prepare the Interim Constitution

for the Change upgrade. The Cardano Civics Committee, working with several relevant experts, have evaluated the Interim Constitution to identify areas for improvement, and develop a draft Constitution that align with Cardano's vision for a decentralised, inclusive, and transparent governance structure. The Draft Constitution serves as critical input for the Constitutional Workshops.

Starting in August and ending by Oct 15th, the Constitutional Workshops are series of community hosted workshops designed with two objectives:

1. Gather broad and diverse community input on the Draft Constitution.
2. Select Constitutional Delegates to attend the Constitutional Convention in Buenos Aires in Dec. 2024. Each workshop will select a ranked list of 5 candidates. First place is the Voting Delegate, 2nd place is the Travelling Alternate, 3rd place is the Backup Alternate #1, 4th place is the Backup Alternate #2, and 5th place is the Backup Alternate #3.

Each Constitutional workshop is designed to address specific outstanding questions related to the Draft Constitution. Through structured discussions and interactive sessions, attendees will respond to important questions that cannot be resolved without broad community input. These workshops will develop actionable recommendations that will be synthesised across 50+ workshops to guide updates to the Draft Constitution. Constitutional Delegates will be responsible for reviewing the updated draft at the Constitutional Convention to approve to proceed for on-chain voting.

What to expect in the workshop

- The Constitutional workshop will cover a set of topics related to the draft Cardano Constitution that need your input.
- You will work with other participants to provide both individual and group feedback on the topics.
- Note: these workshops will be held across the Cardano community. While all feedback is valuable, not all feedback can be included in the final draft presented at the Constitutional Convention. It will be up to the selected Constitutional Delegates to represent your region and arrive at a suitable final constitution.

Pre-Reads (print materials you want for the workshop)

Mandatory reading:

- [Draft Constitution \(most important\)](#) **Highly suggested to be printed**
 - This is the version of the constitution you're asked to provide input on. Questions are noted in-text, and using italicised text in brackets.
- [Workshop topics and questions](#) **Highly suggested to be printed**
 - Check your workshop [Luma page](#). Some hosts will list the topics selected for your workshop.
 - Read about the topics ahead.
 - Answer all workshop questions that interest you ahead of the workshop. This data will ultimately be combined with workshop data, and gives you a chance

to prepare for in-depth conversations during the workshop. [[A public form to input answers to all questions](#)]

- [Constitutional Delegate and Alternate Duties](#) - review if you're interested in running to be a constitutional delegate.
- [Background information on the Cardano Constitution](#)

Optional:

- [Glossary of Cardano governance terms](#)
- [CIP-1694](#) - the new on-chain governance structure of Cardano
- [Voltaire intro. about the Interim Constitution, about the Constitutional Committee](#)
- [Interim Constitution](#) (optional...the Draft Constitution is what workshops will focus on)
- [Understand the Constitutional Committee's role in interpreting the constitution](#)

About the Constitutional Delegate Election

- Tutorial for the Voting tool: <https://youtu.be/1pLtgAMoo7I>
- Each Constitutional Workshop will hold a Constitutional Delegate election to select a Constitutional Delegate, Travelling Alternate and three backup alternates.
- Quorum required to hold a vote: 10 voters
- Eligibility: any participant who physically attended a majority of the Constitutional Workshop may run as a candidate and vote.

Voting Process:

- Voters must register to vote. The workshop host will ensure this is done.
- The Voter Portal will be used for the election. In some cases with technical issues, a paper voting process will be followed.
- Voters go to the Summon website for the workshop and register to vote.
- On the registration page, voters enter their name, unique code provided by the host, and select if they DO want to run for constitutional delegate.
- Those who checked 'yes' to run as a Constitutional delegate will appear on the ballot.
- Voters will get a ranked choice ballot to select up to 5 candidates.
- Once the host confirms that all votes are cast and closes the vote.
- Once closed, voters see preliminary results - how many voters, and ranking of the top 5 candidates. Top voted is the delegate, 2nd is the alternate, and the rest are on the waiting list in case 1 or 2 cannot fulfil their duties.
- In rare cases, a tie breaking vote must be initiated. The host opens the tie breaking vote, enters only the candidates who are tied, and starts the vote.

Confirming winners

- The host sends the picture of the paper voting registration sheet, group photo, and workshop location to the Cardano Civics Committee (CCC).
- After the event, the CCC confirms the vote is valid by:
 - Confirming how many votes were cast vs registered voters.
 - The Cardano Civics Committee will share the confirmed results to all registered voters using the email addresses provided.

- Voters may submit a process complaint with evidence. This must be logged within 1 week of receiving the confirmed results from the CCC. To log a complaint, email civics-committee@intersectmbo.org with the complaint and evidence.
- If there is a discrepancy or complaint:
 - The CCC will use the registration page to see which votes were extra and re-tally the vote by removing the extra. There will be no re-count for missing votes.
 - The CCC will contact the workshop host to understand better the potential cause or resolution for the discrepancy
 - The CCC will make a final determination of the top 5 ranked candidates using the vote, registration, complaint evidence and host perspectives provided.