

Archivists Notes, Dec 05, 2024

Cardano Constitutional Convention

This document contains three sets of notes for Dec 05.

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Convention Session Notes

- **Session Name:** Delegate Voting
 - **Date:** 5th December 2024
 - **Time:** 09:00 ~ 16:00
 - **Location:** UBA
 - **Archivist Name:** Jungi (Oscar) Hong
 - **(If available) Link to recording:**
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1. Key Takeaways

(Briefly outline the primary points or ideas discussed during the session. Highlight any actionable insights or critical information.)

- **Final Vote on the Cardano Constitution by Delegates:** The Cardano Constitution was approved with 95% in favor, with three "No" votes.
- **Ongoing Debate on Terminology:** Throughout Day 1 and Day 2 of the convention, there were intense discussions about the terminology used in the Constitution. However, some delegates expressed frustration over the fact that much of the discussion was centered on definitions and the use of words. This was particularly evident from **Nathan**, a delegate from the Philippines, participating in the convention in Nairobi, who voiced his concerns about the excessive focus on terminology.
- **Frustration Regarding Terminology Discussions:** After Nathan raised concerns about the time spent on defining terms, many delegates, observers, and attendees across various convention halls responded positively to his statement. This suggests that many participants had negative feelings toward the ongoing discussions about terminology, possibly believing that these discussions were not significantly important or should not dominate the agenda.

- **Careful consideration of terminology definitions:** The sessions saw robust discussions on key constitutional terms, governance issues, and procedural changes. The group moved forward with decisions on terminology changes (such as replacing "equity" with "fairly and impartially"), the creation of work streams for future constitutional amendments, and the need for clarity on how definitions would be treated in relation to the Constitution. While the ongoing discussions about terminology definitions may have caused some fatigue among attendees, this reflects the careful and thoughtful approach the participants are taking in handling the Constitution. The final decisions made in these sessions will have a significant impact on how the Constitution is interpreted and how future amendments are handled, ensuring that the governance framework remains adaptable and inclusive as the Cardano community evolves.
- The delegates recognized that adding definitions to the Constitution within the convention period would be practically difficult. Therefore, after voting on the Constitution, they decided to elect a **Chair and Vice-Chair** to lead a new workstream focused on adding **Definitions** to the Constitution. This workstream will collaborate with the **Interim Constitution Committee (ICC)** and experts to develop and propose the **Definitions** for inclusion in the Constitution.

2. Conclusion

(Summarize the overall message or decisions made during the session. Include any next steps or outcomes.)

- Definitions were removed from Appendix 2.
- The part added in **Article 4, Section 1** on **Day 1** for the definitions will also be removed, as it was decided in the **Day 2 temperature check** to remove the definitions from the appendix, including the content related to the definitions added on **Day 1**.
- The Cardano Constitution was approved with 95% in favor.
- Following the vote, it was decided to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from the delegates to appropriately add the Definitions to the Constitution.
 - A key point of discussion was the creation of a **definition committee** to work on defining key terms within the Constitution. Delegates were invited to nominate themselves for leadership roles (Chair, Vice-Chair) of this committee.
 - The workstreams that were prioritized included:
 - Defining the terms in the Constitution,
 - Improving access to the Constitution (translations, visual aids),
 - Community education on the Constitution,
 - Establishing codes of conduct for the Constitutional Committee and other entities,
 - Defining a standard budget process,
 - Establishing a transparent process for future Constitutional Committee elections.
- **Fairness and Terminology:**

- A major focus was on selecting appropriate terminology for fairness in the Constitution. Different terms like "equity," "impartiality," and "fairness" were discussed.
- **Definitions and Agreement:** A subject matter expert, Cynthia Yang, explained that while terms like fairness, impartiality, and equity are related, **fairness** was considered the most compact and powerful word for the Constitution's context.
- **Temperature Check:** A vote was held regarding the term "equity." After deliberation, the decision was made to replace "equity" with "fairly and impartially" based on a temperature check.
- There was a vote on whether to move the "other guidance" from Appendix 2 into Article 3. The vote showed that the majority of delegates preferred keeping the guidance in Appendix 2, so it was decided to retain it there.
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3. Q&A

(List the questions asked during the session and their corresponding answers. Include the name of the speaker who provided the answer, if available.)

- Question 1: *"What does it mean that the definitions serve as guidance?", "How high is the meaning of those definitions? Is it just for interpretation or actual guidance?" / raised concerns about the role of definitions, questioning whether they are just interpretive or whether they can redefine the Constitution itself.*
 - Answer: Adam clarified that it is the role of the **Constitutional Committee (CC)** to interpret the Constitution. The definitions would serve as a way to show the **original intent** of the Constitution as adopted by the delegates.
 - These definitions would **influence the interpretation** of the Constitution but would not necessarily redefine the Constitution itself. They are meant to guide interpretation but are not the sole authority on what the Constitution means.
 - **Joel's Clarification:**
 - Joel explained that while the **Cardano Foundation's draft** included definitions, not all of them were directly relevant to the Constitution. The definitions were tailored to fit the Constitution's needs.
 - If the definitions are taken out of the Constitution, Joel suggested that **external guidance documents** could be created and hashed on-chain. This would allow the **Constitutional Committee** to reference those documents when interpreting the Constitution.
 - Additionally, Joel proposed creating a **separate definition booklet**, which the community could prepare and publish, ideally no later than the Constitution's ratification.
- Question 2: Regarding net change limit
 - Answer: **Clarifications** were made regarding the **net change limit** for the treasury, with some delegates raising concerns that the **limit could be too broad**. However, it was clarified that the net change limit is not an on-chain

parameter and that it needs to be managed by the **Constitutional Committee (CC)** and **Dreps**.

- It was confirmed that the **net change limit** could not be constrained within the Constitution due to its current structure.
 - Question 3: There is a concern about decentralization, which was initially mentioned but not fully addressed in the Constitution. Is there a plan to allocate a budget for it?
 - Answer(Adam): Decentralization is considered a **meta concept** woven throughout all sections of the Constitution. Instead of reopening the Constitution, this issue can be addressed in **companion documents**. There is no immediate plan to revise the Constitution itself, but decentralization will be incorporated into future workstreams, and relevant resources can be allocated to address it.
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4. Points to Address

(List any follow-up items or action points with the names of individuals responsible for addressing them.)

- **Creation of a New Workstream:**
 - A new workstream will be formed, focusing on defining key terms in the Constitution. This group will elect a chair and vice-chair from the delegates.
 - The workstream will collaborate with the Constitutional Committee (CC) and technical experts to draft definitions. These will not be embedded in the Constitution immediately but will serve as a reference document for the CC when interpreting the Constitution.
- **Workstreams for Future Definition Work:**
 - The idea of creating an **additional workstream** to handle definitions, potentially through a separate document that complements the Constitution, was considered important for ongoing constitutional interpretation.
 - The **Constitutional Committee (CC)** would have the flexibility to refer to these external documents, as long as they are hashed on-chain, ensuring transparency and accessibility for the community.
- **Inclusion of the ICC's Input:**
 - The Interim Constitution Committee (ICC) will be invited to contribute their submissions and ideas to the definitions workstream, enriching the content with their thoughtful insights.
- **Workstream Support:**
 - The drafting and ratification group will provide secretarial support for the newly elected workstream leadership and assist with the organizational logistics.
- **Temperature Check on Proposal:**
 - Before proceeding with the final vote on the definitions and their inclusion in the Constitution, a temperature check will be conducted to gather delegate support for these next steps. This will help ensure consensus on how to handle the definitions moving forward.

- **Voting Threshold Discussion:**
 - The proposal to increase the voting threshold to a **two-thirds majority** was discussed but not immediately resolved. The concern about language and clarity will be addressed in future steps.
- **Future Workstreams and Accessibility Concerns:**
 - A delegate raised the issue of accessibility for people with disabilities, particularly in communities where members might be visually or hearing impaired. The **Civics Committee** confirmed that there is budget for accessibility initiatives, and work is underway to ensure that the Constitution remains **inclusive** for all people, including those with disabilities.
 - An ongoing effort to include **accessibility** provisions for visually and hearing-impaired individuals will be part of the future workstreams, and it was assured that these concerns will be addressed in the community.
- **Challenges in Defining Blockchain Roles:**
 - The conversation highlighted the need for flexibility in governance to account for future developments. For example, Cardano's treasury is expected to diversify over time with multiple tokens. The question of who manages these assets (such as Bitcoin or ADA) in the treasury is raised, emphasizing the need for a flexible, broad approach to governance.
- **Future of Cardano Treasury:**
 - The discussion touched on the potential for Cardano's treasury to grow significantly, including scenarios where assets could include not only ADA but also assets like Bitcoin. There was talk about managing such assets, and the question was raised about who should have the authority to decide what happens to these funds. This led to a broader conversation on governance structures that balance future growth with current functionality.

5. Sentiment Check

(Record the overall mood or tone of the session, focusing on how the audience reacted to the discussion. Note whether the sentiment felt positive, negative, or neutral. Include insights on the types of questions asked—were they enthusiastic, critical, or neutral?

This helps capture the emotional atmosphere surrounding the session.)

- **(Negative)** Delegates began expressing frustration with the ongoing discussions about terminology definitions.
- **(It was neutral and cautious.)** Some delegates acknowledged that it would be practically difficult to polish the terms in a micro-level manner and redefine them within the three days of the convention, which was discussed during the deliberation sessions.
- **(A positive attitude, receptiveness, and enthusiastic participation.)** Most delegates agreed that there was insufficient time to address these issues thoroughly, and they expressed consensus on the need for flexibility in the Constitution, flexibility in the Constitutional Committee's judgment, and the necessity of additional workstreams for ongoing improvements. They agreed on electing a **Chair** and **Vice-Chair** for this purpose.

- Following these discussions, the conversation quickly moved toward the final vote on the Cardano Constitution.
- **(They asserted their opinions through passionate participation.) Revisiting the Equitable vs. Equality Issue:**
 - A delegate raised concerns about the use of the term "**equitable**" in the Constitution, suggesting that it might be misinterpreted as **equality of outcomes**, which some felt was inconsistent with the community's values.
 - It was proposed that the language around "**equitable**" should be revisited, with suggestions to use alternative language or even hold a **ranked choice vote** to clarify its meaning and avoid confusion. The goal was to reach a **clearer consensus** on this term.
 - They asserted their opinions through passionate participation.
- **Concerns About the Word "Equity" (Critical, Enthusiastic):**
 - Some delegates raised concerns about the term "**equity**" being politically charged, especially in North America. The goal was to achieve **fairness** in a way that would be universally understood across different cultures.
- **Proposals for Future Workstreams (Enthusiastic):**
 - There was a proposal for the creation of a future workstream to address **Constitutional Delegate representation**. The aim was to improve fairness and inclusion in future workstreams, particularly ensuring that all voices, not just the loudest, are heard.
 - **Concern:** There was concern about potential communities being excluded from future discussions, and delegates emphasized the need for clear processes for including all members.
- **(It was neutral and cautious.) Funding and Budget for Workstreams:**
 - The discussion about the budget support was **neutral** in tone.
 - A debate arose about **funding** future workstreams. Some delegates expressed concern about relying on IOG for funding and emphasized the need to ensure that future workstreams are funded through the **Cardano treasury** once the Constitution is ratified.
 - Some delegates felt that the community should ensure funding is available without depending on any one individual.

6. Additional Notes

(Add any other observations or context that might be relevant for the final document.)

- Since I have not received the counting results for each temperature check, I have not included the results for each one. The visual confirmation may be inaccurate.
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Sign-Off

- Signed off by: Nicolas Cerny
 - Date of Completion: 2024-12-16
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Meeting Notes - Kenya -

Dec 5, 2024

Convention Session Notes

- Session Name:
- Date: **5th December 2024**
- Time: **3pm (GMT+3)**
- Location: **Nairobi**
- Archivist Name: **Lorenzo Bruno**
- (If available) Link to recording:

Notes

- BA comment from New Zealand: discuss the definition before the temp check
- BA comment from Gabriel: the constitutionality of the definitions, the const primary function is a guiding document for the cc, so they need to be the body that needs to interpret this not us, so we should leave flexibility for them to interpret
- BA comment from Ken: I don't think we will be able to capture definitions with enough quality to be added to the constitution. Proposal, make a chair and a co-chair from the delegates and alternate and come up with a definition in the next few days
 - BA comment from Adam Rush: as an observing member of ICC, please consider including them ICC to that process. As a member of the drafting ratification WG, we can offer support, including the voting tool
- Temperature check on creating committee and removing definition, should we, yes or no?
 - BA comment from Bastian: what does it mean the definition serves as guidance if we don't have them in the constitution? If we don't have them in the constitution they can change the meaning of the Constitution itself
 - Answer Adam Rush: it is the job of the cc to interpret but they will function to socialise the initial intent of the delegate
 - BA comment: the definition are at a strong point, we voted on something that is further defined in the definitions, if we remove them we would have to go back and vote
 - BA comment: there be a mechanism for cc to add definitions later on, we should discuss that mechanism too

- Answer from Joel: reminding how the definitions were added to the constitution,
 - BA comment: can we vote with a placeholder in place to add it in a couple of weeks as this is not going on-chain
 - Answer from A.Rush: today we will create a hash of the doc that will be submitted on chain
 - Delegate swap for Lagos Nigeria
- BA comment: should we revisit the articles that are impacted by the removal of the definitions
- BA comment from Gianluca: the delegates voted to put operations back if it was fully defined in the definitions, if that is not the case we should define it in the section. We should also define how we get definitions in the constitution
- BA comment from Nathan: ask to delegates to consider if there is anything that puts the ecosystem at risk or is this document a safe start for the cc members to use
- Nairobi comment from Maureen: worrying related to constitution in general, we miss adding an article for decentralization
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- BA comment from Gisela: about temp check about keeping the definitions, the correct question is, should they be in the constitution or not? Use a-sync signing method for the definitions
- BA comment from Jose: do WGs and committee need to go through Intersect?
 - Answer from A.Rush: no it will be a committee of delegates
- Nairobi question from Ubio: comment on the equitable issue, equitable doesn't mean equality of outcomes

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- Temperature checks about 3 options for tenet 9, between equitably, fairly, impartially
 - Request to add 'equally' as this is a new vote
 - BA comment: future workstream representation of delegates, to have continuity of delegates' role
 - BA proposal: have all three words in the sentence as equitable is a charged word in the US
 - New single temp check with fairly and impartially
- BA comment: What are the implications of referencing a document in the Constitution that is not part of the Constitution?
 - Answer from Joel: the majority of constitutions allow to look outside of the constitution for interpretation
- Temperature check "shall we move appendix 2 guidance into art 3 section 2?"
- Delegates will propose themselves to be part of the future committee for definitions and run as the chair and vice-chair (all delegates will be part of the committee)
 - BA question from Nori: should this be broader than definitions? Should each workshop provide their rationales to what they meant?
- Review of future workstreams
 - BA question from Nori: I think it is a missing opportunity not to do a retrospective to know what to do when we do our First Amendment

- BA comment: there needs to be a workstream about creating a decentralization index (IDE)
- Nairobi question from Darlington: who is responsible for making sure these work stream happen?
 - Answer from Mercy: we should take it to CH office as he said he would fund it
 - CH agreed
 - Answer from Jose: I think it would be a good idea to add these workstreams to the body that will create the definitions
 - Comment from Danielle: it will centrally be a discussion within the civic committee, but this is broadly a community organization
 - BA comment from Mark, London: include discussions for additional tenets in the future work streams
 - BA comment from Zach: could we have 2 people for each position? We also need to establish a process for members to remove themselves if needed
 - BA comment from Mark: I don't think that CH or any of the founding entities is obligated to support the future process. Merci what do you meant then?
 - Merci Answered

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- Charles keynote
- Voting Ceremony
 - [delegate name][delegate country and city] [delegate vote]
 - South Africa - YES
 - Congo - YES
 - Tanzania - YES
 - Ethiopia - YES
 - Mauritius - YES
 - Nigeria - YES
 - Akra, Ghana - YES
 - Tamala, Ghana - YES
 - Cameroon - YES
 - Liberia - YES
 - Burkina Faso - YES
 - Osaka - YES
 - Tokyo - YES
 - Srilanka - YES
 - UAE - YES
 - South Korea - YES
 - India - YES
 - Mongolia - YES
 - Singapore - NO
 - Sidney - YES

- Australia - YES
- New Zealand - YES
- Philippines - YES
- Vietnam - YES
- Taiwan - YES
- Indonesia - YES
- France - YES
- Portugal - YES
- Germany - YES
- Spain - YES
- Italy - YES
- Netherlands - YES
- Scotland - YES
- England - YES
- Norway - YES
- Austria - YES
- Georgia - YES
- Serbia - YES
- Bulgaria - YES
- Estonia - YES
- Greece - YES
- Peru - YES
- San Paulo - YES
- Rio de Janeiro - YES
- Colombia - YES
- Venezuela - YES
- Mexico - YES
- Paraguay - YES
- Argentina X2 - YES
- Chile - YES
- Bolivia - YES
- Ecuador - YES
- San Diego - YES
- Chicago - YES
- Philadelphia - YES
- Fort Myers - YES
- Washington DC - YES
- Austin - YES
- Porto Rico - NO
- Vancouver - YES
- Toronto - YES
- Kenya - NO
- Voting for chair and co-chair of group that will work on delegations using the Summon tool

Summary

1. Key Takeaways

- Discussions focused heavily on **definitions** and their role within the constitution, including whether they should be explicitly included or referenced externally.
- Several temperature checks were conducted to gauge consensus on issues such as **terminology** ("equitable," "fairly," "impartially"), **governance structures**, and **future workstreams**.
- The **voting ceremony** showcased strong alignment among international delegates, with a majority voting in favor of the proposed changes.

2. Conclusion

- Delegates reached a decision to form a **committee** for defining terms, with a chair and co-chair to oversee progress.
- Key updates, such as changes to **Article 4** and the inclusion of definitions, will require further deliberation.
- Future workstreams were proposed, including the creation of a **decentralization index** and a retrospective to inform the **First Amendment process**.

3. Q&A

- **Question:** Should definitions be part of the constitution or separate?
 - **Answer:** Joel noted that definitions could guide interpretation without being formally embedded, leaving flexibility for future revisions.
- **Question:** Who ensures workstreams progress?
 - **Answer:** Mercy confirmed this responsibility would fall to the **Civic Committee** with potential CH funding.
- **Question:** How should governance roles be structured?
 - **Answer:** Zach proposed having two people for each role and a process for resignation, which was supported by delegates.

4. Points to Address

- **Finalize the committee structure** for managing definitions and establish guidelines for its operation.
- Revisit articles impacted by the removal or redefinition of terms.
- Clarify **future workstream responsibilities**, ensuring alignment with the Civic Committee's scope.
- Consider a **retrospective** to improve processes for amendments.
- Develop a plan for **decentralization index creation** and potential funding mechanisms.

5. Sentiment Check

- The overall sentiment remained collaborative, though debates around definitions and terminology sparked differing viewpoints.
- Delegates expressed eagerness to advance discussions but emphasized the need for clear, actionable resolutions.
- Voting results indicated strong consensus, with most countries voting "YES" on key items.

6. Additional Notes

- A **voting ceremony** was held, with widespread international participation. Some delegates raised concerns about consistency in voting tools and methods.
- Future amendments may explore additional **tenets** and governance structures to ensure robust decentralization.

Meeting Notes Convention Day 2 - Voting - 20241205 - Kenya - Ha Nguyen

Convention Session Notes

- **Session Name:** Convention Day 2 Voting
 - **Date:** December 5, 2024
 - **Time:** 2:30 (GMT +3)
 - **Location:** University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina & Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid Session)
 - **Archivist Name:** Ha Nguyen
 - **(If available) Link to recording:**
 - **Chairpersons:** Lloyd (Buenos Aires), Mercy (Nairobi)
 - **Co-Chairpersons:** Eric (Buenos Aires), Reshma (Nairobi)
 - **Secretary:** Danielle
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1. Key Takeaways

(Briefly outline the primary points or ideas discussed during the session. Highlight any actionable insights or critical information.)

- **Definitions in the Constitution:**
 - Debate on whether definitions should remain in the Constitution or be separated into reference documents stored on the blockchain.
 - Consensus to remove definitions from Appendix 2 and establish a committee to develop definitions, ensuring flexibility for the Constitutional Committee (CC).
- **Inclusiveness and Accessibility:**
 - Recognized the need to accommodate underrepresented communities and different time zones.
 - Agreed to develop accessible resources, including sign language interpreters and visual aids for individuals with disabilities.
- **Governance Structure:**
 - Emphasis on transparency in decision-making and clear leadership roles within committees.
 - A sustainable governance model was highlighted to reduce dependency on individuals.
- **Future Work Streams:**

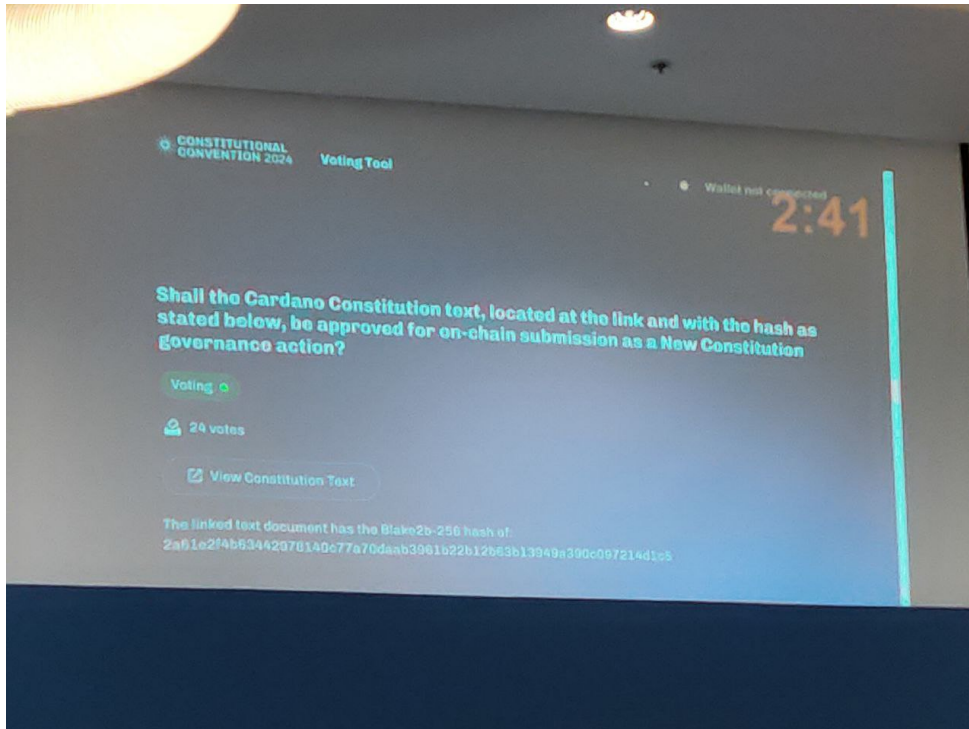
- Discussions on budget allocation for 2025 initiatives and processes for incorporating community feedback into governance.

2. Conclusion

(Summarize the overall message or decisions made during the session. Include any next steps or outcomes.)

- **Decisions Made:**
 - Definitions will be removed from Appendix 2 and referenced as standalone documents on the blockchain.
 - A voting ceremony will ratify the finalized Constitution text, ensuring consensus on all amendments.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Establish a Definition Committee to manage future definitions and work streams.
 - Share voting results transparently on official channels.
 - Begin preparations for co-chair elections in the Definition Committee.
 - Allocate resources for future accessibility and inclusiveness initiatives.

Voting Results for Recording the Constitution On-Chain



Below is the list of 63 participants in the vote along with their specific results:

1. Evans Kisanga, Tanzania - Yes
2. Nabiyu, Ethiopia - Yes
3. Shaheena, Mauritius - Yes
4. Delegate from Nigeria - Yes
5. Delegate from Accra, Ghana - Yes
6. Mohammed Mustapha Yakubu, Tamale, Ghana - Yes
7. Maureen, Cameroon - Yes
8. Delegate from Liberia - Yes
9. Laurentine, Burkina Faso - Yes
10. Chrisanne, Tokyo, Japan - Yes
11. Delegate from Osaka, Japan - Yes
12. Delegate from Sri Lanka - Yes
13. Delegate from UAE - Yes
14. Jaehyun, South Korea - Yes
15. Sricharan, India - Yes
16. Temulun, Mongolia - Yes
17. Delegate from Singapore - Yes
18. Delegate from Sydney, Australia - Yes
19. Nathan Barkell, Western Australia - Yes
20. Engie Matene, New Zealand - Yes
21. Nathan, Philippines - Yes
22. Quang Daniel, Vietnam - Yes
23. Mike Rogero, Taipei, Taiwan - Yes
24. Randy, Indonesia - Yes
25. Nori Nishigaya, France - Yes
26. Lucas, Portugal - Yes
27. Delegate from Germany - Yes
28. Jorge, Spain - Yes
29. Michele, Italy - Yes
30. Delegate from Netherlands - Yes
31. Larisa, Scotland - Yes
32. Delegate from London, England - Yes
33. Luca, Austria - Yes
34. Georgia Delegate (in Khartoulee language) - Yes
35. Katarina, Belgrade, Serbia - Yes
36. Martin Marinov, Bulgaria - Yes
37. Astra, Estonia - Yes
38. Evangelos Karakatsis, Greece - Yes
39. Erick Romero, Peru - Yes

40. Maria Carmo, São Paulo, Brazil - Yes
41. Delegate from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Yes
42. Jaime Posada, Colombia - Yes
43. Wilmer Varon, Venezuela - Yes
44. Cristian, Mexico - Yes
45. Caleb Montiel, Paraguay - Yes
46. Jose Javier Iadicicco, Argentina - Yes
47. Lucas Macchiavelli, Argentina - Yes
48. Rodrigo, Chile - Yes
49. Delegate from Bolivia - Yes
50. David, Ecuador - Yes
51. Rodrigo Gomez, San Diego, California, USA - Yes
52. Ken Ladd, Chicago, Illinois, USA - Yes
53. Nadia Hopkins, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA - Yes
54. Zachary Soesbee, Fort Myers, Florida, USA - Yes
55. Lee, Washington, D.C., USA - Yes
56. Gabriel Talamantes, Austin, Texas, USA - Yes
57. Cameron Smith, Vancouver, Canada - Yes
58. William Doyle, Toronto, Canada - Yes
59. Ken Erik Ølmheim, Oslo, Norway - Yes
60. Peter Horsfall, Sydney, Australia - Yes
61. Darlington, Nairobi, Kenya - No
62. Patrick Tobler - No
63. Arcella, from Puerto Rico - No

This completes the full 63 votes.

3. Q&A

(List the questions asked during the session and their corresponding answers. Include the name of the speaker who provided the answer, if available.)

Q&A Session

Question 1

- **Asked by:** Engie
- **Country:** Aotearoa, New Zealand
- **Position:** Not specified

- **Question:** "Can we discuss the definitions this morning before making final decisions?"
 - **Answered by:** Not specified
 - **Answer:** "Thank you for sharing. We will consider this matter."
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Question 2

- **Asked by:** Gabriel Austin
 - **Country:** Not specified
 - **Position:** Not specified
 - **Question:** "What is the main function of the definitions in the Constitution, and how should we interpret them?"
 - **Answered by:** Not specified
 - **Answer:** "Definitions are guiding documents for the Constitutional Committee (CC) to determine constitutionality. This is not the responsibility of the delegates but falls under the CC's mandate."
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Question 3

- **Asked by:** Ken
 - **Country:** Not specified
 - **Position:** Not specified
 - **Question:** "Should definitions remain within the Constitution, or should another mechanism be established to gather input and develop them?"
 - **Answered by:** Not specified
 - **Answer:** "It is proposed to establish a committee to draft definitions, incorporating input from experts and delegates. The outcome will be stored on the blockchain as a reference without being directly embedded in the Constitution."
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Question 4

- **Asked by:** Jose
- **Country:** Not specified
- **Position:** Not specified
- **Question:** "What mechanism ensures that the definitions are referenced documents while still supporting the CC in effectively interpreting the Constitution?"
- **Answered by:** Joel
 - **Answer:** "Supplementary documents can be created, hashed, and stored on the blockchain. The CC can reference these documents to make decisions without needing to amend the core Constitution."

Other Comments

1. **Comment by:** Gabriel Austin
 - **Comment:** "Definitions should not be part of the Constitution but should serve as reference documents to give the CC flexibility in decision-making."
 - **Response by:** Ken Ladd
 - **Response:** "Agreed. A representative committee should develop these definitions and store them as blockchain-referenced documents."
2. **Comment by:** A member of the ICC
 - **Comment:** "Submissions from the Interim Establishment Committee should be integrated into the definition-building process. The ICC is also ready to provide tools and election procedures for selecting the committee's chair and vice-chair."
 - **Response:** None specified.
3. **Comment by:** Anonymous member
 - **Comment:** "Use the shared Telegram form to submit minor technical corrections. These adjustments will be reflected in the final draft."
 - **Response:** None specified.

Temperature Check

- **Topic:** Removing definitions from Appendix 2 of the Constitution.
- **Options:**
 - **Green Card:** Agree with Ken's proposal to remove definitions from Appendix 2 and establish a committee to develop the definitions.
 - **Red Card:** Keep definitions in Appendix 2 as they currently are.
- **Process:**
 - **Clarification by Jose:** "Definitions can be presented as reference documents without needing to be directly integrated into the Constitution."
 - **Voting Result:** Official count pending.

Next Steps

1. **Moderator Statement:** "With Mercy's agreement, we will begin the voting ceremony. This is the final step in deciding the Constitution's content."
2. **Procedure:**
 - Delegates will vote on the entirety of the Constitution, including previously agreed-upon amendments.
 - Upon completion, results will be validated and stored on the blockchain.

- The voting ceremony will occur after presentations of changes to Appendix 2 conclude.
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Q&A Session

Question 5

- **Asked by:** Bastian
 - **Country:** Germany
 - **Position:** Not specified
 - **Question:** "What does it mean for definitions to serve as guidance? If the definitions are not part of the Constitution, could they be used to redefine or alter the Constitution? How significant will these definitions be—merely interpretative or practically directive?"
 - **Answered by:** Adam
 - **Answer:** "Interpreting the Constitution is always the responsibility of the Constitutional Committee (CC). However, these definitions can reflect the initial intent of the Constitution as approved by the delegates. The Constitution itself can change over time, and the hash will always ensure consistency."
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Question 6

- **Asked by:** Not specified (in a discussion with Joel)
 - **Country:** Not specified
 - **Position:** Not specified
 - **Question:** "Is there a mechanism for the CC to reference definitions provided by the community, and how does that affect the CC's flexibility in interpreting the Constitution?"
 - **Answered by:** Joel
 - **Answer:** "The definitions derived from the Cardano Foundation draft have been adjusted to align with the Constitution. I suggest adding clarity that external documents can be hashed and stored on the blockchain, allowing the CC to reference them. The community can also publish their own definition documents for the CC to utilize in future discussions."
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Question 7

- **Asked by:** Not specified
- **Country:** Not specified
- **Position:** Not specified
- **Question:** "Can we temporarily keep a placeholder for the definitions, allowing for their modification after the Constitution is ratified? Would this impact the ratification process?"

- **Answered by:** Adam
 - **Answer:** "That could be done, but you won't leave Buenos Aires with a verified hash. The current process ensures authenticity and consensus among the delegates, and breaking this process would forfeit that validation opportunity."
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Other Comments

1. **Comment by:** Jose
 - **Comment:** "The definitions have reached a solid starting point and are derived from the Cardano Foundation. Some definitions have been clarified through recent votes."
 - **Response by:** Joel
 - **Response:** "Agreed. The definitions should include clear guidance and incorporate additional documents from the community to support the CC."
 2. **Comment by:** Mercy
 - **Comment:** "Delegate exchange from Lagos, Nigeria, should be properly recorded."
 - **Response:** None specified.
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Temperature Check

- **Topic:** Removing definitions from Appendix 2 and creating a standalone document for definitions.
 - **Options:**
 - **Green Card:** Agree with Ken's proposal to remove definitions from Appendix 2 and hash a separate definition document on the blockchain.
 - **Red Card:** Keep the definitions in the Constitution as they are.
 - **Result:** The removal of definitions from Appendix 2 was approved with strong consensus.
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Next Steps

1. **Moderator Statement:** "With Mercy's agreement, we will proceed to the voting ceremony. This is the final step to finalize the Constitution content."
2. **Procedure:**
 - Delegates will vote on the full text of the Constitution, including previously agreed amendments.
 - Once complete, the results will be validated and stored on the blockchain.
 - The ceremony will take place after the changes to Appendix 2 are presented.

Q&A Session (Continued)

Question 1

- **Asked by:** Nathan, delegate from Manila
- **Question:** "The current time zone creates significant difficulties for the Asian community. How can we adjust these processes to better accommodate different regions?"
- **Answered by:** Mercy
 - **Answer:** "We acknowledge this concern and will include it in future discussions to ensure that communities across time zones are better supported."

Question 2

- **Asked by:** Doning, delegate from Nairobi
- **Question:** "Who will be responsible for managing and implementing future work streams? Will the Civics Committee oversee this, or will a specialized body need to be created?"
- **Answered by:** Tim
 - **Answer:** "The Civics Committee may take overall responsibility but can also delegate to other entities to ensure the work streams are carried out. This will be part of future organizational discussions."

Question 3

- **Asked by:** Mercy, delegate from Nairobi
- **Question:** "Can we consider additional procedures for other tenants, such as handling the term 'decentralization,' to ensure clarity and understanding within the community?"
- **Answered by:** Danielle
 - **Answer:** "This is a great suggestion. We will prioritize including such content in future work streams to ensure all concepts are explained and used correctly."

Other Comments

Comment 1

- **By:** Nikki
 - **Comment:** "We should not take Charles Hoskinson's support for granted. While we need to ratify the Constitution to secure access to the Treasury, we should

also explore sustainable funding methods for the ecosystem that do not overly depend on any individual."

Comment 2

- **By:** Max, delegate from the Netherlands
 - **Comment:** "Transparency and inclusiveness in documenting and interpreting the Constitution are critically important. We need consistent procedures to avoid confusion in the future."
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Comment 3

- **By:** Andrew, delegate from Georgia
 - **Comment:** "We need to establish a clear process for delegates to resign if they are unable to continue fulfilling their responsibilities. This will ensure continuity and efficiency in leadership committees."
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Comment 4

- **By:** Marcel
 - **Comment:** "Online ratification of the Constitution is a strategic step to secure access to Treasury funds. This will help the community transition from reliance on individuals to a sustainable funding system."
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Next Steps

1. **Preparation for Co-Chair Voting in the Definition Committee:**
 - Delegates will be invited to participate, ensuring full representation across regions.
2. **Finalize Priority Work Streams:**
 - Danielle will compile a list of work streams and share it with the committee.
3. **Discussion on Management Processes:**
 - Determine who will directly manage the work streams and how delegation will be handled effectively.
4. **Temperature Check on New Processes:**
 - Evaluate the possibility of expanding the scope of the Definition Committee to take on other work streams.
5. **Strengthening Communication and Community Engagement:**

- Promote community participation through meetings and online workshops to increase understanding of the Constitution.
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Additional Comments and Actions

Comment 5

- **By:** Mercy, delegate from Nairobi
 - **Comment:** "Expanding opportunities for inclusiveness within the Constitution is essential. We must make sure the voices of underrepresented communities are reflected in future amendments and policies."
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Action Items

1. **Enhanced Transparency for Voting Results:**
 - Ensure that all results from temperature checks and final votes are shared transparently across official communication channels, including Telegram.
2. **Establishing Leadership Structures for Committees:**
 - Define clear roles and responsibilities for committee chairs and vice-chairs, with input from the community.
3. **Budget Allocation for Future Work Streams:**
 - Finalize and announce budgets for critical initiatives, including provisions for underrepresented regions and accessible resources.
4. **Long-Term Sustainability Plan:**
 - Develop a roadmap to reduce dependency on single individuals or entities, ensuring that the governance system can operate independently and sustainably.
5. **Online Ratification System:**
 - Implement a robust digital system for community engagement in the Constitution ratification process, supporting a decentralized and transparent approach.

4. Points to Address

(List any follow-up items or action points with the names of individuals responsible for addressing them.)

- Voting Transparency: Ensure all voting results are shared on Telegram and other official channels. (*Responsible: Mercy*)
- Definition Committee Formation: Finalize leadership roles and operational scope. (*Responsible: Joel and Danielle*)
- Inclusiveness Measures: Develop resources for accessibility and regional inclusion. (*Responsible: AC*)
- Budget Allocation: Finalize 2025 budgets with transparency. (*Responsible: Cheryl*)

5. Sentiment Check

(Record the overall mood or tone of the session, focusing on how the audience reacted to the discussion. Note whether the sentiment felt positive, negative, or neutral. Include insights on the types of questions asked—were they enthusiastic, critical, or neutral? This helps capture the emotional atmosphere surrounding the session.)

- **Tone:** Generally positive, with proactive suggestions for inclusiveness and governance improvements.
- **Questions:** Enthusiastic and constructive, focusing on clarity, inclusiveness, and sustainability.
- **Concerns:** Some frustration with time zone accommodations and governance clarity.

6. Additional Notes

(Add any other observations or context that might be relevant for the final document.)

- Definitions are viewed as critical but should remain flexible and separate from the Constitution's core.
- Strong support for accessible governance processes, emphasizing community representation and inclusivity.
- Online ratification is seen as a strategic move for transparency and decentralization.

Sign-Off

- Signed off by: Nicolas Cerny
 - Date of Completion: 2024-12-16
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