WIMS-CARDANO SADC

1. Principles and Tenets

The draft constitution contains both principles and tenets. The principles are contained in the preamble, and the tenets are contained in Article 1. The principles arose from the values that the Cardano ecosystem has held from the beginning. The tenets arose to define limits to how Cardano blockchain development can progress so that the ecosystem principles are not violated. Tenets could be expected to provide more explicit guidance to the Constitutional Committee than principles.

There are several challenges when defining principles and tenets, and motivated the questions for this topic. Some challenges include:

- Keeping the principles and tenets brief.
- The more we have, the easier it is to find inconsistencies between them.
- Inconsistencies make it difficult for the Constitutional Committee to make
- decisions, as they must weigh the value of one principle/tenet over another.
- The more principles/tenets we have, the easier it is for one principle or tenet to
- be picked as an argument for any opinion.
- Ensuring completeness of tenets. If the tenets are intended to guide blockchain
- development, have we captured the most important safeguards to uphold our principles?
- Articulating the difference between a principle and a tenet, and how each should be used.

Community Questions

1. Do you believe the tenets in Article I, Section 1 appropriately reflect the ethos of the Cardano Blockchain?
Yes
No
Unsure

5. Dreps

Delegated representatives (DReps) are one of three governing bodies for on-chain governance. DReps provide owners of ada with the option to delegate their voting rights. When delegated voting rights, a DRep votes on behalf of others. Fulfilling this role is expected to take time,requiring governance action monitoring, expertise and research on topics up for vote, and communication with delegates. There has already been innovation around the form a DRep takes. The community is already experimenting with script-based DReps, multi-sigs, in addition to individuals taking the role.

Delegates must trust their DRep to vote on their behalf, but can ultimately pick a different DRep if unsatisfied. Any requirements placed on DReps are likely a tradeoff between governance ideals and overall DRep participation.

Community Questions

11. The draft constitution currently states: "DReps are expected to adopt codes of conduct from time to time governing their activities as DReps and make such codes of conduct publicly available." Should the Constitution include any guidelines as to the requirements that must be included by DReps in their respective codes of conduct?
Yes.
No
Unsure

11a. If you answered yes to question 11, what requirements for DReps and their respective codes of conduct be included in the Constitution? Consider if DRep code(s) of conduct should be on-chain.

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11b. Should there be one code of conduct for all DReps or should each DRep be allowed to adopt its own code of conduct? (multiple choice)
One code of conduct for all DReps
Each DRep should be allowed to adopt its own code of conduct
Unsure

11c. Should the Constitutional Committee determine whether DRep code(s) of conduct are consistent with the Constitution?
Yes
No
Unsure

12. Should the Constitution mandate compensation for DReps?
Yes
No
Unsure

12a. If you answered yes to question 12, please provide additional thoughts. Consider: Should the Constitution specify how compensation is determined? Should the Constitution include a cap on compensation?

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13. Should the Constitution require that budgets approved for the Cardano Blockchain include an allocation from the Cardano Blockchain treasury sufficient to compensate DReps in such amounts as may be approved from time to time by ada owners?
Yes
No
Unsure

14. Should the Constitution include term limits for DReps?
Yes
No
Unsure

14a. If you answered yes to question 14, please provide your reasoning.
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14b. If you answered no to question 14, please provide your reasoning.
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