

Cardano Governance and DRep Impact Analysis

- Group name: _____

DRep Role and Participation - Critical Questions:

1. What motivates someone to become a DRep?
 - ☐ A desire to influence governance decisions
 - ☐ Interest in earning rewards
 - ☐ Passion for Cardano's development
 - ☐ A sense of responsibility towards the Cardano ecosystem
 - ☐ Building a strong community-driven platform
2. How can we encourage broader participation in governance?
 - ☐ Provide clear educational resources
 - ☐ Increase rewards for DReps
 - ☐ Simplify the process of delegation and voting
 - ☐ Create incentives for regular participation in governance
 - ☐ Raise awareness about the importance of governance

Governance Challenges and Opportunities - Explore the Potential Impact:

3. What may be challenges in Cardano's governance model?
 - ☐ Lack of community awareness and participation in governance
 - ☐ Insufficient representation/ low participation of ADA holders
 - ☐ Difficulty in ensuring transparency and accountability
 - ☐ Power concentration in certain governance roles
 - ☐ Technical issues with the implementation of on-chain governance

4. How might the DRep system address these challenges?

- ☐ By increasing community awareness and encouraging participation through simplified processes
- ☐ By ensuring more representative governance by enabling DReps to act on behalf of ADA holders
- ☐ By addressing transparency and accountability through regular DRep updates and on-chain voting records
- ☐ By reducing power concentration and ensuring balanced decision-making through decentralized delegation
- ☐ By improving the implementation of on-chain governance and ensuring smooth, efficient voting processes

Accountability and Transparency : DRep Code of Conduct Considerations:

5. Which accountability mechanisms do you think are most important for ensuring DReps act in the best interest of the community?

- ☐ Regular voting updates and clear communication from DReps
- ☐ A formal code of conduct outlining DRep responsibilities and ethics
- ☐ Transparency in decision-making, including publishing voting records
- ☐ Accountability through regular feedback from the community and DRep performance reviews
- ☐ Ensuring DReps vote regularly to maintain active status and represent ADA holders

6. How can transparency in the governance process be maintained?

- ☐ Recording all proposals, votes, and decisions on the blockchain for verifiability
- ☐ Publishing regular reports on governance activities and decisions
- ☐ Using metadata anchors to provide contextual information about DRep profiles and voting history
- ☐ Ensuring all governance actions are traceable and publicly accessible on the blockchain
- ☐ Allowing community members to track and review voting patterns and decision outcomes

Delegation Dynamics : 🤝 Voting Power and Representation:

7. How would you decide which DRep to delegate your voting power to?

- ☐ Based on their expertise in blockchain and governance
- ☐ Trust in their voting history and past decisions
- ☐ Recommendations from trusted members of the community
- ☐ Transparency in their decision-making and voting patterns
- ☐ Their commitment to regular updates and active participation

8. Select top 4 qualities which make a trustworthy DRep?

- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Consistency
- ☐ Accountability
- ☐ Integrity
- ☐ Active Participation
- ☐ Expertise
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Reliability
- ☐ Other (Please specify): _____

Personal Reflection

9. Which governance feature appeals to you the most? (Select one)

- ☐ Treasury System (funding projects and initiatives)
- ☐ Voting Mechanisms (direct voting or delegation)
- ☐ Delegation Process (flexibility in delegating voting power)
- ☐ Transparency and Accountability (on-chain decisions and verifiability)

10. How engaged did you feel during the workshop?

- ☐ Very Engaged
- ☐ Somewhat Engaged
- ☐ Not Engaged

11. Did you feel each section of the workshop was given enough time for discussion?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, some sections were rushed
- ☐ No, some sections took too long

12. What topics would you like to see explored in more depth in future workshops?

Group rep: -----

Case Study

Introduction

Welcome to the case study activity! In this session, you will engage with different scenarios related to the role of DReps (Delegated Representatives) in Cardano governance. The goal is to explore challenges within the system and discuss potential solutions that enhance Cardano's governance model.

Instructions:

- You will be divided into groups and assigned one of the following cases.
- Each group should discuss the case and come up with specific, actionable recommendations for how the governance system could address the issue at hand.
- Focus on what mechanisms can be implemented to solve the problem while keeping the system decentralized, transparent, and efficient.

Case 1: The Active DRep

"A DRep with 10% of total delegation consistently votes against technical upgrades despite community support. What mechanisms should exist to address this?"

Key Points to Consider:

- Impact on technical upgrades and community sentiment
 - Incentives for DReps to align with community interests
 - Potential consequences for a DRep voting against community-approved upgrades
 - Mechanisms for resolving conflicts of interest or accountability
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Case 2: The Silent DRep

"A popular community member becomes a DRep but stops participating in votes after gathering significant delegation. How should the system handle this?"

Key Points to Consider:

- Importance of active participation from DReps
 - Possible causes for inactivity (e.g., disinterest, lack of time, personal reasons)
 - How the system can ensure DReps remain accountable for their duties
 - What measures can be introduced to encourage consistent participation
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Case 3: The Split Decision

"DReps are evenly split on a critical parameter change. How should such deadlocks be resolved?"

Key Points to Consider:

- Deadlock scenarios and their impact on decision-making
 - Possible methods for resolving ties (e.g., quorum, tie-breaking mechanisms)
 - Ensuring fair representation while avoiding deadlock situations
 - Balancing the interests of different DReps and the community
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Group Discussion (10 minutes)

- Discuss your assigned case within your group.
- Make sure everyone contributes their thoughts and insights.
- Focus on crafting actionable recommendations to address the challenges presented in the case.
- Consider the broader context of governance and how your proposed solution fits within the Cardano ecosystem.