

# Setting up a decentralized Namada network

Setting up a decentralized Namada network requires coordination between two distinct parties:

1. [The network coordinator](#)
2. [The pre-genesis participants](#)

This process is also called the genesis ceremony or the pre-genesis process .

The purpose of this process is to establish the initial (genesis) state of the network -- including initial account balances, an initial validator set and an initial stake distribution -- through social consensus. This is done by generating pre-genesis transactions that define established accounts, validator accounts, and bonds. See the [pre-genesis participants](#) section for more details on generating pre-genesis transactions.

[Starting a network](#) [The network coordinator](#)