

Constituent Assembly.

A group that has power to change the constitution.

<http://thelawdictionary.org/letter/c/page/165/>

A constituent assembly is a body of representatives that is elected to create or change their country's constitution.
<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/constituent-assembly>

Constituent Assembly:

Group authorized and having the power of framing or amending a constitution.

<http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/constituent-assembly.html>

Constituent Assembly:

a group of elected representatives that have the power to write or change their country's constitution.

<http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/constituent-assembly>

Constituent Assembly.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constituent_assembly

A constituent assembly (sometimes also known as a constitutional convention or constitutional assembly) is a body or assembly of representatives composed for the purpose of drafting or adopting a constitution. As the fundamental document constituting a state, a constitution cannot normally be modified or amended by the state's normal legislative procedures; instead a constituent assembly, the rules for which are normally laid down in the constitution, must be set up. A constituent assembly is usually set up for its specific purpose, which it carries out in a relatively short time, after which the assembly is dissolved. A constituent assembly is a form of representative democracy.

Unlike forms of constitution-making in which a constitution is unilaterally imposed by a sovereign lawmaker, the constituent assembly creates a constitution through "internally imposed" actions, in that members of the constituent assembly are themselves citizens, but not necessarily the rulers, of the country for which they are creating a constitution.^[1] As described by Columbia University Social Sciences Professor [Jon Elster](#):

Constitutions arise in a number of different ways. At the non-democratic extreme of the spectrum, we may imagine a sovereign lawgiver laying down the constitution for all later generations. At the democratic extreme, we may imagine a constituent assembly elected by universal suffrage for the sole task of writing a new constitution.

And there are all sorts of intermediate arrangements.