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**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NIGERIA**

**Article 1**

**1.1 SUPREMACY**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), this Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members and organs of the party.

**Article 2**

**2.1 NAME**

The name of the party is “**ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY**” (ADP)

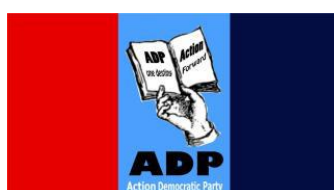
**Article 3 LOGO, FLAG AND COLOUR**

**3.1 LOGO**

The Logo of the party shall be “**an open book held by a right hand showing: ADP---ONE DESTINY written on its left side, ACTION—FORWARD written on its right side, the acronym ADP written in black below the hand holding the open book and ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY written in white. All are superimposed on the sky-blue background in the center of the Party Flag.**”

**3.2 FLAG**

The Flag of the party shall be “Red, Sky-blue and Navy-blue with the party logo printed in the centre of the flag.



### **3.3 COLOUR**

The party colours shall be **Red, Sky Blue** and **Navy Blue** in vertical order.

## **Article 4 - MOTTO AND SLOGAN**

### **4.1 MOTTO**

The motto of the party shall be ‘Action - Forward’

### **4.2 SLOGAN**

The slogan of the party shall be “ADP – “ONE DESTINY” provided that the party can use or improve on the slogan as it deems fit in any circumstance.

## **Article 5**

### **5.0 AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim and objectives of the party are as follows:

**5.1. To provide** a true and viable social democratic system, with an All-inclusive style of governance, devoid of tribal, gender or sectional considerations, in order to decisively deal with all socio – economic vices, setting in motion a sequence for a New Nigeria, the Nigeria of our dreams away from mere rhetoric to concrete actions.

**5.2. To build** people as the main and prime resource of the nation and compliment same with strong structures and institutions devoid of personal interests and considerations, where the greatest good for the greatest number is paramount.

**5.3. To create and lead** sustainable Pragmatic Innovations, Economic Regeneration Platforms, Industrialization, Entrepreneurship, with due consideration and premium for education, scientific and technological advancements in consonance with the programs and policies enunciated in the **ADP Mega Economic Action Thrust – MEAT.**

**5.4. To appreciate and strengthen** the capacity of the people to take responsibility, and participate actively in leading roles towards achieving the new Nigeria project.

**5.5. To foster** unity and brotherhood through **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** as against litigations in matters within the party at all levels, and engender patriotic spirit for service amongst all, especially the young enterprising Nigerians. Lay solid foundation for a new generation leaders for national rebirth in the next two decades and strengthen our corporate existence.

## **Article 6**

### **6.1 CORE VALUES**

#### **6.1.1 Good Governance**

Build a participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective, efficient, equitable, inclusive system of Government that observes the rule of law and assures that; corruption is exterminated, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in the society are heard in decision making. The ADP government shall also be responsive to the present and future needs of the Nigerian society.

#### **6.1.2 Servant Leadership**

Build people as the main and prime resource of the nation with strong structures and institutions devoid of personal interests and considerations. Allow people to take responsibility and be active participants as well as play leading roles in the new Nigeria project, where the common good is paramount and supreme. Foster unity, brotherhood and engender patriotism and spirit for service amongst young enterprising patriots and lay a solid foundation for a new generation of leaders for national rebirth.

#### **6.1.3 Innovation**

Provide platforms and initiatives to lead to sustainable pragmatic innovations, technological advancements, economic regeneration, industrialization, and growth of entrepreneurship.

#### **6.1.4 Transparency**

Promote the culture of transparency in all aspect of governance and conduct.

#### **6.1.5 Accountability**

Promote the rule of law and the culture of accountability in all aspect of governance and conduct.

## **Article 7**

### **7.1 DRIVES AND ASPIRATIONS**

1. To institutionalize true democratic governance system and separation of powers
2. To provides the Nigerian citizen as the prime natural resource of the nation and restore self-worth and ownership of development programs.
3. To strengthen the three tiers of Government by optimizing their potentials for sustainable socio-economic growth and development.
4. To exploit and harness our rich human and materials resources for scientific and technological development.
5. To empower and maximize the value of our youths and women with ideas and launch them as shining stars for the common good of the nation.
6. To protect and defend all Nigerian citizens irrespective of gender both at home and anywhere in the world.
7. To diversify the economy through innovation, industrialization and technological development in agriculture, and solid minerals development, as well as revitalize other key sectors of growth such as the services sector.
8. To restore the glory of Nigeria in the commity of nations through proactive enthronement of integrity, transparency, accountability, and respect for the rule of Law.
9. To propagate quality service delivery and patriotism through education and incentives for right attitude and merit.
10. To proactively engage citizens in development paradigm with bottom up approaches and strategic action plan to address their needs.
11. To strengthen all institutions for wealth creation while bringing many people out of poverty and bring about prosperity to our people.
12. To uphold the sanctity of our rule of law and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

## **Article 8**

### **8.1 THE ADP THREE (3) FUNDAMENTAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. All-inclusive Government
2. Democratic Empowerment of the Young people
3. Party Supremacy

## **Article 9**

### **9.1 ETIQUETTE**

- 9.1.1.** The party leadership shall be transparent and accountable; its executive shall determine its policies and programs subject, however, to the Foundation Council ratification.
- 9.1.2.** Without prejudice to expertise and experience, the party would not encourage the continuous recycling of government past appointees from one position to the other when young and fresh minds remain in the lurch.
- 9.1.3.** The party believes that Power is not an end but a means to cause and effect true changes in the society. The Party shall therefore consider member's eligibility to contest in any election for public office based on his or her verifiable contribution(s) in the development of his or her immediate constituency and the manifesto of the contender.
- 9.1.4.** In order to encourage gender balance in terms of participation and representation, the party shall in nomination of party officers at all levels, allocate a reasonable minimum of its positions to women.
- 9.1.5.** Regardless of age, ethnicity, creed, gender and race, the party shall be fair in its in-house Organization. The party must ensure that young persons are properly represented in National, Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward and Polling Unit Executive Committees. As much as practicable 50% of the executive office positions at the Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward and Polling Unit Executive Council, shall be made up of 25% Youth (in the age bracket of between 18 and 35 years) and 25% Women, while at the National level 40% of the National Executive Committee (NEC) shall be 20% Youth and 20% Women.
- 9.1.6.** During General Elections, the party shall contest in all elections in Nigeria and shall mobilize its supporters from all sections of the society.
- 9.1.7.** For reasons of administrative expediency, every organ shall limit itself to its constitutional core mandate.
- 9.1.8.** The party is supreme in all party matters and therefore all party members elected to public office on the platform of the party shall ensure that the party is not ridiculed in the scheme of things, that the

party is well respected and given the pride of place as being the vehicle that brought them to office.

- 9.1.9.** In order to enhance Internal Democracy, Transparency, Cost Effectiveness, the party shall adopt **Direct Primaries** using open secret ballot for all its internal elections or any other election process as may be prescribed by the Foundation Council.
- 9.1.10.** Where feasible e-voting shall be employed to compliment the election process.
- 9.1.11.** All party members elected or appointed to political offices at National, State and Local Government levels shall not assume the leadership of the party over and above the respective Chairmen and members of the executives of the party.

## **Article 10**

### **10.1 REGISTERED OFFICE/SECRETARIAT**

- 10.1.1** The head office shall be situated in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and such other offices in any other states of the country as approved by the Foundation Council (FC).
- 10.1.2** Every executive meeting involving party officials which includes elected government officials on the Party's platform shall be held in the party's secretariat whether at National, Zonal, State, Local Government, or Ward levels except on special circumstances with written permission from the National Working Committee.

## **Article 11**

### **11.1 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be opened to every citizen of Nigeria who satisfies the following conditions:

- a. Pay a prescribed registration non-refundable fee as may be fixed from time to time jointly by NEC and the Foundation Council.
- b. Has agreed to abide by the party's constitution and not below 18years.
- c. He/she shall be registered and recognized at the party ward secretariat where he/she resides or works.

- d. Obtain a Membership Card.
- e. Being a classified document as well as party property, the party Membership Card shall contain the member's details; and the authorized signatories shall be National Chairman and National Secretary, countersigned by the Ward Chairman and the Ward Secretary of the bearer. And its form shall be as prescribed by the party from time to time.
- f. Membership Cards shall be produced and distributed by the National Executive Committee upon the approval of the Foundation Council.
- g. One month to the date of party conventions and congresses, Membership Cards and Registers shall be closed and members would be required to confirm their names before the registers are closed. Ward Chairmen and Ward Secretaries shall validate and re-certify registers before nomination processes. The NEC and the Foundation Council may modify the guidelines for state congresses on the basis of justice, transparency and expediency.
- h. Without prejudice to Article 11(a) above, every member shall pay a prescribed annual subscription fee as determined by the NEC and Foundation Council.

## **11.2 Membership Withdrawal:**

- a. Any member who wishes to withdraw his/her membership shall notify his/her Ward Secretary in writing.
- b. Membership withdrawal application shall be considered within 30 days by the Ward Executive Committee, after which the member is free to leave. In the case of Foundation Council, Party Official, Political Appointees, State Elder or any party member holding any office at Federal, State or Local Government level, such membership withdrawal shall not be effected without due consideration and approval by the National Executive Committee.
- c. Any member holding an elective or appointive office who wishes to withdraw his/her membership from the party, shall while notifying the party of his or her withdrawal, also tender a letter of resignation from the office being held, failing which such office shall be deemed declared vacant.

### **11.3 Re-joining the Party:**

- a. Any person or persons willing to re-join the Party having left shall apply for membership afresh through his/her Ward. The application shall be considered within 30 days for acceptance or refusal by the Ward Executive Committee provided that where no answer is received within the time stipulated above, the application would be deemed successful.
- b. A returning member may be placed on 6 months' probation and may lose the previous status held in the party and or in a public office before his exit from the Party except he/she is pardoned by the National Executive Committee.
- c. The Party shall be at liberty to issue additional guidelines on procedures for re-joining the Party from time to time.

## **Article 12**

### **12.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **12.1.1 A party member shall:**

- a. actively participate in the political and community development activities of his/her ward;
- b. endeavour to propagate the aims and objectives of the party;
- c. endeavour to acquaint with the social, cultural, political and economic challenges of the country with a view to making positive contributions that will bring about solutions;
- d. defend the policies and programs of the party;
- e. have zero tolerance for ethnic, religious and any other form of bias;
- f. behave honestly and carry out with all sense of loyalty the decisions of the party and of its organs;
- g. abstain from disseminating, any article or position being the view of any aggrieved person or persons within the



party without due approval of the National Executive Committee;

- h. ensure that he/she is registered as a voter in the community/ ward where he/she resides;
- i. be qualified to vote and be voted for at party meetings or elections supported by the constitutional provisions of the party;
- j. abstain from any act that is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution;
- k. abstain from disclosing the proceedings/resolutions of the party unless specifically authorized;
- l. avoid bringing to public attention disagreements or variances within the party unless specifically authorized to do so in writing by the National Executive Committee;
- m. refrain from public critical comments about the policies of any government elected on the platform of the party;
- n. refrain from colluding with opposition parties or groups to undermine the party or any of its elected officials/governments; and
- o. refrain from initiating or provoking any cruel behaviour or do anything capable of provoking violence at any of its gathering,

**12.1.2** All public officers elected or appointed on the platform of the party shall be accountable and guided by the manifesto, rules, and decisions of the party.

## **Article 13**

### **13.1 PARTY MANIFESTO IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING COMMITTEE – PMIMC ESTABLISHMENT AND THE COMPOSITION**

- a. This Constitution establishes Party Manifesto Implementation Monitoring Committees - PMIMC at the National, State, Local Government and Ward Levels. Its composition at each level shall

consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and must reflect gender and fair representation of not more than 2 persons per each of the six geopolitical zones at the National Level, 3 persons per Senatorial District at the State Level, 2 persons per cluster of Wards at the Local Government Level and 2 persons per Poling Unit at the Ward Level and shall serve for a renewable term of four (4) years only

- b. The quorum of the PMIMC shall be two-third of the membership drawn from the committee and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- c. The PMIMC shall regulate its proceedings, policies and terms as formulated by it approved by NEC and ratified by Foundation Council.

### **13.2 QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

A person shall qualify for membership of the PMIMC if he or she satisfies the following conditions:

- a. is a registered card carrying member of the Party, for not less than four consecutive years except in the first four years of the formation of the party;
- b. has been paying his annual subscription fees as at when due;
- c. has attained the age of thirty years; and
- d. a person of proven integrity and competence;

### **13.3 FUNCTIONS**

The PMIMC shall perform the under listed functions amongst others:

- a. appraisal and approval of Budget proposals and political appointments by elected party members at Federal, State and Local Government levels; and
- b. use Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for continuous assessment of budget implementation by party members holding elective offices and political appointments at all levels of government to ensure effective execution of the Action Democratic Party manifesto;

## **Article 14**

### **14.1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTY TO MEMBERS**

1. The party shall take on measures that give confidence to volunteer services by creating opportunities for members to serve.
2. The party shall encourage membership cohesion and friendship through organization of town hall meetings, community/ward assemblies and promotion of social activities.

## **Article 15**

### **15.1 PARTY MEMBER INTEREST**

- a. The interest of the party member shall be considered in every decision and policy that will be taken by any organ of the party at any level whether National, Zonal, State, Local Government or Ward level.
- b. Without prejudice to the interest of any party member, every organ of the party must adhere to the ideology and philosophy of the party at all times.
- c. The Foundation Council shall ensure that in protecting the interest of the party member, the ideology and philosophy of the party particularly as it affects the Nigerian citizen is strictly adhered to, and that the overriding interest of the citizen of the country remains paramount at all times. The party shall ensure that ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) is first and foremost adopted in all disputes within the party at all levels. The Foundation Council shall provide policies on ADR which must be adhered to by the party.

## **Article 16**

### **16.1 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

The party shall be organized and administered at the following levels:

- a. National
  - b. Zonal,
  - c. State;
  - d. Senatorial District;
  - e. Local Government Areas (LGA)
  - f. Ward and
  - g. Polling Unit
2. There shall be informal units for mobilization of voters during election campaigns, such as:
    - a. The Zonal constituency
    - b. The senatorial constituency
    - c. The ward constituency
    - d. The polling unit
  3. The party shall have secretariat at all levels.
  4. The FCT Abuja shall be considered to be a State for the purpose of administration of the party.

## **Article 17**

### **17.1 PARTY ORGANS**

The party organs shall consist of the following:

- a. The Foundation Council.
- b. The National Convention
- c. The Board of Trustees
- d. The National Executive Committee
- e. The National Working Committee
- f. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Council
- g. The Zonal Congress
- h. The Zonal Executive Committee
- i. The Zonal Working Committee
- j. The State Congress
- k. The State Executive Committee
- l. The State Working Committee
- m. The Senatorial District Executive Committee
- n. The Senatorial District Working Committee
- o. The Local Government Area Congress
- p. The Local Government Executive Committee
- q. The Local Government Working Committee
- r. The Ward Congress

- s. The Ward Executive Committee
- t. The Ward Working Committee
- u. The Polling Unit Congress
- v. The Polling Unit Executive Committee
- w. The Polling Unit Working Committee
- x. Elders Councils at the State, Senatorial, Local Government and Ward levels
- y. Party Caucuses at the National and State levels

17.2 All Deputies/Assistants of respective party offices shall act in the absence of the substantive office holder and/or as the office holder may direct

## **Article 18**

### **18.1. THE FOUNDATION COUNCIL**

#### **18.1.1. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes the Foundation Council (FC) consisting of all the founding consistent members and co-opted members of the party. The Foundation Council shall exist to ensure that the founding philosophy and ideals of the party are strictly adhered to. The Foundation Council shall have a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Head of Finance and twelve other members to reflect the federal character. The Foundation Council shall regulate its proceedings, policies and terms as formulated by them.

#### **18.1.2. MEMBERSHIP:**

1. The Foundation Council may unanimously appoint any party member with exceptional commitment and outstanding sacrifice into its fold as a member, provided that any person appointed by the founders into the Foundation Council shall serve for a renewable term of four (4) years only. The National Chairman and The BOT Chairman of the party throughout their tenure or any person(s) acting in those capacities at any time shall be an official member of the Foundation Council.
2. Members of the Foundation Council shall not be restricted from vying any other office in the party or run for political

offices on account of failure to relinquish their membership in the Council.

### **18.1.3 FUNCTIONS:**

The Foundation Council shall perform the following functions:

- a. negotiate with other external bodies on behalf of the party at all levels;
- b. together with the BOT serve as the custodians of the party's assets;
- c. provides procedures to guide the National Convention;
- d. being statutory members of the Convention Organizing Committee, ensure the successful organization of all Conventions of the party and shall attend the extra ordinary or emergency NEC meetings of the Party;
- e. the quorum of the Foundation Council shall be two- third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion;
- f. by a simple majority, consent in writing to every amendment of the Party Constitution without which the amendment becomes a nullity;
- g. be members of the Board of trustees of the Party;
- h. always impress on the members through lawful means the Ideology and Philosophy of the Party for the good of the country;
- i. ensure that all the state chapters of the Party adhere and act according to the founding ideals of the Party;
- j. strive to boost the morale of members of the party so as to act in such ways to project the ideals and philosophy of the party before the Nigerian populace as good and healthy;
- k. advise on policies, programs and activities of the party at all levels in order to ensure adherence to founding ideals and philosophy of the Party;
- l. advise and provide final guidance and direction on the sourcing of party funds;
- m. attend with voting rights meetings of all other organs of the party;
- n. ratify all policies, decisions and appointments like formation of state executives by any organ of the party;
- o. subject to the provision of this constitution, shall where necessary dissolve NEC;
- p. undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention; and

- q. the Foundation Council being the highest organ of the Party shall be the sole organ to ratify disciplinary rules which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party;

**18.1.4** The members shall be the founder, co-founders and other founding members as will be published by the National Leader.

**18.1.5** The Foundation Council as is currently constituted shall be dissolved after a minimum of 4 years and maximum of 8 years and the Party shall thereafter through its National Leader, NEC and Board of Trustees reconstitute the council using membership longevity and commitment as yardsticks for admission.

**18.1.6** National Leader-  
There shall be a National Leader of the Party. The founder of the party shall be the National Leader of the Party.

## **Article 19**

### **19.1 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

#### **19.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a National Convention consisting of:

- a. The National Chairman of the party who shall be the Administrative Head of the Convention.
- b. All members of the Foundation Council, BOT and NEC.
- c. All party members across the country shall vote in the selection of National Executive Committee officers, Presidential Candidate and adoption of party reports and policies via voting process in their respective States through direct primaries using secret - open ballot voting system or other system as maybe prescribed by NEC and approved by the Foundation Council;

#### **19.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

- 1. Subject to the provision of section 1 of this constitution, The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the party and it shall be the principal representative, and the highest policy making body of the party.
- 2. Except in the exercise of the functions granted only to other bodies as specified in this Constitution or in the regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, the National convention shall without prejudice to the powers granted the Foundation Council have supremacy in all matters pertaining to the party and all

officers shall be bound in the exercise of their functions by the decisions of the National Convention.

3. Resolutions of National Convention shall not be revoked or altered except by a counter resolution of same National Convention, provided that NEC with the written consent of the Foundation Council can make such temporary amendment in urgent matter of serious national/party interest pending the next National Convention when such amendment/alteration shall be finally ratified.
4. The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to:
  - a. Formulate policies and programs for the party
  - b. Elect or remove the National Officers of the party
  - c. Elect the presidential candidate of the party
  - d. Demand and receive reports from the NEC and any other organ/committee as well as take appropriate actions on such reports.
  - e. Appoint such committee(s) as it may deem necessary and assign such powers and functions as it may deem fit
  - f. Examine the actions taken and the legislations proposed by any government under its control at all tiers of government and ensure they are in conformity with the party's policies and programs.
  - g. At all elections, secure the return of as many party candidates as possible without violating the electoral laws.
  - h. Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether federal, state or local government and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programs of the party.
  - i. Through the organs of the party as provided in this constitution, raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
  - j. Exercise control and take disciplinary action against all officers and members of the party
  - k. Determine the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee.
  - l. Review and amend the constitution of the party, from time to time, as the need arises and as provided in this constitution
  - m. Delegate any of its power except the power to amend the constitution to the NEC or any other organ.
  - n. Take such actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the party's objectives



- o. Appoint external auditors to audit the party's account
- p. Determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion to be remitted to the party's national Secretariat
- q. Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by NEC, NWC or BOT.
- r. Exercise such other powers and authority not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution to aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives and the founding ideals and philosophy of the party.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **20.1 MEETINGS**

- a. The quorum of the National convention shall be two- third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- b. The National Convention shall meet at least once every two years for a non-election convention and every four years for an election convention provided such meeting comes up within the same month of the last convention or within a period of time not exceeding four months thereafter.
- c. The National Convention shall determine its procedure as proposed by the Foundation Council in accordance with the tenets of democracy and rule of law.
- d. Voting on key issues at the National Convention shall be by secret ballot, provided that the Foundation Council may in appropriate circumstance decide voting procedure.

## **Article 21**

### **21.1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **21.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Board of Trustees (BOT) consisting of:

- (a) All members of the Foundation Council as defined in this constitution.
- (b) A minimum of twenty-one young person(s) including women and Persons with Disabilities of good judgment who have shown leadership traits, selected across all the geo-political zones in the Country.
- (c) Person(s) who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party and found suitable by the Foundation Council.

- (d) Each State in Nigeria shall provide a minimum of three persons one of whom must be a female.

### **21.1.2 ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

The Board of Trustees shall:

- (a) Elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its members
- (b) Without prejudice to rules of equality, fairness and federal character, ensure that the people to be elected Chairman and Secretary respectively are of proven integrity and have contributed immensely to the growth of the Party.
- (c) Ensure that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall serve a term of four years subject to renewal for another four years. The Foundation Council shall set up a five - man committee to conduct elections for membership into the Board of Trustees. The Committee shall formulate rules and regulations for the elections.

### **21.1.3 QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

A person shall qualify for membership of the Board of Trustees if he or she satisfies the following conditions:

- a) is a registered, card carrying member of the Party for not less than four consecutive years except in the first four years of the formation of the party;
- b) has been paying his annual subscription fees as at when due;
- c) has attained the age of thirty years; and
- d) a person of proven integrity;

### **21.1.4 TENURE**

Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, all members of the Board of Trustees shall serve a term of four years renewable for another term only, provided that a Board of Trustee member who steps down to run for any elective office shall be entitled to return back to his position in the event that he/she loses the elective post. But where any member steps down and wins the elective post, the person

acting in his/her capacity may be confirmed if found suitable by the Foundation Council and continue in that office to the end of the tenure of the former who vacated the post.

### **21.1.5 FUNCTIONS**

The Board of Trustees shall subject to the provisions of this constitution perform the following functions:

- a) ensure high standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officer of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms;
- b) strive to boost the morale of members of the party and ensure the party's good image before the Nigerian populace and the International community;
- c) advise on policies, programs and activities of the party at the national level;
- d) co-ordinate the sourcing of party funds as advised by the Foundation Council;
- e) mediate in disputes between two organs of the party and refer same to the ADRC when the occasion demands;
- f) advise the National Executive Committee appropriately;
- g) attend all Conventions of the Party, and one NEC meeting in a calendar year with Notice of intention to attend given to the National Chairman of the NEC prior to the meeting;
- h) undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention;
- i) in conjunction with the Foundation Council make rules for party discipline and refer cases of default to disciplinary committee for appropriate sanctions; and
- j) regulate its own proceedings and draw up a code of conduct for its members with the power to suspend any National Executive Committee (NEC) member who openly causes division in the party or involved in serious party breach of national consequences in so far as its quorum is formed with at least 60% of its members from at least four geo-political zones assenting to such suspension. The suspension must be

ratified by the Foundation Council and the suspended member made to face disciplinary committee within the next 30 days. In case the suspension order is ratified by the disciplinary committee, the suspended member shall be liable to any or a combination of the penalties listed in this constitution. However, the party's policy on ADR shall be uppermost in all issues of discipline.

#### **21.1.6 REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION**

A member of the Board of Trustees shall cease to hold office if:

- a) removed from office by a resolution of the Foundation Council on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity or misconduct; such infirmity must be supported with a doctor's report obtained from a government hospital where the trustee must have been examined;
- b) resigns his/her membership by tendering a letter of resignation addressed to the Chairman Board of Trustees;
- c) ceases to be a member of the party, in all of which case fresh selection shall be made to fill any vacancy in the Board of Trustees from time to time;

#### **21.1.7 MEETINGS**

Meetings of the BOT shall be held as follows:

- a. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the instance of its Chairman and or upon a written request addressed for convening a meeting to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees by at least two third of its membership.
- b. The quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be two-third of its members. A simple majority shall pass any motion except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

### **Article 22**

#### **22.1 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **22.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a National Executive Committee comprising of:

- (a) The National Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The National Deputy Chairman (one each for North and South);
- (c) The National Vice Chairmen (One each for the Six geopolitical zones);
- (d) The National Secretary, the Deputy National Secretary, and Two Assistant National Secretary (one each for North and South);
- (e) The National Treasurer and Deputy National Treasurer;
- (f) The National Financial Secretary, the Deputy National Financial Secretary; and Two Assistants (one each for North and South);
- (g) The National Organizing Secretary, Deputy National Organizing Secretary, and Two Assistant National Organizing Secretaries (one each for North and South);
- (h) The National Publicity Secretary, Deputy National Publicity Secretary, and Two Assistant National Publicity Secretaries (one each for North and South);
- (i) The National Legal Adviser, the Deputy National Legal Adviser and Two Assistant National Legal Advisers (one each for North and South);
- (j) The National Auditor, the Deputy National Auditor, and Two Assistant National Auditors (one each for North and South);
- (k) The National Woman Leader, Two Deputy National Women Leader, and the National Vice Women Leaders (Six geopolitical zones);
- (l) The National Youth Leader, Two Deputy National Youth Leaders, and the National Vice Youth Leaders (Six geopolitical zones);
- (m) The National Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, Deputy National PWD Leader and the Two National Vice PWD Leaders (One each for the North and South);

- (n) The National Special Duties Secretary, Deputy National Special Duties Secretary and Two National Assistant Special Duties Secretaries (One each for the North and South);
- (o) The National Welfare Secretary, Deputy National Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant National Welfare Secretaries (One each for the North and South);
- (p) The Chairmen of the Thirty Six (36) States and the FCT
- (q) Ex—officio members (3 per Geopolitical Zone, one of which must be female)

## **22.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The National Executive Committee shall:

- (a) Carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention;
- (b) Supervise and direct all party's activities at all levels;
- (c) Ensure democratic and effective functioning of all organs of the party;
- (d) Subject to the provision of this constitution, Foundation Council shall jointly with NEC dissolve a State Executive Committee, a Local Government Executive Committee, a Ward Executive Committee, a Polling Unit Executive Committee and appoint a Care-Taker Committee to run the Party until another Executive Committee is elected, provided that the period from the dissolution to the election of the new Executive Committee shall not exceed 3 months;
- (e) Prepare reports and budgets for approval by the National Convention;
- (f) Initiate policies and programs for approval by the National Convention;
- (g) Consider appeals and other matters referred to it;
- (h) Subject to the provisions of this constitution and approval by the BOT and Foundation Council make electoral regulations, governing the general conduct, including

selection of candidates for elections into all party offices at all levels;

- (i) approve the conditions of service of party's employees in accordance with the Party Hand Book;
- (j) Make standing orders for approval by the National Convention;
- (k) Deal with any other matters referred by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees;
- (i) Establish departments such as Administrative, Legal Services, Human Resources Management, Finance and Investment, Research and Liaison, Information and Communications Technology, Mobilization and set up ad-hoc or standing committees for the party;
- (m) Manage and control all the assets and property of the party in various locations;
- (n) In consultation with the Board of Trustees appoint eminent party leaders to the position of member Emeritus and persons so appointed shall have attend, with no voting right, all the meetings of the organs of the party as prescribed by the Foundation Council;
- (o) Examine the actions, policies, programs and legislations proposed by the party's led government whether federal, state, or local governments and in conjunction with the BOT and Foundation Council take measures to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles, policies, programs, objectives and manifesto of the party;
- (p) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
- (q) Approve the minimum rates of annual subscription and other levies payable by members of the party;
- (r) Confer such honours on deserving members as may aid the realization of the objectives of the party; and
- (s) Dissolve all Executive Committees of the Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward level and Polling Unit of the Party, (thirty) 30days before the National Convention and appoint a caretaker committee to take over the functions

of the office. Members of such caretaker committee shall not be eligible to contest in the said convention.

### **22.1.3 MEETINGS**

The National Executive Committee meeting shall hold as follows:

- a. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and an emergency meeting may be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.
- b. The quorum of the National Executive Committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two- third of the zones in the Federation, and a simple majority shall pass any motion provided that the quorum for emergency meetings shall be (50%) fifty per cent of its membership, and provided also that at least half of the members of the Foundation Council form part of the said quorum in any emergency meeting.

## **Article 23**

### **23.1 NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **23.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a National Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) National Chairman;
- (b) Deputy National Chairman (one each for North and South);
- (c) National Secretary;
- (d) Deputy National Secretary;
- (e) National Treasurer;
- (f) National Financial Secretary;
- (g) National Organizing Secretary;
- (h) National Publicity Secretary;



- (I) National Auditor;
- (j) National Legal Adviser;
- (k) National Women Leader;
- (l) National Youth Leader;
- (m) National PWD Leader;
- (n) National Welfare Secretary;
- (o) National Special Duties Secretary.

### **23.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The National Working Committee shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the day to day administrative policies of the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee; The NWC may set up ad hoc committees in the discharge of its duties.
- (b) In case of emergency, act on behalf of the National Executive Committee, and such action(s) shall be subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee;
- (c) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.

### **23.1.3 MEETINGS**

The NWC meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The National Working Committee shall meet at least once every fortnight at the instance of the Chairman or at the instance of two-third of the members.
- b. The quorum of the National Working Committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least one - third of the Zones represented in the committee and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- c. The National Vice Chairmen shall attend the meetings of the National Working Committee when the need arises to brief it on the operations of the zones.

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **24.1 ZONAL CONGRESS**

#### **24.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Zonal Congress consisting of:

- (a) All members of the Zonal Working Committee;
- (b) The Zonal Executive Committee;
- (c) The States Executive Committee; and
- (d) All members of the party from all the States in the zone (for election purposes).

### **24.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Zonal Congress shall be convened for the purpose of:

- (a) Approving the budget of the Party in the zone;
- (b) Electing officers of the Zonal Working Committee;
- (c) Receiving reports of officers in the zone; and
- (d) Receiving the Zonal Auditor's report

### **24.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Zonal Congress shall hold as follows:

- (a) The Zonal Congress shall meet at least once every year at the instance of the National Vice Chairmen of the Zone.
- (b) The quorum of the Zonal Congress shall be two- third of the members of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 25**

### **25.1 ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **25.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Zonal Executive Committee consisting of:

- a. The Zonal Chairman ; who shall be the National Vice Chairman from the Zone elected at the National Convention;

To be elected at the zone congress are:

- b. The Zonal Deputy Chairman;

- c. The Zonal Vice Chairman;
- d. The Zonal Secretary, the Deputy Zonal Secretary, and Two Assistant Zonal Secretary;
- e. The Zonal Treasurer and Deputy Zonal Treasurer;
- f. The Zonal Financial Secretary, the Deputy Zonal Financial Secretary, and Two Assistants;
- g. The Zonal Special Duties Secretary, the Deputy Zonal Special Duties Secretary, and Two Assistants;
- h. The Zonal Organizing Secretary, Deputy Zonal Organizing Secretary, and Two Assistant Zonal Organizing Secretary;
- i. The Zonal Publicity Secretary, Deputy Zonal Publicity Secretary, and Two Assistant Zonal Publicity Secretary;
- j. The Zonal Legal Adviser, the Deputy Zonal Legal Adviser, and Two Assistant Zonal Legal Adviser;
- k. The Zonal Auditor, the Deputy Zonal Auditor, and Two Assistant Zonal Auditors;
- l. The Zonal Woman Leader, Two Deputy Zonal Women Leader, and the Zonal Vice Women Leaders; (Six geopolitical zones)
- m. The Zonal Youth Leader, Two Deputy Zonal Youth Leaders, and the Zonal Vice Youth Leaders (Six geopolitical zones);
- n. The Zonal Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, Zonal Deputy of PWD Leader and the Two National Vice PWD Leaders;
- o. The Zonal Welfare Secretary, Deputy Zonal Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant Zonal Welfare Secretary; and
- p. The State Chairmen from the Zone and the FCT Chairman for North Central Zone
- q. One ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

## **25.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Zonal Executive Committee shall:

- (a) Harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities within the zone;
- (b) Establish ad-hoc or standing committees within the zone;
- (c) Prepare agenda for and summon meetings of the Zonal Congress;
- (d) Prepare reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress; and
- (e) Carry out any other functions as assigned by the National Executive Committee.

### **25.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Zonal Executive meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the Zonal Chairman provided that two-third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra- ordinary meeting.
- b. The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 26**

### **26.1 ZONAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **26.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Zonal Working Committee consisting of:

- a) The Zonal Chairman;
- b) The Zonal Secretary;
- c) The Zonal Treasurer;
- d) The Zonal Financial Secretary;
- e) The Zonal Organizing Secretary;
- f) The Zonal Legal Adviser; who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post call;
- g) The Zonal Publicity Secretary;
- h) The Zonal Auditor;
- i) The Zonal Special Duty Secretary;
- j) The Zonal Women Leader;

- k) The Zonal Welfare Leader;
- l) The Zonal Youth Leader; and
- m) The Zonal PWD Leader.

### **26.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Zonal Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the policy for administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee;
- (b) Liaise with the National Secretariat and the State Chapters in the zone;
- (c) Prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the Zonal Executive Committee; and
- (d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.

### **26.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Zonal Working Committee shall meet at least once every month and its quorum shall be two-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Zonal Working Committee.

## **Article 27**

### **27.1 STATE CONGRESS**

#### **27.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a State Congress consisting of:

- (a) All members of the State Working Committee, Executive Committee; and
- (b) All registered party members from all the Polling Units in the State.

#### **27.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The State Congress shall be convened for the following purposes:

- (a) Ratifying the budget and expenditure of the State Branch of the party;
- (b) Electing officers of the State Executive Committee;

- (c) Electing governorship candidate of the party;
- (d) Receiving reports from officers of the party;
- (e) Receiving the Auditor's report; and
- (f) Electing candidates to contest for elections in to The Senate and The House of Representative.

### **27.1.3 MEETINGS**

State congress shall hold as follows:

- a. The State Congress shall be convened at least once every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.
- b. The quorum of the State Congress shall be two-third of members from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- c. All registered party members from the Polling Units shall assemble at designated venue at the ward centre to cast their votes, which are collated and sent to the State Headquarters for declaration.

## **Article 28**

### **28.1 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **28.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a State Executive Committee consisting of:

- (a) The State Chairman;
- (b) The State Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The State Vice Chairmen; from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (d) The State Secretary, the Deputy State Secretary, and Three State Assistant Secretaries from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (e) The State Treasurer and Deputy Zonal Treasurer;
- (f) The State Financial Secretary, the Deputy State Financial Secretary, and three State Assistant Financial Secretary from the 3 Senatorial Districts;

- (g) The State Organizing Secretary, Deputy State Organizing Secretary, and three State Assistant Organizing Secretaries from the 3 the three Senatorial Districts;
- (h) The State Publicity Secretary, Deputy State Publicity Secretary, and three Assistant State Publicity Secretaries;
- (i) The State Legal Adviser with a minimum of 8 years post call; the Deputy State Legal Adviser with a minimum of 5 years post call, and three State Assistant Legal Adviser with a minimum of 5 years post call from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (j) The State Auditor, the Deputy State Auditor, and Three State Assistant Auditor from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (k) The State Special Duty Secretary, Two Deputy SDS, and 3 Assistant Special Duty Secretary
  
- (i) The State Woman Leader, Two Deputy State Women Leader, and Three State Vice Women Leaders from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (m) The State Youth Leader, Two Deputy State Youth Leaders, and the Three State Vice Youth Leaders from the 3 Senatorial Districts;
- (n) The State Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, State Deputy of PWD Leader and the Three State vice PWD Leaders;
- (o) The State Welfare Secretary, Deputy State Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant State Welfare Secretary;
- (p) The State Special Duties Secretary, the Deputy State Special Duties Secretary, and Three Assistants; and
- (q) The Local Government Chairmen from the State.
- (q) Ex-officio members, three per Senatorial District of which one must be a woman.

## **28.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The State Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Identifying and resolving political, social and economic issues of concern to the State.

- (b) Undertaking the general administration of the party in the state and implementing the decisions of the State Congress, and the directives of the National Working Committee, the National Executive Committee, the National Convention and the Foundation Council; and
- (c) Preparing the annual budget of the State Branch of the party.

### **28.1.3 MEETINGS**

The State Executive Committee Meeting shall hold as follows:

- a. The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once every quarter at the instance of the Chairman or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.
- b. The quorum for the State Executive committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 29**

### **29.1 STATE WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **29.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a State Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) The State Chairman;
- (b) The State Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The State Secretary;
- (d) The State Treasurer;
- (e) The State Legal Adviser;
- (f) The State Financial Secretary;
- (g) The State Publicity Secretary;
- (h) The State Auditor;
- (i) The State Organizing Secretary;
- (j) The State Special Duties Secretary;
- (k) The State Women Leader;



- (l) The State Youth Leader;
- (m) The State PWD Leader and
- (n) The State Welfare leader;

### **29.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The State Working Committee shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the State and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the State Executive Committee.

### **29.1.3 MEETINGS**

The State Working Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The State Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and
- b. The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts in the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 30**

### **30.1 SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **30.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Senatorial District Executive Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Chairman, who shall be the State Vice party Chairman from the Senatorial Districts elected at the State Congress;
- (b) The Secretary who shall be State Assistant party Secretaries from the Senatorial Districts elected at the State Congress;

- (c) The Women Leader who shall be State Vice Woman Leader from the Senatorial District elected during the State Congress;
- (d) The Youth Leader who shall be State Vice Youth Leader from the Senatorial District elected during the State Congress;
- (e) The Treasurer who shall be elected from the Senatorial District;
- (f) Five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee, at least two of whom shall be women;
- (g) One PWD leader who shall be State Vice PWD of the party from the Senatorial District elected at the State Congress; and
- (h) The Organizing Secretary who shall be the State Assistant Organizing Secretaries from the Senatorial District elected during the State Congress.
- (i) The Special Duty Secretary who shall be the State Assistant Special Duty Secretary from the Senatorial District elected during the State Congress.
- (j) The Local Government Chairmen from the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District

### **30.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Identifying and resolving social, political and economic issues of concern to the Senatorial District;
- (b) Co-coordinating the policies, programs and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
- (c) Liaising with the Local Government Areas within the Senatorial district and State headquarters;
- (d) Undertaking general administration of the party in the Senatorial District and implementing the decisions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- (e) Preparing the annual budget of the Party in the Senatorial District;
- (f) Receiving the Senatorial District Auditor's report; and

- (g) Liaising with all elected political office holders who are ADP members from that district to co-ordinate, appraise and encourage good governance.

### **30.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Senatorial District Executive Committee Meeting shall hold as follows:

- a. The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting;
- b. Report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meeting; and
- c. The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 31**

### **31.1 SENATORIAL DISTRICT WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **31.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a State Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Senatorial District Chairman;
- (b) The Senatorial District Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Senatorial District Secretary;
- (d) The Senatorial District Treasurer;
- (e) The Senatorial District Legal Adviser;
- (f) The Senatorial District Financial Secretary;
- (g) The Senatorial District Publicity Secretary;
- (h) The Senatorial District Auditor;

- (i) The Senatorial District Organizing Secretary;
- (j) The Senatorial District Special Duties Secretary;
- (k) The Senatorial District Women Leader;
- (l) The Senatorial District Youth Leader;
- (m) The Senatorial District PWD Leader and
- (n) The Senatorial District Welfare leader;

### **31.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Senatorial District Working Committee shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the Senatorial District and shall be responsible to the Senatorial District Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Senatorial District Executive Committee.

### **31.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Senatorial District Working Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Senatorial District Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and
- b. The quorum of the Senatorial District Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from all the Local Government Area in the Senatorial Districts and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 32**

### **32.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS**

#### **32.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Local Government Area Congress consisting of:

- a. The Local Government Chairman of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee;
- b. All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area;
- c. The elected public officers who are members of the Party;
- d. Members of the Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area;
- e. All Chairmen and Secretaries of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area; and
- f. All party members from each Polling Unit of the Local Government Area.

### **32.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Local Government Area Congress shall be convened for the purpose of:

- a. Electing members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party;
- b. Electing Local Government Council Chairmanship and House of Assembly Candidates of the Party;
- c. Approving the budget of the Party at the Local Government level; and
- d. Receiving the Local Government Auditor's Report.

### **32.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Local Government Area Congress shall hold as follows:

- a. The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held at least once a year.
- b. The Chairman of the Local Government Committee shall summon the Local Government Area Congress, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.
- c. The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress; provided that not less than two-third of all the wards in the Local Government Area are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 33**

### **33.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **32.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Local Government Executive Committee consisting of:

- (a) The LGA Chairman;
- (b) The LGA Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The LGA Vice Chairman;
- (d) The LGA Secretary, the Deputy LGA Secretary, and Two Assistant LGA Secretary;
- (e) The LGA Treasurer and Deputy Zonal Treasurer;
- (f) The LGA Financial Secretary, the Deputy LGA Financial Secretary, and Two Assistants;
- (g) The LGA Organizing Secretary, Deputy LGA Organizing Secretary, and Two Assistant LGA Organizing Secretary;
- (h) The LGA Publicity Secretary, Deputy LGA Publicity Secretary, and Two Assistant LGA Publicity Secretary;
- (i) The LGA Legal Advisers minimum of 3 years post call, the Deputy LGA Legal Adviser, and Two Assistant LGA Legal Adviser;
- (j) The LGA Auditor, the Deputy LGA Auditor, and Two Assistant LGA Auditors;
- (k) The LGA Woman Leader, Two Deputy LGA Women Leader, and the LGA Vice Women Leaders;
- (l) The LGA Youth Leader, Two Deputy LGA Youth Leaders, and the LGA Vice Youth Leaders;
- (m) The LGA Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, LGA Deputy of PWD Leader and the Two LGA Vice PWD Leaders;
- (n) The LGA Welfare Secretary, Deputy LGA Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant LGA Welfare Secretary;
- (o) All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area;
- (p) The elected public officers who are members of the Party;
- (q) Members of the Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area;

- (r) All Chairmen of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area;
- (s) The LGA Special Duties Secretary, the Deputy LGA Special Duties Secretary, and Two Assistants; and
- (t) Ex-officio members, three per ward, of which one must be a woman.

### **33.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Local Government Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a. Identifying and resolving political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area;
- b. Receiving and implementing reports from the wards on:
  - i. Membership;
  - ii. Fund raising;
  - iii. Strategies for political campaigns and electoral success; and
  - iv. Mobilization of voters.
- c. Providing strategies for effective communication between the Wards and the local government area;
- d. Undertaking general administration of the Party in the local government area;
- e. Implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other higher organs of the party;
- f. Employment of all Secretariat staff for the Local Government branch of the party; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be desirable and in the interest of the Party, and as may be assigned from time to time by higher organs of the party.

### **33.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Local Government Executive Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month.
- b. The meetings shall be summoned by the chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.

- c. The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

## **Article 34**

### **34.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **34.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Local Government Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Local Government Chairman;
- (b) The Local Government Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Local Government Secretary;
- (d) The Local Government Treasurer;
- (e) The Local Government Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post call;
- (f) The Local Government Financial Secretary;
- (g) The Local Government Publicity Secretary;
- (h) The Local Government Auditor;
- (i) The Special Duty Secretary;
- (j) The Local Government Organizing Secretary;
- (k) The Local Government Women Leader;
- (l) The Local Government Youth Leader;
- (m) The Local Government PWD Leader and
- (n) The Local Government Welfare leader.

#### **34.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Local Government Working Committee shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the Local Government and shall be responsible to the Local Government Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Local Government Executive Committee.



### **34.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Local Government Working Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Local Government Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and
- b. The quorum of the Local Government Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from all the Ward in the Local Government Area and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 35**

### **35.1 WARD CONGRESS**

#### **35.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Ward Congress consisting of:

- a. All Ward Executive Officers; and
- b. All Polling Unit Executive Officers; and
- c. All registered members of the ward.

#### **35.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Ward Congress shall be convened for the purpose of:

- a. Receiving reports of officers of the ward;
- b. Receiving Auditors reports;
- c. Approving the budget of the Ward;
- d. Electing members of the Ward Executive Committee;
- e. Conducting primaries for the Ward Councillorship elections; and
- f. Carrying out such other functions as may be desirable and in the interest of the part

#### **35.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Ward Area Congress shall hold as follows:

- a. The meetings of the Ward Area Congress shall be held at least once a year.
- b. The Chairman of the Ward Executive Committee shall summon the Ward Area Congress, or at the request of two-third of its

membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.

- c. The quorum for the Ward Area Congress shall be one-third of the all registered card carrying members in the Ward provided that not less than two-third of all the Polling Units in the Ward are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 36**

### **36.1 WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **36.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Ward Executive Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Ward Chairman;
- (b) The Ward Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Ward Vice Chairman;
- (d) The Ward Secretary, the Deputy Ward Secretary, and Two Assistant Ward Secretary;
- (e) The Ward Treasurer and Deputy Ward Treasurer;
- (f) The Ward Financial Secretary, the Deputy Ward Financial Secretary, and Two Assistants;
- (g) The Ward Organizing Secretary, Deputy Ward Organizing Secretary, and Two Assistant Ward Organizing Secretary;
- (h) The Ward Publicity Secretary, Deputy Ward Publicity Secretary, and Two Assistant Ward Publicity Secretary;
- (i) The Ward Legal Adviser a minimum of 2 years post call, the Deputy Ward Legal Adviser, and Two Assistant Ward Legal Adviser;
- (j) The Ward Auditor, the Deputy Ward Auditor, and Two Assistant Ward Auditors;
- (k) The Ward Woman Leader, Two Deputy Ward Women Leader, and the Ward Vice Women Leaders;
- (l) The Ward Youth Leader, Two Deputy Ward Youth Leaders, and the Ward Vice Youth Leaders;
- (m) The Ward Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, Ward Deputy of PWD Leader and the Two Ward Vice PWD Leaders
- (n) The Ward Welfare Secretary, Deputy Ward Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant Ward Welfare Secretary;

- (o) All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Ward;
- (p) The elected public officers who are members of the Party;
- (q) Members of the Board of Trustees from the Ward; All Chairmen and Secretaries of the Polling Unit from the ward;
- (r) The Ward Special Duties Secretary, the Deputy Ward Special Duties Secretary, and Two Assistants; and
- (s) Ex-officio members, two per Polling Unit, of which one must be a woman.

### **36.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Ward Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a. Administration of the party at ward level;
- b. Receiving the ward auditor's report;
- c. Fund raising;
- d. Membership drive;
- e. Drawing up strategies for political campaigns;
- f. Implementing the decisions of the ward congress and other organs;
- g. Mobilization of voters for the party during elections;
- h. Submitting reports of activities to LGA party chairman; and
- i. Performing such other functions as may be desirable and in the interest of the Party, and as may be assigned from time to time, by higher organs of the party.

### **36.3 MEETINGS**

The Ward Executive Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month;
- b. The meetings shall be summoned by the chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and
- c. The quorum of the Ward Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

## **Article 37**

### **37.1 WARD WORKING COMMITTEE**

### **37.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Ward Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Ward Chairman;
- (b) The Ward Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Ward Secretary;
- (d) The Ward Treasurer;
- (e) The Ward Legal Adviser;
- (f) The Ward Financial Secretary;
- (g) The Ward Publicity Secretary;
- (h) The Ward Auditor;
- (i) The Ward Organizing Secretary;
- (j) The Special Duty Secretary;
- (k) The Ward Women Leader;
- (l) The Ward Youth Leader;
- (m) The Ward PWD Leader;
- (n) The Ward Welfare leader;
- (o) The Polling Units Chairmen from the Ward

### **37.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Ward Working Committee shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the Local Government and shall be responsible to the Ward Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Ward Executive Committee.

### **37.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Ward Working Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Ward Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and

- b. The quorum of the Ward Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from all the Polling Unit in the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 38**

### **38.1 POLLING UNIT CONGRESS**

#### **38.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Polling Unit Congress consisting of:

- a. All Polling Unit Executive Officers; and
- b. All registered members of the Polling Unit.

#### **38.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Polling Unit Congress shall be convened for the purpose of:

- a. Receiving reports of officers of the Polling Unit;
- b. Receiving Auditors reports;
- c. Approving the budget of the Polling Unit;
- d. Electing members of the Polling Unit Executive Committee;
- e. Carrying out such other functions as may be desirable and in the interest of the party.

#### **38.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Polling Unit Congress shall hold as follows:

- a. The meetings of the Polling Unit Congress shall be held at least once a year.
- b. The Chairman of the Polling Unit Executive Committee shall summon the Polling Unit Congress, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.
- c. The quorum for the Polling Unit Congress shall be one-third of the all registered card carrying members of the party in the Polling Unit are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 39**

### **39.1 POLLING UNIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **38.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Polling Unit Executive Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Polling Unit Chairman;
- (b) The Polling Unit Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Polling Unit Vice Chairman;
- (d) The Polling Unit Secretary, the Deputy Polling Unit Secretary, and Two Assistant Polling Unit Secretary;
- (e) The Polling Unit Treasurer and Deputy Polling Unit Treasurer;
- (f) The Polling Unit Financial Secretary, the Deputy Polling Unit Financial Secretary, and Two Assistants;
- (g) The Polling Unit Organizing Secretary, Deputy Polling Unit Organizing Secretary, and Two Assistant Polling Unit Organizing Secretary;
- (h) The Polling Unit Publicity Secretary, Deputy Polling Unit Publicity Secretary, and Two Assistant Polling Unit Publicity Secretary;
- (i) The Polling Unit Legal Adviser a minimum of a year post call, the Deputy Polling Unit Legal Adviser, and Two Assistant Ward Legal Adviser;
- (j) The Polling Unit Auditor, the Deputy Polling Unit Auditor, and Two Assistant Polling Unit Auditors;
- (k) The Polling Unit Woman Leader, Two Deputy Polling Unit Women Leader, and the Polling Unit Vice Women Leaders;
- (l) The Polling Unit Youth Leader, Two Deputy Polling Unit Youth Leaders, and the Polling Unit Vice Youth Leaders;
- (m) The Polling Unit Persons with Disability (PWD) Leader, Polling Unit Deputy of PWD Leader and the Two Polling Unit Vice PWD Leaders;
- (n) The Polling Unit Welfare Secretary, Deputy Polling Unit Welfare Secretary and Two Assistant Polling Unit Welfare Secretary;
- (o) All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Polling Unit;

- (p) The elected public officers who are members of the Party from the Polling Unit;
- (q) Members of the Board of Trustees from the Polling Unit;
- (r) The Polling Unit Special Duties Secretary, the Deputy Polling Unit
- (s) Special Duties Secretary, and Two Assistants; and
- (t) Two Ex-officio members, of which one must be a woman;

### **39.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Polling Unit Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

- a. Administration of the party at Polling Unit level.
- b. Receiving the Polling Unit auditor's report.
- c. Fund raising.
- d. Membership drive
- e. Drawing up strategies for political campaigns.
- f. Implementing the decisions of the Polling Unit congress and other organs.
- g. Mobilization of voters for the party during elections
- h. Submitting reports of activities to Ward party chairman and.
- i. Performing such other functions as may be desirable and in the interest of the Party, and as may be assigned from time to time, by higher organs of the party.

### **39.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Polling Unit Executive Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Polling Unit Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
- b. The meetings shall be summoned by the chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting.
- c. The quorum of the Polling Unit Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

## **Article 40**

### **40.1 POLLING UNIT WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **40.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a Polling Unit Working Committee consisting of:

- (a) The Polling Unit Chairman;
- (b) The Polling Unit Deputy Chairman;
- (c) The Polling Unit Secretary;
- (d) The Polling Unit Treasurer;
- (e) The Polling Unit Legal Adviser;
- (f) The Polling Unit Financial Secretary;
- (g) The Polling Unit Publicity Secretary;
- (h) The Polling Unit Auditor;
- (i) The Polling Unit Organizing Secretary;
- (j) The Special Duty Secretary;
- (k) The Polling Unit Women Leader;
- (l) The Polling Unit Youth Leader;
- (m) The Polling Unit PWD Leader;
- (n) The Polling Unit Welfare leader;
- (o) The Ward Chairmen; and
- (p) Members of the Elders Council.

#### **40.1.2 FUNCTIONS**

The Polling Unit Working Committee shall:

- (a) Formulate policies for the day-to-day administration of the Party in the Local Government and shall be responsible to the Polling Unit Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Polling Unit Executive Committee.

#### **40.1.3 MEETINGS**

The Polling Unit Working Committee meetings shall hold as follows:

- a. The Polling Unit Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman, or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least five days prior to the meeting; and



- b. The quorum of the Polling Unit Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from all the Polling Unit and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

## **Article 41**

### **41.1 ELDERS' COUNCIL**

This constitution establishes Elders Council of the party at Ward, Local Government, Senatorial and State levels. The composition of the Elders Council shall be at Ward Level 1 per ward unit, at the Local Government level 2 per ward, at the Senatorial Level 5 per Local Government and at the State Level 5 per Local Government who shall meet and advice the respective executive committees at their levels. Elders' Council members shall be recommended by the corresponding Executive of the Party Organ for appointment by the higher Organ of the party. The Foundation Council shall prescribe for the Elders' Council their functions and modalities of operation from time to time.

## **Article 42**

### **42.1 PARTY CAUCUSES**

This constitution establishes Caucuses of the party at Local Government, State and National levels. The composition of the Caucus at local government level shall include all the executive members, the elected members to public offices from the Local Government. At the State level it will comprise all the executive members, the elected members to public offices from the State and at National level it will comprise all the executive members, the elected members to public offices at the National level and Governors. The caucuses shall meet and advice the respective executive committees at their levels, advise the executive arm of government and it shall harmonize party programs and interests. The Foundation Council shall prescribe for them their functions and modality of operation from time to time.

## **Article 43**

### **43.1 NATIONAL OFFICERS**

#### **43.1.1 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

This constitution establishes the offices of National Officers of the Party, consisting of men and women of integrity with demonstrable competence that shall perform the functions assigned to them in this constitution.

### **43.1.2 NATIONAL LEADER FUNCTIONS**

The National Leader who is the founder of the party shall perform the under listed functions:

- a. Shall by virtue of his status assume the office of Chairman, Foundation Council (FC);
- b. Shall be the Chief Supervisor of the National Convention;
- c. Shall ensure that the founding ideals and philosophy of the party are maintained by the FOUNDATION COUNCIL;
- d. Shall convene and preside over a yearly meeting of all party leaders across the nation for party bonding and other consequential issues; and
- e. Shall maintain unity and decorum across any divide in the party.

### **43.1.3 THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN FUNCTIONS**

The National Chairman who is the Chief Executive Officer of the party shall perform the functions listed below:

- a. Summon and presides over the meetings of the National Working Committee as provided in this constitution;
- b. Provide effective leadership and direct the activities of the party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee;
- c. Promote and defend the party's integrity;
- d. Outline the policies and programs of the party and serve as a mouth piece of the NEC;
- e. Assign specific functions to any member or officer of the party subject to the provisions of this constitution;
- f. Delegate his powers to any of the two Deputy National Chairman when necessary;
- g. Cast votes if and when necessary;
- h. Present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the party and the political situation generally;
- i. Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things to promote the growth and welfare of the party.

**43.1.4 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMEN (ONE EACH FOR NORTH AND SOUTH)  
FUNCTIONS**

The Deputy National Chairmen shall perform the following functions:

- a. Assisting the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties;
- b. Deputizing for the National Chairman in the latter's absence; and
- c. Performing such other party functions as may be assigned to him.

**43.1.5 THE VICE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (ONE PER GEOPOLITICAL ZONE)  
FUNCTIONS**

There shall be 6 Vice National Chairmen to assist the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties in the 6 Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria. They shall perform such functions as:

- a. Coordinating the activities of the various state chapters of the party in their respective zones;
- b. Mobilizing the people for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- c. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party;

**43.1.6 THE NATIONAL SECRETARY  
FUNCTIONS**

The National Secretary who shall be the Chief Administrative and Accounting Officer of the Party shall perform the following functions:

- a. Supervising the day-to-day activities of the Party in the Secretariat;
- b. Conducting or directing the conduct of the correspondences of the party and cause to be issued notices of meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, and the National Working Committee;

- c. Keeping or causing to be kept all records of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee, as well as other records of the party;
- d. Rendering a written annual report of the activities of the party to NEC, Foundation Council and National Convention;
- e. Ensuring the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, FOUNDATION COUNCIL, National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee;
- f. Consulting the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office;
- g. Carrying out any other duties as may be assigned, from time-to-time by the FOUNDATION COUNCIL, National Convention, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee and the National Chairman; and
- h. He/she shall be the custodian of the Common Seal of the party.

#### **43.1.7 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY**

There shall be a Deputy National Secretary who shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his duties and shall act in his absence or whenever so direct.

#### **43.1.8 THE NATIONAL TREASURER FUNCTIONS**

The National Treasurer who shall be an Accountant with track records of prudence shall perform such functions as:

- a. Receiving and paying promptly into the party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party and keeping all cheque books and other banking documents of the party; Such prompt payment shall be made within 48hours after collection save in exceptional circumstances;
- b. Ensuring prudent management of the party's funds; and
- c. Preparing and submitting yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee.

#### **43.1.9 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER**

There shall be a Deputy National Treasurer who shall assist the National Treasurer in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

#### **43.1.10 THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY FUNCTIONS**

The National Financial Secretary shall perform the following functions:

- a. Collecting and keeping records of all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid or made to the party;
- b. Receiving the FC's advice on fund raising and consequently? preparing and submitting proposals for raising funds to the National Executive Committee;
- c. Undertaking strict supervision of budgeting, budgetary control and financial reporting;
- d. Protecting the assets of the party and instituting operating procedures through internal control; and
- e. Establishing and co-coordinating policies for the investment of funds in order to generate income for the party.
- f.

#### **43.1.11 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

There shall be a Deputy National Financial Secretary who shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and deputize in his absence.

#### **43.1.12 THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Organizing Secretary whose functions are as follows:

- a. Initiating programs for the general mobilization of members as well as recruitment of new members;
- b. Appraising the problems of the party and proffering solutions to them;
- c. Harmonizing all information and devising appropriate strategy for winning elections;
- d. Coordinating all field activities of the party;
- e. Organizing seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programs for the attainment of the party's objectives; and

- f. Liaising with the National Women and Youth Leaders for the harmonization of programs for the attainment of the party's success at all elections.

#### **43.1.13 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY (NORTH AND SOUTH)**

There shall be a Deputy National Organizing Secretary (North), who shall deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties in the Northern Region, and a Deputy National Organizing Secretary (South) who shall deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties in the Southern Region; either shall deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in his absence as it pertains to their regions.

#### **43.1.14 THE VICE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY (ONE PER GEOPOLITICAL ZONE) FUNCTIONS**

There shall be 6 Vice National Organizing Secretary to assist the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his duties in the 6 Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria. They shall perform such functions as:

- a. Coordinating the activities of the various state chapters of the party in their respective zones
- b. Mobilizing the people for the attainment of the objectives of the party;
- c. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party;

#### **43.1.15 THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Publicity Secretary whose functions are as follows:

- a. Coordinating all information and public relations of the party;
- b. Acting as the chief image maker of the party; and
- c. Causing to be publicized, the policies and programs of the party in line with the aims and objectives of the party.

#### **43.1.16 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY (NORTH) AND (SOUTH)**

There shall be a Deputy National Publicity Secretary (North) who shall deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties in the Northern Region, and a Deputy National Publicity Secretary (South) who shall deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his/her duties in the Southern Region; either shall deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in his absence as it pertains to their region.

#### **43.1.17 THE VICE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY (ONE PER GEO-POLITICAL ZONE)**

##### **FUNCTIONS**

There shall be 6 Vice National Publicity Secretary to assist the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his duties in the 6 Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria. They shall perform such functions as:

- a. Coordinating the activities of the various state chapters of the party in their respective zones
- b. Mobilizing the people for the attainment of the objectives of the party;
- c. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party;

#### **43.1.18 THE NATIONAL AUDITOR**

##### **FUNCTIONS**

The National Auditor of the party who shall be a qualified Accountant shall perform the following functions:

- a. Auditing the books of account of the party annually and report to the National Executive Committee;
- b. Presenting the audited account of the party to the National Convention; and
- c. Carrying out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

#### **43.1.19 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL AUDITOR**

There shall be a Deputy National Auditor who shall be an Accountant and who shall assist the National Auditor in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

**42.1.20 THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER  
FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Legal Adviser of the Party who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 10 years post-call experience and whose functions are as follows:

- a. Advising the party on legal matters;
- b. Conducting litigation, prosecuting and defending actions on behalf of the party, its organs and officials in so far as the subject matter of the litigation affects the interest of the party;
- c. Handling any other assignment in relation to the party as would be assigned by the NEC, Foundation Council and National Convention.

**43.1.21 NATIONAL DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER.**

There shall be a National Deputy Legal Adviser, who shall be a lawyer of not less than 7 years post call experience and shall assist the National Legal Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

**43.1.22 THE NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER  
FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Woman Leader, who shall be responsible for:

- a. Mobilizing and organizing women;
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to Nigerian women.

**43.1.23 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER (NORTH) AND  
(SOUTH)**

There shall be two National Deputy Women Leaders; one shall assist the National Woman Leader in the discharge of her duties in the Southern Region and the other in The Northern Region. Either shall act in her absence.

**43.1.24 THE VICE NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER (ONE PER  
GEOPOLITICAL ZONE)  
FUNCTIONS**



There shall be 6 Vice National Women Leaders to assist the National Women Leader in the discharge of her duties in the 6 Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria whose functions are as follows:

- a. Mobilizing the women for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian women.

#### **43.1.25 THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Youth Leader, whose functions are as follows:

- a. Mobilizing the Youths for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth.

#### **43.1.26 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER (NORTH) AND (SOUTH) FUNCTIONS**

There shall be two National Deputy Youth Leaders, one of whom shall assist the National Youth Leader in the discharge of his duties in the Southern Region and the other in The Northern Region. One of them shall act in his absence and their functions are:

- a. Mobilizing the youths for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth;

#### **43.1.27 THE VICE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER (ONE PER GEOPOLITICAL ZONE) FUNCTIONS**

There shall be 6 Vice National Youth Leaders to assist the National Youth Leader in the discharge of his duties in the 6 Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria whose functions are as follows:

- a. Mobilizing the youth for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth.

#### **43.1.28 THE NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Welfare Secretary who shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Developing welfare programs and proffer systematic avenues for funding and sustaining first class welfare packages for deserving party members, officials, organs and any other persons as may be recommended from time to time;
- (b) Ensuring the provision of welfare services for the members of the party during National Convention, National Working Committee (NWC) Meetings and other official programs/functions of the party at the National Level including campaigns. The National Welfare Secretary shall in conjunction with the National Secretariat set up a welfare department of the party subject to ratification by the NWC; and
- (c) Perform any other duty or duties as may be assigned by the NEC, Foundation Council or National Convention.

#### **43.1.29 DEPUTY NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY (NORTH AND SOUTH)**

There shall be two offices known as Deputy National Welfare Secretary North and South they shall assist the National welfare Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties in their respective region as directed and shall act for him in his absence.

#### **43.1.30 THE NATIONAL LEADER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) FUNCTIONS**

There shall be a National Leader PWD, whose functions are as follows:

- (a) Mobilizing the PWD for the attainment of the objectives of the party;
- (b) Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian PWD.

#### **43.1.31 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL LEADER PWD (NORTH) AND (SOUTH)**

There shall be two National Deputy Leader PWD, one of whom shall assist the National Leader PWD in the discharge of his duties in the Southern Region and the other in the Northern Region. One of them shall act in his absence and they shall perform such functions as:

- a. Mobilizing the PWD for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
- b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian PWD.

#### **43.1.32 NATIONAL SPECIAL DUTIES SECRETARY (SDS)**

There shall be a National Special Duties Secretary. The Special Duties Secretary shall be responsible for special assignments for the party, The National Working Committee shall assign to the Special Duties Secretary assignments and activities from time to time with such terms as would be in the best interest of the party.

#### **43.1.33 DEPUTY NATIONAL SPECIAL DUTIES SECRETARY (NORTH & SOUTH)**

There shall be two Deputy National Special Duty Secretaries, one of whom shall assist the National Special Duty Secretary in the discharge of his duties in the Southern Region and the other in the Northern Region. One of them shall act in his absence and they shall perform such functions as:

1. Carrying out special assignments for the attainment of the objectives of the party; and
2. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party.

#### **43.1.34 RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

A National Officer shall cease to hold office when:

- a. He/she is removed or resigns from office, and shall immediately hand over to the National Secretary all records, files and other properties of the Party in his or her possession.
- b. In the case of the National Chairman, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Chairman from his/her region who shall, without prejudice to the relevant provisions of this

- Constitution, act as the National Chairman pending the election of a replacement within a period six or nine months.
- c. In the case of National Secretary, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Secretary.
  - d. But where there is dispute arising from such vacancy, the Foundation Council shall resolve the dispute and fill the vacancy or vacancies as provided in this constitution.

## **Article 44**

### **44.1 POWERS OF OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS**

- a. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all other officers at the National and officers at the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward levels shall, in relation to their respective functions, have the same powers as their corresponding National Officers.
- b. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Executive Committees at all levels shall have power to set up committees where necessary, and shall assign to them such powers and functions as may be deemed appropriate.
- c. The principle of Federal Character shall govern election of members into Executive Committee at all levels.

## **Article 45**

### **45.1 TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS**

- a. The Foundation Council, NEC, BOT, ADRC, NWC, Elders Council, Party Caucuses, Executive/Standing Committee members at all levels of the Party (National, Zonal, States, Senatorial Districts, Local Government Areas, Wards and Polling Units) shall hold a particular office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election only for one more term.
- b. The election of National Officers shall be at the National Convention, while that of those at the lower levels shall be at their respective congresses.
- c. A vote of no-confidence may be moved on any member of the Executive Committee during a National Convention or congress of the Party, and where such a vote is passed, he/she shall be replaced at that National convention or congress, as the case may be. Provided that two months' notice of such vote of no confidence motion shall be given to the Secretariat for circulation to the relevant chapters one

month before the National Convention or Congress, as the case may be.

- d. A vote of no-confidence shall be deemed defeated if not passed by a simple majority of the members of the Party at the Convention or Congress sitting and voting.
- e. Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the Party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days' notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be done in accordance with the stipulations in the guideline issued for such elective office.
- f. Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint another person from the area or zone where the vacated officer originated from, pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy. The election to fill the vacancy shall be conducted within six months of the resignation of the executive member.

## **Article 46**

### **46.1 PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES**

Subject to the provisions of this constitution and without prejudice to Article 18.1.2(2) any member holding any office in the party at any level shall be deemed to have resigned that office, if he or she assumes any of the following offices-

- (a) President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (c) Member of the National Assembly.
- (d) Governor or Deputy Governor of a state.
- (e) Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; or
- (f) Secretary to the Government of a state and the Federation; or
- (g) Special Assistant or Special Adviser to the President or Vice President;
- (h) Ambassador or High Commissioner; or
- (i) Commissioner, Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of a State; or

- (j) Chairman, Vice Chairman or Councilor of a Local Government Council; or
- (k) Any full-time employment or appointment in the public service of the federation, state, or local government.

## **Article 47**

### **47.1 MODE OF ELECTING PARTY OFFICERS**

- 47.1.1** The National Convention, the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Congresses shall meet to elect officers at the various levels as specified in this constitution except in the Federal Capital Territory where officers of the party shall be elected based on geo-political zones.
- 47.1.2** Every registered member of the party who has satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under this Constitution, the Electoral Act and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be eligible to contest for any of the offices of the party.
- 47.1.3** The guidelines for elections to any office of the party shall be approved by the National Executive Committee and the Foundation Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 47.1.4** No member of the party shall be qualified for nomination or election or appointment into any of the offices of the party, unless he or she has been a registered member for at least 3 months, and is of good financial standing in the party. Foundation Council may waive the provision where necessary
- 47.1.5** In order to enhance Internal Democracy, Transparency, Cost Effectiveness the party shall adopt direct primary using open secret ballot for all its internal elections unless otherwise specify by Foundation council.
- 47.1.6** Where feasible e-voting shall be employed to compliment the election process.

## **Article 48**

### **48.1 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION INTO PUBLIC OFFICES**

**48.1.1** Subject to the provision of the constitution of FRN 1999 as amended, the Electoral Act and this constitution, the National Working Committee shall formulate guidelines and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels as ratified by the Foundation Council and shall resolve all disputes relating to nomination of candidates for any election and submission to the Independent National Electoral Commission, or any other body, provided that the NWC will refer lingering disputes to the BOT which shall further refer lingering disputes to the Foundation Council.

**48.1.2** In accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, the National Convention/Congress shall be held by direct primaries in which all card carrying members of the party at all levels shall participate by direct primaries through open secret ballot or as may otherwise be specified by the NWC and ratified at by the Foundation Council. The election of the party's candidates for the positions of The President, The Governor, Senator, House of Representatives, State House of Assembly, Local Govt. Council Chairman and Councillor at primaries shall be ratified at the National Convention/Conference specially convened for that purpose in line with the procedures and guidelines provided by NWC and Foundation Council in the manner prescribed below:

- a. In the conduct of ratification of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the ratification shall be held at the National Convention of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- b. In the conduct of ratification of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Governorship of a state, the ratification shall be held at the State Congress of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- c. In the conduct of ratification of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Senator, the ratification shall be held at Senatorial Congress convened for that purpose.
- d. In the conduct of ratification of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of member of the House of Representatives, the ratification shall be held at the Federal Constituency Headquarters;
- e. In the conduct of ratification of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Local Government

Councillors, Council Chairman and House of Assembly, the ratification shall be held at the local government Congress convened for that purpose

**48.1.3** There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to stand for election into any public office on the party's platform, unless the Foundation Council gives a waiver or rules to the contrary. In considering the waiver, the following shall apply:

- a. For members aspiring for nomination for election to the post of Councillors, Local Government Council Chairman, the deciding authority shall be the State Executive Committee; and
- b. For members aspiring for Party positions or nomination for State House of Assembly, National Assembly, Governor or Deputy Governor, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee.

**48.1.4** In respect of any decision, any aggrieved party member shall have right of appeal to the National Executive Committee, NWC, BOT and Foundation Council.

**48.1.5** Where the appropriate Committee rules to the contrary, the ruling must be approved by the immediate higher executive committee. Appeals on the decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be made to the Foundation Council which is the final authority.

**48.1.6** Candidates vying for party positions except at Ward level must possess a minimum of secondary school certificate or its equivalent.

**48.1.7** If a Local Government Chairman, Governorship, or Presidential Candidate nominated for election withdraws or dies before, during or after the conduct of the election and yet to be sworn in to office, his deputy **shall not** replace him. Instead, a fresh primary election shall be conducted to fill the vacancy.

**48.1.8** Without prejudice to provisions on disputes settlement, the decision of the National Working Committee shall be final on cases of non-subsisting dispute in relation to who becomes the candidate of the party to vie for a public office.



## **Article 49**

### **49.1 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COUNCIL**

#### **49.1.1. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes the **Alternative Dispute Resolution Council (ADRC)** consisting of members as shall be appointed by the Foundation Council and shall serve a renewable term of four (4) years only. The ADRC shall have a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and such other members that the Foundation Council may appoint. The quorum of the ADRC shall be two- third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

#### **49.1.2 FUNCTIONS:**

The ADRC shall perform the following functions:

- a. Be the party's in dispute resolution and mediation body.
- b. The ADRC shall regulate its proceedings, policies and terms as formulated by the Foundation Council.
- c. The ADRC shall ensure that all the policies on ADR must be adhered to by the party members.
- d. The ADRC makes rules for party discipline and refer cases of default to disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanctions be subject to ratification by the Foundation Council.
- e. Undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred by the Foundation Council National Executive Committee or the National Convention

## **Article 50**

### **50.1 FUNDING/ BANK ACCOUNT**

#### **50.1.1 FUNDING**

1. There shall be opened and maintained for the party an account(s) into which shall be paid all:
  - i. Subscriptions, fee, and levies;
  - ii. Proceeds from investments made by the party;
  - iii. Subventions and donations;
  - iv. Gifts and grants by individuals or groups as authorized by law;
  - v. Loans approved by the National Executive Committee; and
  - vi. Such other monies as may be lawfully received by the party.

2. A prescribed annual membership subscription fee as the National Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of the National Working Committee, may, from time to time approve, shall be paid by all members.
3. The fee shall be paid as and when due and endorsed on the membership card. The NEC shall determine and fix allowances and remunerations for all officers of the party including members of the Foundation Council (FC) and Board of Trustees (BOT) in line with the financial policy of the party.
4. For the purpose of strengthening the Party's finances, all elected and appointed Party men and women shall be made to pay additional levies such as Elected Public Officers in the legislature (at the three tiers of government): 12.5% of annual basic salary.
5. Persons/groups and friends of the Party that enjoy patronage from the Party at National, State and Local Government levels shall be encouraged to make donations annually to the Party, in accordance with extant economic and financial laws/guidelines.
6. Funds
7. generated from the sale of nomination forms shall form part of the Party's income.
7. The Party shall hold a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner where friends and members of the Party shall make donations in a manner to be recommended by the National Finance Committee of the Party and approved by the National Working Committee, in order to raise funds for the Party.

#### **50.1.2 BANK ACCOUNTS**

1. The party shall maintain a Bank Account or Bank Accounts at the city or town where its headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilized.
2. There shall be an operational Account to be handled by the Foundation Council Chairman, BOT Chairman and Secretary of the Foundation Council.
3. The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers at various levels:
  - a. The National Chairman, his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward and Polling Units Levels;

- b. The National Treasurer, his or her counterpart at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels, the National Secretary, his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward and Polling Unit Levels
- c. The National Secretary, his counterpart at Zonal, State, Local Government, Ward and Polling Unit levels.

For all transactions on the account two signatories shall be acceptable out of which the Treasurer must be one

The NEC with the approval of the Foundation Council may amend the scope of accounts and signatories for different organs as it deems necessary, and as the circumstance demands.

- 4. The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall after obtaining approval from NEC decide the banks to be used in keeping the account(s).

## **Article 51**

### **51.1 NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **51.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

This constitution establishes a National Finance Committee (NFC) consisting of:

- (a) The Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and integrity;
- (b) One member drawn from each of the 6 geopolitical zones of the Country;
- (c) The National Treasurer
- (d) National Financial Secretary
- (e) National Auditor
- (f) National Welfare Secretary

**51.1.2** The National Financial Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.

**51.1.3** Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

#### **51.1.4 FUNCTIONS**

The National Finance Committee shall be responsible for-

- (a) Organizing a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner;
- (b) Embarking on other fund raising programmes and solicitations for party; provided that such programs and solicitations are lawfully executed;
- (c) Ensuring that the fund raising policy of the party is maintained;
- (d) Establishing prudent and effective resources/funds management system; and
- (e) The State Finance Committee at state level shall perform like functions.

#### **51.2 BORROWING POWER**

- a. The Party may, with express authorization by the National Executive Committee, and ratification of the Foundation Council in compelling circumstances, borrow, by way of loan or overdraft, from any legitimate source, such amount of money required by the party to meet its obligations and functions under this Constitution.
- b. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the conditions of any trust in respect of any property, the party may invest all or any of its funds with the consent or express authorization of the National Executive Committee and the Foundation Council.

#### **51.3 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARTY'S FINANCES**

- a. For the purpose of transparency and accountability in the management of finances of the Party, the National Executive Committee shall design Standard Financial regulations to govern the management of party's finances at all levels.
- b. At the National level, the National Chairman of the Party shall ensure that members of the Party comply with the provisions of this constitution concerning membership dues expected from elected public office holders and National Assembly Members. The National Working Committee led by the National Chairman of the Party shall twice in a year brief the Foundation Council of all activities of the party with regards to the Constitution, Manifesto, ideology, harmony and operations.

- c. At the State level, the State Chairman of the Party shall ensure that members of the party comply with the provisions of this constitution with regards to membership dues in respect of all elected public office holders and members of State Houses of Assembly.
- d. The Local Government Party Chairman, shall ensure that members comply with the provisions of this Constitution with regards to membership dues in respect of all elected public office holders, Local Government Councillors and Local Government Legislative House Members.

#### **51.4 AUDIT OF PARTY ACCOUNTS**

- a. The National Executive Committee of the Party shall appoint a competent firm of accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at the National Convention.
- b. The Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees shall, similarly, appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at their respective congresses.

#### **51.5 NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The National Executive Committee shall subject to ratification by the Foundation Council establish a National Investment Committee for the Party which shall:

- (a) Ensure the broadening and sustainability of the Party's revenue base, including, investment of the Party's funds into long term viable ventures and real estates;
- (b) Establish any business ventures that do not violate the provisions of any sections of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and this Constitution.
- (c) Any other duty or duties as may be assigned by the NEC.

### **Article 52**

#### **52.1 DISCIPLINE, OFFENCES & SANCTIONS**

##### **52.1.1 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- a. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, there shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the Party at every level consisting of seven members with proven integrity, one of whom shall be knowledgeable in law. The Legal Adviser or his/her nominee shall

be a member of the Committee except where the Legal Adviser is the one facing the Committee.

- b. The Executive Committees at all levels shall be responsible for the appointment of the Disciplinary Committees.
- c. The Working Committee, at all levels of the Party, and the Executive Committee (at the Ward Level) may, after preliminary hearings, suspend a member from the Party for a period not exceeding one month, during which period the member so suspended shall lose his right to contest any election, and shall thereafter be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee for proper hearing of the matter.
- d. Where an allegation is made against a member of the Party, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations made against him and the place and time of hearing.
- e. A member who appears before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given opportunity to present his case orally or in writing either in person or through a counsel of his choice and shall be allowed to call witnesses.
- f. Any decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges against him or has not been given opportunity of defending himself shall be null and void.

## **52.2 OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS THEREOF**

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Party shall have power to discipline any member who:

- (a) Commits any breach of the Party's Constitution, and or Manifesto;
- (b) Says or does anything likely to bring the party into disrepute, hatred or contempt;
- (c) Disobeys or neglects to carry out lawful directives of the party or any organ or officer of the party;
- (d) Engages in dishonest practices, defrauds the party, its members or officials;
- (e) Is persistently absent from meetings or other official duties;
- (f) Engages in anti-party activities;
- (g) Engages in disorderly conduct at meetings or rallies or at any other party function;

- (h) Engages in any conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or is likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party;
- (i) Engages in unauthorized publicity of disputes within the party or creates a parallel party organ at any level;
- (j) Promotes factions or belongs to any group under the guise of the party and by whatever name called, not being one provided for in this constitution;
- (k) Organizes, retains, trains, equips or encourages the organization, retention, training, equipping of any member or group of members for the purpose of employing violence or coercion or any form of intimidation whatsoever;
- (l) Resorts to court action or litigation on any dispute(s) or on any matter whatsoever concerning rights, obligations and duties of any member of the party without first availing himself or herself of the remedies provided by the party under this constitution; or
- (m) Fails, refuses or neglects to treat a petition, complaints or appeal timeously.
- (n) Decamps while in office to another political party.

### **52.3 SANCTIONS**

- a. Any member of the Party who commits any of the offences listed in Section 48.2 of this Constitution shall be liable to any or a combination of the following penalties:
  - i. Reprimand.
  - ii. Censure.
  - iii. Fine.
  - iv. Suspension with a fine.
  - v. Debarment from holding any Party office.
  - vi. Removal from office.
  - vii. Expulsion from the Party.
  - viii. Payment of compensation by elected decamped party members shall be determined by BOT, NEC and Foundation Council.
- b. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committees at all levels, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against erring members at all times.

- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution relating to discipline, no Executive Committee except the National Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee or any elected public Officer of the Party.
- d. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall have the power to expel any member of the Party for serious acts of indiscipline or misconduct or anti party activity which brings, or is likely to bring the Party into disrepute provided it is ratified by the Foundation Council in writing. Notwithstanding any provision in this constitution, the founders can summon any BOT member for anti-party, misappropriation or unconstitutional behaviours and may unanimously take any such steps that are necessary to save the party from disrepute.

#### **52.4 REMEDIES/ APPEAL**

- a. An aggrieved member shall report to the appropriate authority, his/her grievances.
- b. Any member who is dissatisfied with the decision taken against him by any of the organs or officers of the Party shall have the right of appeal to the immediate higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision.
- c. All appeals must be dealt with timeously and expeditiously; in any case not later than 2 weeks after the filing of the appeal.
- d. The Committee made up of members of the Board of Trustees as constituted for this purpose by the Foundation Council shall be the final arbiter, provided that failure, refusal or neglect to treat a report, petition, complaint or appeal on the part of the arbiter shall be reported to the Foundation Council. The FC's decision on any appeal or complaint shall be final.
- e. An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appellate body within twenty-one days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal provided the policy on ADR is strictly adhered to.



## **Article 53**

### **53.1 CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY**

- 53.1.1 The party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and can sue or be sued in its corporate name with power to acquire, hold and alienate property, enter into agreements and to do all things necessary to carry out its aims and objectives and defend its members, property and reputation.
- 53.1.2 Only National Officers of the party and Foundation Council shall have the authority to create any legal relationship binding on the party provided that the founders shall have the powers to revoke any legal relationship made in bad faith and against the interest and philosophy of the party. The founders shall bear true allegiance to the party constitution and its ideals and shall in the case of serious emergency matters summon relevant leaders across the party so as to take such measures as to remedy the situation.
- 53.1.3 Any conflict or lacuna in this constitution or the party shall be resolved by the Foundation Council in line with the Party ideals and founding principles.

## **Article 54**

### **54.1 COMMON SEAL**

There shall be a common seal of the party, which shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the party.

## **Article 55**

### **55.1 OATH OF OFFICE**

Any person elected or appointed into any office of the party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule I to this Constitution, in the language that he or she understands and before a commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public. Where the Oath officer is a member of the executive committee then he shall administer the oath for others and then affirm in the presence of the other members of the executive committee. Provided that for zonal or state or LG or Ward executives, the National Executive Committee shall give directions on the modalities to adopt.

## **Article 55**

### **55.1 AMENDMENTS**

- 55.1.1** The Party shall have the power to amend this Constitution, save that no amendment of the constitution shall be valid unless made after 3 years by a motion passed by two-third majority of members present, and with the consent in writing of the Foundation Council, and subsequently put to vote at the National Convention provided that the motion seeking the amendment is counter signed by the National Leader, National Chairman and National Secretary respectively at least two months before the presentation. However, where it becomes extremely necessary to amend the Constitution, the 3 years minimum period required may be abridged by the Foundation Council.
- 55.1.2** The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National Convention and the notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendments sought and the reasons for the amendments.
- 55.1.3** The National Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State Chapters of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National Convention.
- 55.1.4** It is hereby understood that all provisions in this Constitution with regards to qualification, tenure of office, election contest et all shall not be in force until the structures of the party are properly and visibly formed from Polling Unit through the National level.

## **Article 56**

### **56.1 INTERPRETATION**

- 56.1.1** Except on provisions of this constitution, any division/ question/doubt as to the meaning of any section of this constitution or the Schedule attached hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose interpretation of the same shall be final.
- 56.1.2** In this constitution:
- (a) “FC” means Foundation Council (Consisting of all the founding consistent members and co-opted members of the party existing to ensure that the founding philosophy and ideals of the party are adhered to)
  - (b) “ADR” means “Alternative Dispute Resolution”
  - (c) Constitution means CONSTITUTION OF THE ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

- (d) “ADRC” means Alternative Dispute Resolution Council
- (e) “Founders” mean founder and co-founders only.
- (f) “Funds” include valuable properties;
- (g) “He” or “His” shall include the female gender;
- (h) “The Party” means ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY; and shall include any of its constituted organs.
- (i) “Month” means calendar month;
- (j) Where computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number;
- (k) “BOT” means Board of Trustees
- (l) “Congress” a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and conduct election;
- (m) “National Convention” - The largest meeting of ADP at National level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratified and elections of Presidential Candidates and the National Officers are ratified.
- (n) “Delegates” - Are elected or nominated representatives of the party at any level of the structure of the party;
- (o) “National” - This refers to Federal level as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (p) “Zonal” - This refers to each of the geo- political entities viz North East, North Central, North West, South East, South West, and South-South.
- (q) “State” - This refers to geographical entity as defined in the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (r) “Local Government Area” - This refers to the Local Government Area as defined by Section 7 and particularly schedule 2 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (s) “Ward” - This refer to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.

- (t) “Direct Primaries” – this refers to a Party Executive Congress to be held in each Ward and all registered and financial members of the Party to participate in electing a candidate of the Party for election into public office.
- (u) “NEC” means or refers to the National Executive Committee
- (v) “Emergency” means any situation that is capable of negatively affecting the party immediately.
- (w) “PWD” - means People with Disability.
- (v) Polling Unit – This refer to the area designated for voting by the Independent National Electoral Commission.

**SCHEDULE I**

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Action Democratic Party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and policies of the Action Democratic Party and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. So, help me God.

**SCHEDULE II**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY, I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the party and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to pursue, enhance and achieve the aims and objectives of the party as contained in its Constitution and Manifesto; that I shall be bound by the party's policy on ADR, and shall not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision; that in all circumstances I shall do right to all the members of the party and to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any manner which shall be brought to my attention or which shall become known to me as an officer of the party, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties and that I shall devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria. So, help me God.

Name:.....

Designation:.....

Sign:.....

## **SCHEDULE III**

### **PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS**

#### **1. Language to be used at meetings.**

The proceedings of the meetings of the party at all levels shall be in the English language or any Nigerian language understood by a majority of members of the party at respective levels;

2. All the meetings of the party shall be chaired by the Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairman at the relevant level and in the event of the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, members present shall elect a member to preside over the meeting.

3. The rules and regulations governing the conduct of meetings of the party shall be as approved, from time to time, by the National Executive Committee.

### **NOTICES**

The Notices for all meetings at any level shall be a minimum of 7 days for statutory meetings or constitutional meetings, and not less than 24 hours for emergency meetings except where the emergency is of grave consequence then the Notice shall be immediate, provided that any decision pursuant to an immediate Notice, if not reached by a simple majority, must be ratified by a majority of that particular organ.

## **SCHEDULE IV**

### **STAFF RULES**

(1) Employees of the party shall be subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward secretariats of the party and appeals on matters of the discipline and routine administration shall lie with the Secretary at the various levels, in compliance with the manual of establishment.

All employees of the party shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, the rules and regulations and the decisions of the National Executive Committee and other authorized organs of the party.

(2) A person who seeks and obtains employment in the party shall be deemed to be a member of the party.

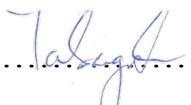
(3) Any employee of the party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or take part in subversive activities

against the party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his or her post.

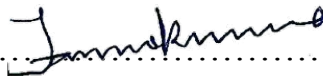
- (4) An erring employee shall be afforded ample opportunity to defend himself before disciplinary action is taken against him.
- (5) No employee of the party shall seek nomination to enable him or her contest any election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one month prior to the date of the election.
- (6) The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees shall be determined by the National Executive Committee, State Working Committees, Local Government Committee, and Ward Executive Committee respectively and accordingly.

Made at Abuja this.....day of.....2017.

Signed

  
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National Chairman

  
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