

**THE  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
ALLIED CONGRESS  
PARTY  
OF NIGERIA**

**We the people of like minds having firmly and solemnly resolved.**

To come together under one political (**Party Allied Congress Party of Nigeria**) to give our dear country a purposeful and united leadership under God. Dedicated to the promotion of National Security people oriented liberal and egalitarian society, peace international co-operation understanding.

Ad to provide a constitution for the purpose of promoting the good government and unity of all persons in our country predicated upon the principle of equality, freedom and justice do hereby make, enact and give to ourselves the following constitution.

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **1. NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY**

- (i) The name of the Party shall be Allied Congress Party of Nigeria hereinafter referred to as **“The Party”**
- (ii) The motto of the Party shall be **“Loyalty Service and Unity”**.
- (iii) The Slogan of the Party shall be **CAN** service
- (iv) The Flag of the Party shall be **Green, White**
- (v) The symbol of the Party shall be a **Squirrel**.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Without prejudice to the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of any other Law for the time being in force in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the provisions of this Constitution shall take precedence over and above any other **Rules and Regulations of the Party** or its organs, where such rules and regulations are inconsistent with the provision of this Constitution

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered Office of the Party shall be located at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja with branch offices in every State Capital, Local Government Headquarters the Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory and in all the Wards in the Federation.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Party shall at all times conform with the Fundamental objective and Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and Chapter VI of the same Constitution relating to Power Sharing and Rotation of key political offices and accordingly.

1. The Party shall pursue the Political, Economic, Social, Educational Foreign Policy, Environmental, Foreign Policy and other objectives as contained under Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.
2. To attain political power through Constitutional means and ensure the practice and maintenance of democracy, the rule of law and social justice.
3. To consolidate the Unity, Peace and Stability of the Nation through a Responsive and Responsible System of Government.
4. To bring about an improvement in the socio-economic life and well-being of all Nigerians and lay a solid foundation for a technological self-sufficient and self-reliant Nation.
5. To work consistently towards alleviating ignorance, poverty and disease among our people.

6. To work towards the establishment of an egalitarian and disciplined society.
7. To ensure that the principles of Power Sharing, Revenue allocation Rotation of Presidency and other executive positions as enshrined under Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 are adhered to

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **MEMNERSHIP**

1. Every citizen of Nigeria of not less than 18 years of age irrespective of his religions ethnic group place and circumstance of birth, sex, social or economic status, shall be eligible for membership of the party.

#### **2. Restriction on Membership**

The following persons are not eligible to be registered member of the party.

1. Any person below the age of 18 years
  2. Any member of the Armed Forces, Police, Security Agencies, Para-Military Organs, the Public Service of the Federation or of a State or a Local Government.
  3. Traditional Rulers (as defined in Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999)
  4. An alien.
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3. There shall be no life members of the party, but the National \_\_\_\_\_ may of necessity and on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee grant the status of a Patron to members who have made valuable contribution in the development of the party

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS**

1. A person qualified for membership of the Party may apply for membership in the prescribed Membership Form and be registered as a member of the party in the Ward in which he normally resides.
2. A register of members shall be kept and maintained at each Ward and Local Government Area Headquarters. The register shall clearly indicate the name, address, age, occupation, date of registration and state of origin of every registered member.
3. Every registered member shall be issued with a membership card which shall be numbered serially and which shall indicate the Local Government Area and Ward where the member was registered. The card should bear the occupation, residential address and a passport size photograph of the member where available and duly signed by him and any authorized official of the party.
4. A membership application file shall also be kept at each Local Government Headquarters. The file should contain all applications filed, with clear indication of action taken on every application by the registering officer of the Party.
5. The membership register shall be reviewed and updated at least once every year to take account of membership renewals, new members, registrations, dormant/inactive members among others.
6. It shall be the duty and function of the party at the Ward and Local Government levels to embark on a membership drive in order to attract good citizens to become members of the party.

7. Every completed membership application form shall be carefully scrutinized by the registering officer to ensure that the applicant meets the party's conditions for registration. When necessary, the registering officer may invite the applicant to an interview with a view to clarifying any points that are not clear.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

1. Every Member shall pay such fees, subscriptions and levies as may from time to time be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party or any other bodies authorized to do so by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
2. Upon registration, a member shall be deemed to have
  1. Accepted to abide by the provisions of this Constitution as well as the Policies, Programmes and Philosophies of the Party as amended from time to time
  2. Affirmed to abide by all lawful Rules and Regulations, Directives and decisions of the Party or any of its organs and observe them faithfully
  3. Agreed to promote the aims and objectives of the Party, loyalty support its philosophies and refrain from pursuing any course of action that may be detrimental to or inconsistent with or inimical to the interests of the Party.
3. Every member shall be free to rightly and actively participate in the activities and deliberations of the branch of the Party of which he is a member provided always that he is financially up to date and subject to any other qualifications, rules, regulations or the provision of this Constitution.
4. Every current financial member shall have the right to vote and be voted for into any post or office of the Party.
5. Membership of the Party shall be renewed annually on payment of the prescribed subscription fees.

6. Membership shall automatically lapse if the subscription fees of a member is not received within three months after the due date provided that a member whose membership terminates in this manner shall be readmitted into the Party upon the payment of all arrears of the said subscription
7. In an election year, only members who had paid their subscriptions three months before primaries and congress and convention shall be eligible to vote and be voted for
8. Every registered member of the Party shall be accorded due recognition
9. The party shall provide the platform for a member in appropriate cases to contest legislative and executive elections at all levels. It should also organize seminars and courses when necessary on national and international issues for members and assist them to participate in such seminars and courses organized by other bodies.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **ZONING, ROTATION AND FEDERAL CHARACTER**

1. The Party shall operate the system of Power Sharing and Federal Character in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
2. There shall be North & South Zones for the purpose of power sharing and Federal Character in the Party as follows
  1. SOUTH-SOUTH ZONE                      Comprising of Delta, Edo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Cross Rivers, Akwa-Ibom States
  2. SOUTH-EAST ZONE                        Comprising of Enugu, Abia, Ebonyi, Anambra, Imo States
  3. NORTH-WEST ZONE                        Comprising of Sokoto, Kebbi, Jigawa, Kano, Kastina, Kaduna and Zamfara States

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| 4. NORTH-EAST ZONE    | Comprising of Borno, Yobe, Bauchi, Adamawa, Taraba and Gombe States        |
| 5. NORTH CENTRAL ZONE | Comprising of Kogi, Benue, Nassarawa, Plateau, Kwara, Niger States and FCT |
| 6. SOUTH-WEST ZONE    | Comprising of Lagos, Ogun, Ekiti, Ondo, Oyo, Osun States                   |

3. At the National Level, posts in the National Executive Committee of the Party shall be distributed equitably amongst the foregoing six Zones.
4. The position of president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Vice President, Present of the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, shall rotate among the foregoing six zones.
5. The post of Federal Ministers, Chairman of Federal Government Parastatals, Executive Heads of Federal Universities and other higher institutions shall be shared among the foregoing six zones to reflect Federal Character
6. At the state level, the positions of Governor, Deputy Governor and Speaker of the House of Assembly shall rotate among the three senatorial districts in the state.
7. The position of Commissioners and Heads of State Government Parastatals shall be shared among the three senatorial district and shall reflect proper geographical, group and cultural peculiarities

8. The office of the chairman of Local Government Council shall rotate within the Local Government Area and for that purpose the Party shall divide the Local Government into three parts. All other elective positions in the Local Government shall reflect the geographical groups and cultural peculiarities of the Local Government Area
9. All administrative posts in the Party at the National, State, Local Government and Ward levels shall reflect equitable distribution between the accepted zones of the Party, Federal Character, and/or proper geographical, group and cultural peculiarities as the case may be.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **PARTY FINANCE**

The funds of the party shall be derived from:-

1. Subscription, fees, or other levies imposed on members
2. Donation, public collections and other lawful means of fund raising.
3. Proceeds from investment
4. Gift and grants by individuals or group of persons as allowed by law

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND ASSETS**

The National Executive Committee shall appoints a competent firm of accountants to audit the accounts and assets of the Party annually for presentation to the National Convention of the Party for approval and onward transmission to the INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **BANK ACCOUNT**

1. The Party shall maintain bank-accounts in the towns or cities where the Headquarters are located at the various levels of organization, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the services of the nearest bank shall be utilized. The Executive Committee of each levels shall appoint its own Bankers.
2. The Chairman, and either the Secretary or the Treasurer shall be signatories to the Account of the Party at the respective levels.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **PARTY ORGANISATION**

There shall be four levels of organisation as follows

1. The National
2. The State
3. The Local Government Area
4. The Ward

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **PARTY ORGANS**

The party shall have the following organs

1. National Convention
2. National Conference
3. National Executive Committee
4. National Working Committee
5. National Census
6. Board of Trustees
7. Local Government Area Congress
8. Local Government Executive Committee
9. Local Government Area Working Committee
10. Ward Congress
11. Ward Executive Committee
12. Standing/Ad-hoc Committees

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

#### **1. Composition:**

The National Convention shall consist of:

1. All members of the National Executive Committee
2. All members of the National and State Executive Councils who are members of the Party.

3. All members of the State Assemblies who are members of the Party
4. All Chairmen of Local Government Councils who are members of the Party
5. Local Government Party Chairmen and three delegates from each Local Government Area of the Party
6. Members of Board of Trustees of the Party
7. Members of the National Caucus

## **2. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

The National Convention shall be the highest organ of the Party and shall have final authority to the exclusion of all other organs to decide the nation-wide policies and programmes of the Party.

The National Convention shall among other things have the power to

1. Amend this Constitution
2. Approve and adopt, amend or reject any programme, plan, policy or other matter.
3. Elect, appoint or approve the appointment of any committees it may deem necessary or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit.
4. Elect the National Officers of the Party and remove same from office.
5. To ratify the result of the Presidential primaries of the Party
6. To ratify the zoning and rotation of positions as presented by the National Executive Committee.
7. Demand and receive reports on any matter from the National Executive Committee and from other organs of the party and discuss and take appropriate decisions thereon

8. Take any other measures or actions that may be necessary to promote the aims and objectives of the Party.

3. Meetings of the National Convention:

1. The National Convention of the Party shall meet at least once every year or at such other time or times as the National Executive Committee may decide. In this latter case, the convention shall only deliberate on the issue for which it has been convened, circulars for such a meeting shall reach all the members entitled to attend the Convention at least two weeks (fourteen days) before the date of the Convention.

2. Quorum: The Quorum for the National Convention shall be one third of the members. Decisions shall be adopted by a majority vote; but amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by the two-thirds majority of all members present and voting. Only accredited members shall have the right to vote.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The National Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. **Composition**

1. All elected National Officers of the Party, including Ex-Officio Members.
2. All Chairmen of State Executive Committees of the Party.
3. The President and Vice President, if produced by the Party
4. The President of the Senate, the Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Leader of the House of Representatives.

## **2. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

1. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for the nationwide administration of the Party and the implementation and execution of the decisions of the National Convention to particular, the general functions of the National Executive Committee shall include the following:
  1. Preparation of the agenda of the National Convention
  2. Preparation and submission of reports and budgets for the consideration of the National Convention
  3. Initiation and formulation of policies and programmes for the consideration of the National Convention
  4. Determination of appeals and other problems referred to it by or coming from the states or branches
  5. To make Electoral regulations for all types of elections within the Party, subject to ratification by the National Convention.
  6. To recruit and determine the conditions of service of Party's officials at the national level as provided for in the Party's Administrative Manual adopted by the National Convention
  7. To co-opt person or persons when necessary to attend the meetings of the committee within the right to vote.
  8. To examine and analyse National legislative and executive actions and decisions in order to establish their effects on the aims and objectives of the Party.
  9. To consider reports from State and Local Government branches of the Party and take appropriate decisions to protect the interest of the Party.
  10. To secure at elections the return of as many Party candidates as possible in order to ensure control by the Party or legislative and other branches of the Governments of the Federation at all levels.

11. Raise adequate funds for the Party
12. To appoint committees to examine any issue that may be considered appropriate for determination by the National Executive Committee
13. To exercise such other functions as may be necessary to promote the interests, aims and objective of the Party
14. Without prejudice to the overall powers of the National Convention as the final authority within the Party, the decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all members and organs of the Party

### **3. MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

1. The meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be held every quarter, or at any other time, at the request of the Chairman or one-third of the members. The decisions shall be adopted by a  $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
2. The quorum for the meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be one third of its entire membership.
3. Decisions shall be adopted by simple majority vote

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Composition**

The National Working Committee of the Party shall consist of

1. The National Chairman
2. The Deputy National Chairman
3. The National Secretary
4. The National Treasurer
5. The National Financial Secretary
6. The National Publicity Secretary

7. The National Legal Adviser
8. The National Auditor
9. The National Urgency see

## **2. Functions**

1. The National Working Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee
2. The National Working Committee shall perform any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

## **3. Meetings**

1. The National Working Committee shall meet at any time or at the request of the Chairman or one third of the members
2. Quorum. The quorum for any meeting of the National Working Committee shall be a majority of its members
3. Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority

# **ARTICLE 17**

## **THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The National Conference of the Party shall consist of:

1. The National Chairman of the Party and all other Executive Committee members.
2. The President & Vice if produced by the Party
3. The Senate President, Speaker of House Senate Leader, House Lead if produced by the Party.
4. All Ministers and Special Advisers to the President who are members of the Party.

5. The Governor and Deputy if produced the Party
6. Chairman and Secretaries of State Executive Committees

## **MEETINGS**

- 1) The National Conference shall be held at least once a year on a date to be appointed by the National Executive Committee.
- 2) A Special National Conference may be held at any time at the request of the National Executive Committee or at the request of two-thirds of all State Executive Committee. A notice of not less than 14 days shall be given.
- 3) The Special National Conference shall meet only to discuss matters which shall be specified in the notice summoning the conference.
- 4) The quorum of the National Conference shall be one-third of all members provided that not less than two-third of all the States of the Federation and Abuja are represented by at least one-third of the delegates to the conference from each of those States.
- 5) Decisions reached and measures approved by the Conference shall be final and shall be binding on all Party organs branches and members.
- 6) Voting at the conference shall be in a manner to be determined by the Rules and procedures for the conference provided that every delegate shall have only one vote.
- 7) Party Administrative staff who shall be in attendance shall not vote.
- 8) The National Executive Committee shall make the Rules and procedures for the conference subject to the ratification by the National Convention.

## **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

The National Conference shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution have the power to:

1. Consider and determine policy for the Party.

2. Demand and receive represent from the National Executive Committee and from any other Committees or organs of the Party and take appropriate decisions on some report of or recommendations.
3. Examine the Policies and programme pursued by Governments of the Federation from time to time in order to determine whether or not they are in accord parties manifesto and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
4. Examine the actions taken or legislations being proposed or passed by any government, legislative House or Local government council and determine what actions, if any, the Party should take,
5. Consider reports from Federal, State and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decisions as necessary to protect advance or consolidate the gains and interest of the Party.
6. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party.
7. Exercise control and take disciplinary actions on all organs, officers and members of the Party and determine appeals brought before it by any member or organ of the Party,
8. Determined the type, nature and membership of Standing Committees to be set up by the Party's National Executive Committee.
9. Delegate any of its powers to the National Executive Committee or any organ of the Party;
10. Take any action as may be conducive to the promotion of the aims and objectives of the Party as laid down in this Constitution,
11. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested in it by this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **PARTY CAUCUSES**

There shall be an Party Caucus at the National and State levels of the Party.

#### **1. Composition**

##### **National**

The National Caucus of the Party shall comprise

1. The National Working Committee members
2. President
3. Vice President
4. President of the Senate
5. Speaker of the House of Representative
6. Leader of the Senate
7. Leader of the House of Representative

##### **State**

1. State Working Committee members
2. The Governor
3. The Deputy Governor
4. The Speaker of the House of Assembly
5. Leader of the House of Assembly

Not less than three members of the Party may be co-opted into the National or the State Caucus of the Party, and where the party is not in government the principal officers of the party shall constitute the Caucus.

#### **2. Functions and Power**

The Party's Caucus shall have power to deal with such matters as may be referred to it by the National or State Executive Committee and the National or State Congress as the case may be. Without prejudice to the generality of the powers and functions conferred on other organs of the Party by this Constitution, the Party's Caucus shall also have power to deal with any other question of matters in order to promote the interest of the Party.

#### **3. Meeting of the Caucus**

The Party Caucus shall meet as and when considered necessary and decisions shall be by consensus. Or Simple majority

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE PARTY**

#### **1. Composition**

Subject to the provisions of Section 222 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria there shall be the following National Officers of the Party whose zones and terms of office shall be four years with effect from the date of the election.

1. National Chairman
2. 2 Deputy National Chairman North & South
3. 4 Vice Chairman, one from each of the six zones
4. National Secretary
5. Deputy National Secretary
6. 4 Assistant National Secretaries, each from zones that did not produce the Secretary or the Deputy National Secretary
7. National Treasurer
8. Assistant National Treasurer
9. National Financial Secretary
10. Deputy National Financial Secretary
11. 4 Assistant National Financial Secretaries from the zones that all not produce with the financial Secretary or Deputy National Financial Secretary
12. National Publicity Secretary
13. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
14. 4 Assistant National Publicity Secretaries, one from each zones that did not produce the National or Deputy National Publicity Secretaries

15. National Legal Adviser
16. Deputy National Legal Adviser
17. 4 Assistant National Legal Advisers, one from each zones that did not produce the National Legal Adviser or the Deputy National Legal Adviser
18. National Organising Secretary
19. Officer (Welfare Officer)
20. One from each zones that did not produce the National Welfare Secretary or the National Deputy Welfare Secretary
21. National Auditor
22. 4 Assistant National Auditors, one from each zones that did not produce the National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor

## **2. Powers and Functions of National Officers**

### **NATIONAL CHAIRMANS**

1. The National Chairman shall:
  1. Preside over the meetings of the National Convention, and the National Executive Committee, the National Working Committee, National Conference and the National Census
  2. He shall oversee the working of the Party throughout the country and shall perform any other duties the National Executive Committee or National Convention may confer on him.

### **2. National Deputy Chairman**

1. Shall preside in the absence of the National Conference over any meeting of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, or the National Working Committee, national Census.
2. Shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the National Working Committee, National Executive

Committee National Convention, the National Chairman and the National Conference & the National Census

### **3. National Vice Chairman**

The Vice Chairman shall act as the chairmen of the zones & perform such function as may be assigned to them by the National Chairman

### **4. National Secretary**

The National Secretary shall

- i. Be responsible for the day to day running of the National secretariat and shall report to the National Chairman and the National Executive Committee.
- ii. He shall be responsible for the proper recording of all minutes of the National convention/conference of the Party, the National Executive Committee or of such other committee as may be established or appointed by these bodies.
- iii. Keep the Register of members of the National Executive Committee, minute books, Register of Assets and Liabilities of the Party etc.
- iv. Render to the Independent Party of Nigeria a detailed annual statement of affairs of the Party and analysis of its sources and application of funds and other assets and liabilities together with a similar statement of its expenditure in such form and manner as the Commission may require or direct.
- v. Prepare the Agenda and Programmes for the meetings of the National Conventions/conference and the National Executive Committee as may be directed by the National Executive Committee or the National Chairman.
- vi. Responsible for control and proper management of both staff and assets of the National Secretariat.
- vii. Conduct such correspondence as may be required of the Party from time to time and liaise regularly with Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria Liaise with the various organs of the Party in the states of the purpose of dissemination of

information and any other requirements of general nature to the Party's various organs in the states.

- viii. Upon his resignation or removal he shall immediately hand over to the National Deputy Secretary, all records, files, properties and assets of the Party in his possession.

## **5. National Deputy Secretary**

National Deputy Secretary shall assist the National Secretary in performance of his duties and in his absence act for him

## **6. National Assistant Secretaries**

National Assistant Secretaries shall assist the National Secretary by performing such duties as may be delegated to them by the National Secretary or the National Deputy Secretary

## **7. National Treasurer**

The National Treasurer shall:

1. Receive and promptly pay into the Party's account within 3 days all moneys received for and on behalf of the Party.
2. Keep an imprest account as and when authorized by the National Executive Committee.
3. Pay or cause to be paid all authorized Party's expenditures.
4. The Treasurer shall be in custody of the Party charge both

## **8. The National Deputy Treasurer:**

The National Deputy Treasurer shall assist the National Treasurer in the performance of his duties and in his absence act for him

**9. National Financial Secretary**

The National Financial Secretary shall:

1. Collect all moneys due to the Party and hand over such moneys to the National Treasurer not later than three days after collection
2. Keep a record of all moneys received by the Party.
3. Prepare and submit proposals for raising or the Party funds for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.

**10. The National Deputy Financial Secretary**

The National Deputy Financial Secretary shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his duties and in his absence act for him.

**11. The National Assistant Financial Secretary**

The National Assistant Financial Secretary shall assist the Financial Secretary and the National Deputy Financial Secretary in the discharge of their duties and in their absence act for them.

**12. The National Publicity Secretary**

Shall be responsible for Party information, promotion services and activities which must be consistent with the constitution, manifesto and policies of the Party.

**13. The National Deputy Publicity Secretary**

Shall assist the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his duties and in his absence act for him.

**14. The National Assistant Publicity Secretary**

The Assistant Publicity Secretary shall assist the National Publicity Secretary and National Deputy Publicity Secretary in the discharge of their duties.

**15. The National Legal Adviser**

The National Legal Adviser shall handle and advise the Party on all legal matters and arrange for the legal representation of the Party and its members when necessary.

**16. The National Deputy Legal Adviser**

The National Assistant Legal Adviser shall assist the National Legal Adviser in the performance of his duties and in his absence act for him.

**17. The National Assistant Legal Advisers**

The National Assistant Legal Advisers shall assist the National Legal Adviser and the National Deputy Legal Adviser in the discharge of their duties.

**18. The National Organizing Secretary**

The National Organizing Secretary shall handle and advise the Party on all welfare matters of the Party and its members when necessary general organization especially in matters relating in election seminars workshop, and allies.

**19. National Deputy Organizing Secretary**

The National Deputy Welfare Secretaries shall assist the National organizing secretary in the performance of his duties and in his absence act for him.

**20. National Assistant Organizing Secretaries**

The National Assistant Welfare Secretaries shall assist the National organizing secretary and the National Deputy organizing secretary in the discharge of their duties.

**21. The National Auditor**

The National Auditor shall audit the books of accounts of the Party and report annually to the Annual General Meeting of the National Convention and may be collected upon at any time by the National Executive Committee to audit the accounts of the Party.

## **22. The National Assistant Auditor**

Shall assist the National Auditor in the performance of his duties and in his absence deputies for him.

## **23. The Ex-Officio Members**

Each zone shall produce at least three (3) ex-officio members who shall be members of the National Executive Committee with voting right.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **STATE CONGRESS**

#### **1. Composition**

For every state there shall be State Congress the composition of which shall be as follows:

1. The Elected State Officers of the Party & national Officer from the State.
2. The Governors and their Deputies if produced by the Party of Governorship candidates.
3. Chairman and Councillors if produced by the Party
4. Members of the LGA, Executive Committee of the Party
5. Who are members of the Party.
6. Ministers, Commissioners and Special Adviser, and the Chairman of State Parastatals from the State who are members of the Party.
7. Three delegates representing each Local Government Area in the State.

#### **2. Power and Functions**

1. To elect State Officers
2. To ratify the results of Governorship Primaries

3. To approve the budget of the Party in the State
4. To receive, consider, ratify and approve reports and decisions from the State Executive Committee.
5. Without prejudice to the powers of the other organs of the Party, exercise any other functions and powers as may be necessary to promote the interests, aims and objective of the Party in the State.

### **3. Meetings:**

1. The State Congress shall meet once every year on a date and venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee PROVIDED that the date chosen shall be at least one month earlier than that of the National convention.
2. A SPECIAL CONGRESS may be held at any time at the instance of the State Executive Committee or one-third of the members of the State Convention.
3. Agenda for the Congress shall be prepared by the State Executive Committee.
4. The quorum of the State Congress shall be one-third of all members PROVIDED that not less than two-thirds of all the Local Government Areas are represented.
5. Decisions of the State Congress shall be adopted by a simple majority vote and only accredited members shall have the right to vote.

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Composition**

There shall be a State Executive Committee which shall comprise the following:

1. All elected State Party Officers, including ex-officio members
2. All elected Chairman of the Local Government Councils who are members of the Party.
3. The Governor, Deputy Governor, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the State House of Assembly.

4. Leaders of the Party in the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party.
5. Local Government Area Party Chairman.

## 2. **Powers and Functions:**

The State Executive Committee shall within the State have the same powers as National Executive Committee has throughout the country.

## 3. **Meetings**

The State Executive Committee shall meet not less than three times in a calendar year and at any other time, at the request of the Chairman or one third of members AND the quorum shall be one-third of its entire membership of the Committee.

4. Resumes shall be by simple majority.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **STATE WORKING COMMITTEE**

There shall be a State Working Committee which shall comprise the following

#### 1. **Composition**

1. The State Chairman
2. State Secretary
3. State Treasurer
4. State Legal Adviser
5. State Publicity Secretary
6. State Financial Secretary
7. State Auditor
8. State Organizing Secretary

#### 2. **Powers and Functions**

The State Working Committee shall meet at any time at the request of the Chairman or at the request of one-third of the members. The quorum for any meeting of the State Working Committee shall be by a majority of its members and decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **STATE OFFICERS**

#### **1. Composition**

1. State Chairman
2. State Deputy Chairman
3. Three (3) State Vice-Chairman, one from each senatorial district
4. The State Secretary
5. Two (2) State Assistant Secretaries one from each Senatorial District that did not produce the Secretary
6. State Treasurer
7. State Assistant Treasurer
8. State Financial Secretary
9. Two (2) State Assistant Financial Secretaries, one from each Senatorial District that did not produce the Financial Secretary
10. State Auditor
11. Two (2) State Assistant Auditors, one from each Senatorial district that did not produce the State Auditor
12. State Publicity Secretary
13. Two (2) State Assistant Publicity Secretaries each from the Senatorial Districts that did not produce the State Publicity Secretary
14. State Legal Adviser
15. Two (2) Assistant Legal Advisers each from the Senatorial District that did not produce the State Legal Adviser
16. State Welfare Secretary
17. Two (2) Assistant Welfare Secretaries each from the Senatorial that did not produce the State Welfare Secretary.

#### **2. Powers and Functions of State Officers**

The State Officers shall have, within their jurisdiction same power and function as the National Officers have throughout the country.

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS**

#### **1. Composition**

The Local Government Congress shall consists of:

1. All members of the Ward Executive Committee
2. All members of the Local Government Executive Committee
3. All members of the State House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are all Party members representing constituencies in the Local Government Area.
4. 10 members elected by the Ward Congress from each Ward within the Local Government Area specifically for the Congress.
5. The Chairman and Councillors of the Local Government Council.

## **2. Functions and Powers**

The functions and powers of the Local Government Congress shall include the following:

1. To elect members of the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party.
2. To elect Local Government Party delegates to State Congress and National Convention.
3. To ratify the results of the Local Government Area Primaries.
4. To approve budget for running Local Government Administrative Headquarters of the Party.
5. To receive and consider the Reports of the activities of the Local Government Executive Committee.
6. To receive report of Auditors. To deal with any matter that may be referred to it by any organ of the Party at a higher level.

## **3. Meetings**

1. The Local Government Congress shall be held at least twice in a year.
2. The quorum of the congress shall be one-third of its members provided that not less than two-thirds of all the Wards in the Local Government Area are represented.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Composition**

There shall be Local Government Executive Committee which shall comprise

1. Chairman of the Local Government Area (if produced by the Party)
2. Deputy Chairman

3. Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Council if produce by the Party.
4. Chairman of the Ward Executive Committee
5. Secretary of the Ward Executive Committee
6. Assistant Secretary
7. Treasurer
8. Financial Secretary
9. Auditor
10. Publicity Secretary
11. Organizing Secretary
12. Legal Adviser
13. Three other members elected by the Local Government Congress to serve as Ex-officio members.

## **2. Functions and Powers**

The functions and power of the Local Government Executive shall include the following:

1. To carry out and implement the decisions and directives of the Local Government Area Congress, State Congress and National bodies
2. To prepare Local Government Party reports for the Local Government Area Congress and harmonise same for distribution to all wards to ensuring their implementation.
3. To organize and conduct the Local Government Congress and primaries for elected offices in the Local Government Area.
4. To identify issues in the areas of political social and economic concern to the Local Government.
5. To receive reports from ward membership drive, fund raising activities, strategies for political campaigns and mobilization of voters for elections.
6. To employ and determine the conditions of service including discipline of all such paid officials.
7. To assist Ward Party branches and committees with their ward organizational and campaign effects.
8. To exercise such other powers and functions as may be vested on it by the constitution of the Party.

The provisions of this article shall apply 'mutatis muntandis' to the Areas Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

### **3. Meetings**

1. The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every 2 months.
2. It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or at the request of at least one-third of the members in writing requesting the Chairman to convene a meeting.
3. The quorum shall be one-third of its membership, and decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast by members present and voting.

## **ARTICLE 26**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OFFICERS**

#### **1. Composition**

The composition of the Local Government Area Officers shall be

1. The Chairman
2. 3 Deputy Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Financial Secretary
7. Publicity Secretary
8. Organizing Secretary
9. Legal Adviser
10. 3 Ex-officio members

#### **2. Functions and Powers**

Functions and powers of the Local Government Area Officers shall be within the area of the jurisdiction of the Local Government have the

same powers and functions as the State Officers have in this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **WARD CONGRESS**

#### **1. Composition and Meeting**

1. The Ward Congress shall consist of registered members of the Party in the Ward.
2. The Ward Congress shall be held as and when necessary.
3. The quorum shall be one-fifth of the registered members in the Ward

#### **2. Powers and Functions**

The powers and functions of the Ward Congress shall be to:

1. Elect Ward delegates to Party Congress
2. Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
3. Organize primaries for nomination of Local Government Chairman
4. Organize primaries for candidates for Council elections
5. Approve the budget for the Ward
6. Receive reports of officers of the Ward
7. Receive Auditors report
8. Deal with any matters that may be referred to it by any of the organs of the Party at the higher levels.

## **ARTICLE 28**

### **WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Composition**

Every Ward of the Party shall have an Executive Committee which shall comprise of:

1. The Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer

6. Financial Secretary
7. Publicity Secretary/Organising Secretary

## **2. Powers and Functions**

Powers and functions of the Ward Executive Committee:

The Ward Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following business:

1. Identify the main issues (political, economic, social) of concern in the Ward
2. Fund raising for the Party and candidates
3. Membership drive
4. Drawing up strategies for political campaigns
5. Mobilization of voter at election time
6. General administration of the Ward, and
7. Putting into effect decisions of Ward Congress

## **3. Ward Executive Meetings**

- i. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month. The meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall also be held at the request of the Ward Chairman or one-third of the members
- ii. The Quorum for the meetings of the Ward Executive Committee shall be one third of the members and decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority vote.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **1. Standing Committees**

The Executive Committee of the Party at all levels shall set up standing committees when necessary including the following:

1. Finance Committee
2. Disciplinary Committee
3. Research/Planning Committee

4. Parliamentary Committee
5. Economic Affairs Committee

## **2. Adhoc – Committee**

Adhoc Committee may be appointed by the Party from time to time and any such committee shall cease to exist upon completion of its assignment.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICE**

No members of the Party shall hold a Party office and any of the undermentioned political offices at the same time:

1. Office of the President
2. Officer of the Vice President
3. Governor and Deputy Governor
4. Ministers and Special Advisers
5. Commissioners and Special Advisers
6. Senator and Legislators at State and National Level
7. Chairman of the Local Government and Councilors

Notwithstanding the provisions here-in-before referred to the National Executive Committee and or the National Working Committee may from time to time assign other duties to any of the foregoing officials.

## **ARTICLE 31**

### **TENURE OF OFFICE FOR ALL PARTY OFFICERS**

1. All officers of the Party at all levels shall hold office for a period of four years unless directed by the appropriate Party Congress.
2. Any officer elected into the National Executive Committee, or State, Local Government or Ward Executive Committee may resign his office by giving 30 days notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee.
3. Should vacancy occur in any of the offices, the Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute subject to ratification at the next congress.

Officers so appointed shall remain in office for the unexpired period of the term.

4. Any officer of officers may be removed during his tenure of office through a vote of no confidence against him or them passed by a simple majority of the membership of the congress, present and voting.

## **ARTICLE 32**

### **DISCIPLINE OF PARTY MEMBERS**

1. Subject to the provisions of this Article and the right to fair hearing, the Party shall have power to discipline Party members. This power shall be exercised on behalf of the Party by the respective Executive Committee of the Party at all levels.

#### **1. Offences**

Offences against the Party shall include the following:

1. A breach of any provision of this Constitution.
2. Anti-Party activities or conduct in a manner which is likely to embarrass the Party or bring the Party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
3. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the Party or of the officers of the Party.
4. Flouting the rules and decisions of the Party, engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the Party, continuously being absent at meetings, carrying out anti-Party propaganda, or any other activities which tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the Party or which activities are inconsistent with the attainments of the aims and objectives of the Party.
5. Assuming names and titles not recognized by the Constitution of the Party.

6. Giving wrong information to any organ of the Party or unauthorized publicity of Party dispute without exhausting all avenue of settlement or redress within the Party.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

1. When a complaint or allegation is received by the Executive Committee of the Party at any level from a member of the Party against the Party, political office holder, or another member, the Executive Committee concerned shall immediately constitute a Disciplinary or Fact Finding Committee of (5) members to examine the matter and report back to it.
2. Complaint or allegations against members of the National Executive Committee, the National Assembly, and public office holders shall be submitted directly to the National Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee concerned shall not debate or discuss the complaint or allegation before sending it to the disciplinary or fact finding committee.
4. The Disciplinary Committee or Fact Finding shall be headed by the Legal Adviser of the Party, or any other Legal Practitioners appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser.
5. The Disciplinary or Fact-Finding Committee shall examine the matter and shall give the Partys involved every opportunity to present their cases, orally or in writing.
6. The Executive Committee at any level shall stipulate a time-limit within which the Disciplinary or Fact Finding Committee shall complete its work which shall in any case not be more than fourteen days.
7. Where and elected member of a legislative house or political office holder is expelled from the Party, such expulsion shall be communicated to Independent National Electoral Commission for

action in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

## **2. Punishment**

- i. The Party shall have power to impose the following punishment in accordance with the nature and seriousness of the offence
  1. Expulsion from the Party
  2. Suspension
  3. Removal from office
  4. Debarring from holding office
  5. Fine
  6. Censure
  7. Reprimand
- ii. Where it is proposed to expel a member of the Executive Committee, political office holder, or a member of a Legislative house from membership of the Party, such a proposal shall be submitted to the National Executive Committee which after deliberations on the matter may confirm or reject the proposal.
- iii. A decision to expel a member of the Party taken or confirmed by the National Executive Committee shall become effective only of ratified by the National Congress.
- iv. The National Executive Committee shall on receipt of the report of the fact finding committee make a decision on the matter within fourteen days.

## **3. APPEAL**

1. A member aggrieved by a decision of any of the organs of the Party shall have the right of appeal within 14 days of the decision to the immediately higher organ of the Party in that successive order up to the National Convention whose decision shall be final and binding.
2. An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appeal body within a period of 30 days, from the date of receipt of the appeal by the Executive Committee concerned.

3. Where a decision or action taken by an organ of the Party is appealed against, the decision or action shall remain in force and binding until the appeal or appeal had been determined. Thereafter, the decision or action shall cease to be binding if the appeal is upheld by the appellate body.

## **ARTICLE 33**

### **TRUSTEES**

1. There shall be six Trustees of the Party one from each zone who shall be registered members of the Party. However, party office holders at any level of those holding Executive or Legislative office are not eligible for appointment as trustees.
2. The Trustees shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Party subject to ratification by the National Convention.
3. The Trustees shall hold all the properties of the Party on trust subject to the directive of the National Executive Committee and shall each sign all documents to which the common seal of the Party shall be affixed as required by law.
4. A Trustees may be removed from office by the National Convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee stating clearly the reason for the removal which may amongst others, be on grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation, expulsion from Party or any other unseemingly conduct.
5. In the event of death or resignation or removal of a Trustees from office, the vacancy shall be filled by the National Executive Committee subject to the ratification by National Convention.
6. The National Secretary of the Party shall prepare an inventory of all the properties, movables and immovable, real and personal belonging to the Party and shall deposit copy of the said inventory with the Trustees.

## **ARTICLE 34**

### **PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF AND DISPLAY OF PHYSICAL FORCE**

The Party shall not organize, retain, train or equip any person or group of persons for the purpose of enabling them to be employed for the use of display of physical force or coercion or any form of intimidation in promoting its political interest or objectives.

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION**

1. The Executive Committee of the Party at all levels shall appoint administrative staff to assist in the effective implementation of the policies and programmes of the Party. The following officers, with the stipulated functions and duties, should be appointed at the National, State, Local Government and Ward levels, as appropriate Director of Administration and Personnel, Director, Director of Planning, Research, Director of Logistics; Internet Auditor and Librarian. The specific functions of these officials shall be as follows:

#### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY**

The Administrative Secretary heads the secretariat and coordinates the activities of various heads of department. He will be responsible for control and proper management of both staff and assets of the Party. The Administrative Secretary shall be appointed and will relate directly to the National Secretary of the Party and National Chairman.

#### **1. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL**

Report to: National Secretary

Role: Develop and maintain an effective and efficient administrative and personnel functions that can respond positively to the needs and requirement of the Party at all levels.

Responsibility:

1. To provide and ensure an effective and efficient Administrative set-up that responds to the Party's needs and aspirations;
2. To provide required efficient and effective personnel can provide the best service to the Party.
3. To prepare and upon approval, implement staff welfare packages at all levels.
4. To prepare a short list of all vacancies that are available and upon approval advertise, and facilitate the recruitment to fill the vacancies having regard to the Federal character requirement,
5. To recommend personnel standards that are consistent with current personnel practices and, upon approval administer same;
6. To develop and maintain human resources and training programmes that can improve the efficiency of the staff;
7. To liaise with state secretaries and other units on personnel matters
8. To recommend appropriate options of transportation and other logistical systems that are efficient, cost effective and relevant.
9. Ensure hitch free travel arrangements of all Party executive and officials,

10. To liaise with Director of Organisation to ensure that all travel arrangements required for campaigns and rallies are met; TO PROVIDE efficient and adequate protocol needs and other requirements of all Party officials and functionaries.
11. To ensure safe transportation and delivery of all Party properties and materials;
12. To ensure the implementation of appropriate maintenance schedule for all Party's fleet, and obtain the best maintenance arrangement which is cost effective and efficient.
13. To recommend standardization, where appropriate of Party vehicles etc.
14. Any other duties as assigned by the Party's authorities.

## **2. DIRECTOR OF ORGANISATION**

Report to: National Organising Secretary

Role: Develop and maintain an effective and efficient responsive system that can positively appeal and mobilize the masses of this country.

Responsibility:

- i. Develop a system that can easily appeal to the masses of this country to respond to the Party's aspirations,
- ii. To ensure a very strong grassroots base membership drive;

- iii. To install appropriate strategies that can sustain and retain all category of members within the Party.
- iv. To evolve an effective and efficient campaign strategy that is truly indigenous and National in out look so that it can respond to the needs and aspirations of Nigerians;
- v. To arrange and organize in the most cost effective way, the most efficient utilization of resources at all the Party's bantings, public address systems, etc
- vi. To understand any other functions assigned by the authorities of the Party.

### **3. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Reports to: National Financial Secretary

Role: Develop an appropriate suitable Financial and Accounting standards that are internally efficient and should respond positively to the immediate and future needs of the Party.

Responsibility: Amongst others should include;

1. Implementation of approval Financial Accounting policies of the Party;
2. Preparation of management accounts, Monthly, Quarters and Annually;
3. Accounting accurately for all the financial transactions in accordance with the best commercial standards

4. Maintenance of Ledgers and other accounting records;
5. Preparation of cash flow statement;
6. Disbursement of funds.
7. Safe-guarding cash or other resources of the Party through effective and efficient application of financial controls.
8. Preparation of the National Secretariat Budget and also coordination compilation and coalition of the Party's National Budget,
9. Preparation and paying wages and salaries;
10. Drafting and submitting to the National Financial Secretary and the External Auditors Annual Reports and Accounts;
11. Any other duties assigned by the Party authorizes.

#### **4. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & RESEARCH**

Report to: National Secretary

Role: Develop an effective and efficient system that will keep at the Party and its organs abreast and well informed policies and programmes of the Party, as well as all on issues relating thereto that are of interest to the Party and Nation.

Responsibility:

1. To study and keep the Party machinery informed of strategies of other political Partys, so that the Party can respond positively to such situations;

2. To study past elections patterns and make scientific forecast and analyse them so that the Party can be provided with information that can assist it in formulating its strategies;
3. To study analyse and research into other Party manifestos, policies and programmes in order to aid the Party in its strategies;
4. To keep the Party informed on daily basis happenings/reports and strategies of other Party as published or obtained;
5. To provide the Party with information of the activities of other political Partys;
6. To provide suitably required materials to the Director of Organisation for campaigns and rallies;
7. To review the Party's strategies policies and programmes periodically so that the Party can respond;
8. To ensure the gathering and collection of reliable and useful intelligent information at all levels and scientifically analyse same for Party's use;
9. To maintain close liaison with political research institutions/organisations within and outside the country;
10. To organize seminars, tutorials conferences debate etc, in order to sell the Party's programmes and policies to all Nigerias;
11. To publish materials that are of benefit to the Party and get they widely circulated and translated into the major

Nigerian languages for the information of the generality of Nigerians;

12. To prepare position papers, situation reports etc for the use of the Party;
13. Any other duties as assigned by the Party authorities.

## **5. INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Reports to: National Auditor

Role: Develop and appropriate and suitable Internal Control Systems, that can safe guard the Human Financial and Material Resources of the Party

Responsibility:

1. To develop and maintain suitable Internal Controls systems, Audit plans and work programme for the Party,
2. To ensure compliance and adherence to all approved policies, rules, regulations and all resources,
3. To implement pre-Audit at levels,
4. To review and verify financial statements/balances/presented by the Treasurer/Financial Secretary so as to ensure proper rendition of accounts and documentation;
5. To carry out Ad-hoc investigations as directed by the Party;

6. To conduct cash counts of officials holding floats as well as monthly spot check of inventory;
7. To prepare report for review by the National Auditor;
8. To report to the National Auditor on findings and recommendations of each audit assignment, implement previously accepted recommendations;
9. To conduct special audit when ever the need arises,
10. Any other duties as assigned by the Party authorities

## **6. LIBRARIAN**

Reports to: Director Planning & Research

Role: Develop, maintain and updates depository and books, periodicals and all other relevant publications acquired by the Party

Responsibility:

1. To ensure sage custody of all Party publications, periodicals etc;
2. To ensure the provision of all books etc, that are of relevant to the Party's needs and requirements;
3. To recommend appropriate and most relevant reading materials that are of value to the Party,
4. To acquire past and current publications that are political in nature and adjudged relevant to the Party's needs;

5. Liaise with National Library and other institution and private libraries that stock materials relevant to the requirement;
6. Any other duties assigned by Party authorities

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **ELECTIONS**

Nomination of candidates for elective offices in the Party shall be conducted on the basis of close direct primaries as provided for in Schedule I of this Constitution

## **ARTICLE 37**

### **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

Without prejudice to any other rules that may be adopted by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention, the rules for the conduct of meetings in the Party shall be as provided in Schedule 2 of this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 38**

### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Every elected or appointed officer of the Party shall subscribe to the oath of allegiance and oath of office as provided in Schedule 3 of this Constitution before a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public.

## **ARTICLE 39**

### **DECLARATION OF ASSETS**

All members of the Executive Committee of the Party at Local Government Area, State and National levels shall make a sworn Declaration of Assets and Liabilities immediately after the election of office.

## **ARTICLE 40**

### **COMMON SEAL OF THE PARTY**

The Common Seal of the Party shall be designed and approved by the National Executive Committee and shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 41**

### **AMENDMENT TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended by a resolution of the National Convention of the Party upon a motion supported by not less than two third of the PROVIDED that 30 days notice of the proposed amendment in writing (containing the proposed amendment with reason thereof) shall be given to the National Secretary of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 42**

### **RULE AND REGULATIONS**

Subject to the ratification of the national Convention the National Executive Committee may from time to time make Rules and Regulations for the smooth running of the operations and activities of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 43**

### **INTERPRETATION**

1. Any question as to the meeting of any section of this Constitution or of any Rule and Regulations of the Party shall be referred to the National Executive Committee and its decision on the question shall be final.
2. Where computation of any figure in this constitution results in a fraction, the obtained figure shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
3. Masculine shall include feminine gender
4. Party means **ALLIED CONGRESS PARTY OF NIGERIA.**
5. "INEC" means the Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria

6. "Month" and "month" means calendar months.

## **SCHEDULE I**

### **PRIMARIES**

#### 1. Nomination of candidates for

1. Council Chairman
2. Governor
3. President

- i. Shall be brought direct, closed Primaries to be conducted at the appropriate level i.e. Ward, Local Government Area and State. For the purpose of this Primary, Party members in every ward shall vote by open ballot for the candidates of their choice.
- ii. Direct, closed Primary is primary that is limited to only Party members in a given geographical location i.e. Ward, Local Government Area and State to this system, an Party member votes directly for the candidates of his choice to contest specified positions in this instance, Local Government Council Chairman, State Governor and the President of the Federation Eligibility to vote in each primary shall be limited to only financial paid up Party members

#### 1. **Nomination of Local Ward Councilors**

1. Each ward shall form one constituency for the purpose of nominating a Local Government Ward Councillorship candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the Ward Congress specially convened for the purpose, provide that each applicant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the Party from the Ward.
2. The Candidate the scores a simple majority of the votes cast at the special congress shall be considered duly nominated.
3. Where in the first ballot, candidates fail to fulfill condition laid down in the (ii) above, there shall be a second ballot in which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be

eligible to contest and the candidate with the simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

**2. Local Government Chairmanship Primary**

1. Primary shall be held only at ward level for nominating the Party's candidates for Local Government Chairman;
2. The candidate with the highest number of votes cast at the election in each or at least two-thirds of all wards of the Local Government Council Chairman election.

**3. Gubernatorial Primary**

Delegates in the State Congress,

**4. Presidential Primary**

Delegates to the National Convention shall elect the Presidential candidate of the Party.

**5. Criteria for Nomination for all Candidates**

1. A candidate for election must be a registered member of the Party
2. The must satisfy the requirements for elections under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Laws or other relevant Rules and Regulations.
3. The National Executive Committee shall issue Guidelines for the holding of Party elections as and when they fall due.

**6. Nomination of Candidates for the State House of Assembly, House of Representatives and the Senate**

Nomination of candidates for State House of Assembly, House of Representatives and the Senate shall be through indirect primaries to be conducted at the appropriate levels i.e. Local Government Area Congress convened specifically for this purpose.

**SCHEDULE 2**

**1. RULES OF CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

The proceedings of an Party meeting in Ward, Local Government, State and National Levels, shall be in the English language or in any Nigerian language understood by a majority or members at the respective level.

## 2. **MOTIONS**

1. No motion shall be entertained at a meeting unless at least seven clear days of such motion has been given to the Secretary or the Chairman except:-
  1. A motion for the adjournment of the meeting,
  2. A motion that any subject be referred to a committee of members of the Party or some appropriate body.
  3. A motion proposing an amendment to some other motion,
  4. A motion proposing that a particular should be authorized to for more than ten minutes.
2. The Chairman of a meeting shall be entitled at his discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion in any case where it is necessary for reasons urgency to do so.
3. A motion or amendment shall not open for discussion until it shall have been seconded.
4. A motion or amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover and with the consent of the Chairman.
5. No member shall be permitted to speak on any subject at all meeting for longer than 20 minutes unless majority of the members present agree that he should speak for a longer time.
6. A member must confine his observations to the subject under discussion and may not introduce irrelevant matter thereto;

7. No member shall be permitted to reopen any question upon which the meeting has done with except upon a motion for which due notice shall have been given.
8. No member shall use offensive, insulting or intemperate language about any other member of the Party, or impute improper motive to such member.
9. A member desiring to speak shall put his hands up, sitting in his place and shall not rise to speak until he is called upon by the Chairman to do so.
10. No member shall speak more than once on any topic except the mover of a motion or amendment, who shall be permitted to wind up after the subject of motion or amendment has been debated provided that a member who has spoken on a subject may again be heard at the discretion of the Chairman to offer explanation on some material part of which has been misunderstood.
11. The provision of paragraph (x) to this schedule above shall not apply to the meetings of the National Executive, State, Local Government or Ward Executive Committee.
12. Any member deviating from any of the provisions of these rules may be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by a member rising to a point of order.
13. A member rising to a point of order shall simply direct attention to the point he desire to bring to notice and submit it to the Chairman for a decision.
14. At any time in the course of a debate any member shall be entitled to move "that the question be now put" and unless it shall appear to the Chairman that such motion is premature the meeting shall be entitled to decide without amendment or debate whether the question should be put at that stage of the debate provided

that a motion shall not prejudice the right of a mover of a motion or amendment to wind up.

15. Any member whose conduct is disorderly at any meeting or who refuses to withdraw an offensive or insulting language after he had been told by the Chairman to do so, may be asked to leave the meeting.
16. Unless the Constitution otherwise provides, voting on any subject shall be by show of hands.

## OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

I

.....  
do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithfully and bear true allegiance to the **Allied Congress Party of Nigeria** and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve protect and defend the constitution of the **Allied Congress Party of Nigeria** and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. So Help me God.

## OATHS OF OFFICE

I .....  
do solemnly, swear/affirm that I will be faithfully and bear true allegiance to the **Allied Congress Party of Nigeria**. I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the **Allied Congress Party of Nigeria** and the Law and in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the **Allied Congress of Nigeria** and the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that I will strive to pursue, enhance and implement the aims and objective of the Party as contained in its Constitution and Manifesto that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official decisions that in all circumstance I will do right to all the members and organs of the Party and to all manner of people according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill will that I will not directly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or 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 will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria. So help me God.