

THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW NIGERIA PEOPLE'S PARTY

PREAMBLE

We, citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with shared political aspirations, values and vision for brining about a reordering of Nigerian body polity in order to attain the desired status in the comity of nations;

Recognizing the need to promote and preserve the unity, peace, progress and sovereignty of the federal Republic of Nigeria, as well as enkindle in Nigerians a deep sense of patriotism with a view to engendering true federalism;

Observing the need to mobilize all credible persons, professionals, youths, women and all Nigerians, with the fear of God, for the purpose of taking over the control of government of the federal Republic of Nigeria, through democratic elections;

Believing that it is the responsibility of Nigerians to ensure the repositioning of our great country under the fear of God, with total commitment;

Building on the ideology of democratic liberalism, we shall positively impact on mechanized agriculture and surplus food production; rural development; manufacturing industries; energy; mining and Petrochemical industry: iron and steel development; transportation with emphasis on rail-realization, airways and waterways; maintenance engineering, science and technology: telecommunications and information technology: labour employment and wages with emphasis on full employment: mass qualitative education; Medicare; housing and sustainable environment; development of women, youth, sports tourism, art and culture: solid monetary and fiscal policy; diversified economy; defence and national security: the police and maintenance of law and order: independent judiciary; international relations; responsible and responsive bureaucracy: security of live and property; as well as traditional institutions; and

WE, MEMBERS OF THE NEW NIGERIA PEOPLE'S PARTY

Do hereby solemnly RESOLVE

This day, to give unto ourselves this constitution, having duly accepted that in all our conducts and deliberations, we shall be bound and directed by its provisions. The provisions of this constitution shall be supreme and any other rules or regulations of the party, which are inconsistent with the provisions, shall to the extent of such inconsistency by null and void.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

This political party shall be, known, called and addressed as the NEW NIGERIA PEOPLE'S PARTY hereinafter referred to as the party.

ARTICLE 2: MOTTO

The motto of the party shall be PEACE, EQUITY AND PROGRESS

ARTICLE 3: SLOGAN

NNPP New Nigeria, New Nigeria Progress

ARTICLE 4: EMBLEMA AND COLOURS

The emblem of the party shall be basket of food flanked by olive branches on the map of Nigeria, in green, white and blue stripes.

ARTICLE 5: SECRETARIAT

The registered headquarters of the party shall be located in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory with offices in every State Capital, Local Government Headquarter and Ward.

ARTICLES 6: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To uphold and defend the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
2. To ensure adequate protection of lives and property of all within and outside Nigeria.
3. The attainment o political power through legitimate, democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of building an egalitarian society predicated on the principles of equity. freedom and social justice
4. To organize branches throughout the federation, sponsor candidates and canvass for votes for their election into all elective offices in all tiers of government.
5. To provide the basic necessities of life, i.e. qualitative mass education, free primary health care, food and water, housing, road security, economic empowerment for all Nigerians.
6. To maintain, and promote the secularism of the Nigerian State. Instill religious tolerance and mutual harmony among all Nigerians.
7. To undertake activities and adopt any measures or policies which shall be aimed at improving the general conditions and well-being of all Nigerians.
8. To promote active participation of Nigerians in the strategic sectors of the economy. Upholding and championing the inalienable rights of man as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human and Peoples Rights,

the African Charter on Human Rights and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

9. To promote the unity and political stability of Nigeria by instituting the principle of power sharing and rotation of key public offices among the six geo-political zones of the country.
10. To foster, ensure and defend freedom of the press and the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all Nigerians.
11. To promote the development of science and technology and bring to the benefit of Nigerians abundant opportunities of the global village.
12. Encouragement of the dull development of the political, cultural, social and economic potentials of the Nigerian women and creation of opportunities for empowerment.
13. To create access to information for sustenance of democracy.
14. To eliminate poverty, corruption, want, ignorance, discrimination of all kinds, and exploitation in our society.
15. To provide full and gainful employment for all Nigerians who are able and willing to work, and to secure for workers of all grades full fruits and benefits of their labour.
16. To protect the interest of peasants, workers and farmers of Nigeria and strive to obtain for them the best returns for their labour.
17. The observance of open democratic process in all organs of the party, government, state and to defend the sovereignty of the people.
18. The development of the Nigerian youth through the establishment and sustenance of social, cultural and sporting activities.
19. The development of leadership capable of effectively managing national institutions and resources, as well as create conditions for the development of the potentials of Nigerians.
20. To co-operate with trade union organizations and corporate movements in Nigeria with a view to the developing and maintaining economic progress.
21. To co-operate with any institution or association for the purpose of achieving any of the objectives of the party.
22. To create an enabling environment for the unfettered flourishing of professionalism in Nigeria.
23. To facilitate the devolution of political and administrative power of the Federation, especially in respect of natural resources, education and agriculture, to the six geopolitical zone of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in order to create more viable federating units and to ensure the full realization and exploitation of the resources of the country.

ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the party shall be open to every Nigerian irrespective of place of origin or ethnic background. To be accepted as a member the person must fulfill the following conditions:

1. The person shall be a Nigeria citizen and has attained the aged of 18 years.
2. The person shall lawfully possess a membership card and be registered as a member of the party at the Local Government Area of his/her residence or origin or any other place approved for this purpose by the party.
3. The person shall not be a member of any other political party association, or security agencies of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ARTICLE 8: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

1. RIGHTS:

- (a) Take full, active and constructive part in the discussion, formulation and implementation of the policies and programmes of the party.
- (b) Offer constructive criticisms of any policy, activity or programme of the party.
- (c) Receive and disseminate information on all aspects of policies programme and activities.
- (d) Submit proposals or statements to the Ward. Local. State, or National Executive Committee, provided such proposals are submitted in accordance with the appropriate rules and regulations of the party.
- (e) Take part in elections and be elected or appointed to any Committee, commission or delegation of the party subject to such conditions as may be directed by the party.

2. DUTIES

A member of the party shall

- (a) Belong to and take an active part in the life of his branch.
- (b) Take all necessary steps to understand, propagate and execute aims and objectives of the party.
- (a) Ensure that he/she is registered as a voter in the constituency where he/she resides.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of this constitution be eligible to vote and be voted for at party meetings and elections.
- (d) Endeavour to acquaint himself with the cultural, economic and social problems of the country.
- (e) Pay such fees, levies and dues as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Convention or by any other organ of the party authorized to do so.

- (f) Combat propaganda detrimental to the party and defend the policies and programmes of the party.
- (g) Oppose ethnics, gender discrimination, political and religious intolerance or any other form of discrimination.
- (h) Observe discipline, behave honestly and carry out loyally all decisions of the majority and higher organs of the party. Refrain from publishing and distributing to the media any articles purporting to be the view of any faction or tendency within the party without due authorization.
- (i) Upon enrolment a member shall be deemed to have accepted to refrain from acts of sabotage against the party.
- (j) Be loyal to the party be observing its rules and regulations and not to do anything that is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution and the manifesto of the party.

ARTICLE 9: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

For purpose of organization, the party shall operate at the following levels (in descending order) namely:

1. National
2. Zonal
3. State
4. Local Government Area (L.GA)
5. Ward

ARTICLE 10: (A) ORGANS

The following shall constitute the organs of the party:

1. The National Convention
2. The National Executive Committee
- 3 The Zonal Congress
4. The Zonal Executive Committee
5. The State Congress
6. The State Executive Committee
7. The Local Government Area Congress
8. The Local Government Area Executive Committee
9. The Ward Congress
10. The Ward Executive Committee

ARTICLE 10: (B) COMPOSITION OF ORGANS:

The party organs listed above shall be composed as follows.

- i. National Convention
- ii. National Chairperson
- iii. Deputy National Chairperson
- iv. Board of Trustees (31) Thirty-One
- v. 6 Vice National Chairpersons (representing the six (6) geopolitical zones)

- vi. All National Executive Council members of the party
- vii. State Chairpersons of the party
- viii. The President and Vice-President if produced by the party
- ix. Governors and Deputy Governors if produced by the party.
- x. Ministers appointed from the Party
- xi. Members of the National Assembly produced by the party
- xii. State Secretaries of the Party
- xiii. Party Chairperson of the Local Government Area.
- xiv. One (1) Delegate from each Local Government Area.
- xv. Two (2) representatives elected by the party in the Federal Capital Territory for the purpose of the congress.

2. THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Without prejudice to the above foregoing provisions, the first national convention shall be composed of 20 delegates from each state congress on the basis of equality and one representative from each Federal constituency. The Protem National Chairperson of the party shall have powers to summon the first convention, provided that subsequent convention shall be summoned by the National Chairperson of the Party, or by two-thirds (2/3) majority decision of the National Executive Committee.

3. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

National Chairperson

- i. Deputy National Chairperson
- ii. Six (6): Vice National Chairpersons (representing the 6 geopolitical zones): South West, south East, south-South, North West, North East, North Central.
- iii. National Secretary
- iv. Deputy National Secretary
- v. 6 Assistant National Secretaries (one zone) National Treasurer
- vi. Deputy National Treasurer
- vii. National Financial Secretary
- viii. Deputy National Financial Secretary
- ix. National Publicity Secretary
- x. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- xi. National Research and Strategic Planning Secretary Deputy National Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xii. National internal Auditor v. National Legal Adviser
- xiii. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- xiv. National Welfare Secretary
- xv. Deputy National Welfare Secretary
- xvi. National Women Leader
- xvii. Deputy National Women Leader

- xviii. National Youth Leader
- xix. Deputy National Youth Leader
- xx. State Chairpersons of the Party
- xxi. Six (6) ex-officials (one from each zone)
- xxii. The Chairperson of the Party in Abuja, the Federal Capital

4. ZONAL CONGRESS:

There shall be a zonal congress of the party, which shall consist of all delegate-s to the National Convention from the zone.

5. THE FIRST ZONAL CONGRESS:

Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, the first zonal congress shall be composed of 20 delegates from each state of the zone and members of the Protem Executive Committee of the zone. The Protem Chairperson shall have powers to summon the first congress of the zone, provided that subsequent congress shall be summoned by the zonal Chairperson of the Party, or by two-third (2/3) majority decision of the Zonal Executive Committee.

6. ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- i. Zonal Chairperson (National Vice Chairperson)
- ii. Deputy Zonal Chairperson
- iii. Zonal Secretary (Assistant National Secretary)
- iv. Deputy Zonal Secretary
- v. Zonal Treasurer
- vi. Deputy Zonal Treasurer
- vii. Zonal Financial Secretary
- viii. Deputy Zonal Financial Secretary
- ix. Zonal Publicity Secretary
- x. Deputy Zonal Publicity Secretary
- xi. Deputy Zonal Publicity Secretary
- xii. Zonal Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xiii. Deputy Zonal Research and Strategic Planning Secretary Zonal Legal Adviser
- xiv. Deputy Zonal Legal Adviser
- xv. Zonal Welfare Secretary
- xvi. Deputy Zonal Welfare Secretary
- xvii. Zonal Women Leader
- xviii. Deputy Zonal Women Leader
- xix. Zonal Youth Leader
- xx. Deputy Zonal Youth Leader
- xxi. One (1) Ex-officio member elected from each state congress

7. STATE CONGRESS:

- i. State Chairperson
- ii. Three (3) State Vice Chairpersons (Representing the Senatorial Districts)
- iii. The Governor and Deputy Governor (if produced by the party)
- iv. Members of National Assembly from the State produced by the party
- v. Members of the State Executive Committee from the State
- vi. Members of the State Executive Committee of the party
- vii. Members of the State House of Assembly produced by the Party. State Women leader
- viii. Deputy State Women Leader
- ix. Chairpersons and Secretaries of the Party in the Local Government Area.
- x. Local Government Council Chairperson and their Deputies produced by the party
- xi. Federal Ministers and State Commissioners from the State appointed from the party.
- xii. One representative elected from each Local Government Area.

8. THE FIRST STATE CONGRESS

Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, the first congress shall be composed of twenty (20) members elected from each Local Government Area and members of the Protem Executive Committee of the Party. The Protem Chairperson shall have powers to summon the first congress of the party, provided that subsequent convention shall be summoned by the State Chairperson of the party or by two-third (2/3) majority decision of the State Executive Committee.

9. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- i. State Chairperson
- ii. Three (3) State Vice Chairpersons (Representing the Senatorial Districts)
- iii. State Secretary
- iv. Assistant State Secretary
- v. State Treasurer
- vi. Assistant State Secretary
- vii. State Financial Secretary
- viii. Assistant State Financial Secretary
- ix. State Publicity Secretary
- x. Assistant State Publicity Secretary
- xi. State Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xii. Assistant State Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xiii. State Legal Adviser

- xiv. Assistant State Legal Adviser
- xv. State Welfare Secretary
- xvi. Assistant State Welfare Secretary
- xvii. State Women Leader
- xviii. Assistant State Women Leader
- xix. State Youth Leader Assistant State Youth Leader
- xx. The chairperson of the party in each Local Government Area
- xxi. Three (3) Ex-officials (representing the three (3) senatorial districts)

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

- i. LGA Party Chairperson
- ii. LGA Vice Chairperson
- iii. LGA Executive Committee Members of the Party
- iv. National and State Congress Members of the Party from the Local Government Area
- v. Councilors produced by the Party.
- vi. Ten (10) representatives elected from each ward.

11. THE FIRST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

Without prejudice to the provision of this constitution, the first Local Government Area Congress shall be summoned by the Local Government Area Party Chairperson provided that subsequent congress shall be summoned by the Local Government Area Chairperson or by two-third 2/3 majority decision of the Local Government Area Executive Committee.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- i. LGA Party Chairperson
- ii. LGA Vice-Chairperson
- iii. LGA Secretary

13. WARD CONGRESS

All members of the Party resident in the ward

14. THE FIRST WARD CONGRESS:

Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution the first Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Ward Chairperson provided that subsequent Congress shall be summoned by the Ward Chairperson of the Party resident in the (2/3) majority decision of the members of the party resident in the Ward.

15. WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- i. Ward Chairperson
- ii. Ward Vice-Chairperson

- iii. Ward Secretary
- iv. Assistant Ward Secretary
- v. Ward Treasurer
- vi. Assistant Ward Treasurer
- vii. Ward Treasurer
- viii. Assistant Ward Financial Secretary
- ix. Ward Publicity Secretary
- x. Ward Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xi. Assistant Ward Research and Strategic Planning Secretary
- xii. Ward Legal Adviser
- xiii. Assistant Ward Legal Adviser
- xiv. Ward Welfare Secretary
- xv. Assistant Ward Welfare Secretary
- xvi. Ward Women Leader
- xvii. Assistant Ward Women Leader
- xviii. Ward Youth Leader
- xix. Assistant Ward Youth Leader
- xx. One member elected from each village or clam or quarters within the ward, which ever is locally applicable, provided that such unit of representation shall be incorporated in the bye-laws adopted by the ward congress.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the National Convention of the party may authorize the establishment of any tier of party organization within the state of suit local needs and circumstances.

ARTICLE 11: FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF OFFICERS:

The functions and powers entrenched hereinafter shall apply to all corresponding officers at all levels.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON SHALL:

- i. Be the head of the party, providing good, effective leadership and direction to the party.
- ii. Be a principal signatory to the Party's bank account.
- iii. Protect and promote the policies of the party
- iv. Summon and preside over the meeting of the National Executive Committee.
- v. Summon and preside over the meeting of the National Convention provided that an election convention shall be presided over by a convention elected at the convention.
- vi. Appoint members into Standing and Ad-hoc Committees after due consultations with the National Executive Committee.
- vii. Authorized expenditure

- viii. Have powers delegate his duties, give lawful directives to all officers, organs, member and official at all levels of the party, and exercise a determining vote where necessary. Ensure thorough supervision and strict compliance with the provisions of the party's constitution.
- ix. Supervise and control all officials of the party.
- x. Exercise all powers vested in him/her by this Constitution.
- xi. Supervise and control all officials of the party.
- xii. Exercise all powers vested in him/her by this Constitution.

2. DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON SHALL:

- i. Perform the functions of the National Chairperson in his/her absence.
- ii. Carry out any other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the National Chairperson, or Executive Committee.

3. NATIONAL VICE CHAIRPERSONS (representing the six (6) zones) SHALL:

- i. Preside over zonal meetings.
- ii. Carry out all duties assigned to him/her by the National Chairperson, or the National Executive Committee.

4. THE NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:

- i. Supervise the party's day-to-day administration.
- ii. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention and National Executive Committee.
- iii. Issue notice of, and, make effective arrangements for, meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, on the directive of the National Chairperson.
- iv. Keep an accurate record of all the proceedings at the National Convention and National Executive Committee.
- v. Render a written annual report on the activities of the party. Carry out other duties that may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the party.
- vi. Create directorate of archives and, library whose director will be responsible to the National Secretary.

5. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:

- i. Assist in the discharge of the functions of the National Secretary in the latter's absence.
- ii. Perform all such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National secretary.

6. ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARIES (Representing the Six (6) Geopolitical Zones) Shall:

- i. Keep an accurate record of proceedings at zonal meeting; and
- ii. Perform any other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the National Vice Chairperson of his/her zone.

7. THE NATIONAL TREASURER SHALL:

- i. Ensure that all revenues and expenses of the party are properly accounted for:
- ii. Advise the National Executive Committee on financial matters. In. Be a signatory to the Party's bank account
- iii. Ensure that all monies paid to the party are duly receipted for and deposited in approved bank accounts of the party not later than 24 hours after collection.
- iv. Keep a general imprest account, the limit of which shall be determined by the National Executive Committee.
- v. Pay all monies duly approved by the National Chairperson. Prepare and submit to the National Executive Committee a quarterly statement of accounts of the party.

8. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER SHALL:

- i. Assist the Treasurer in the performance of his/her duties.
- i. ii Act as Treasurer in the latter's absence

9. THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY SHALL:

- i. Collect and keep proper records of all dues, levies, subscriptions etc. belonging to the party.
- ii. Hand over all such monies to the National Treasurer to bank within 24 hours of collection.
- iii. Be a signatory to the Party's bank account
- iv. Prepare and submit proposals for raising of party funds for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.

10. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY SHALL:

Assist the National Financial Secretary and act for him/her in his/her absence

11. THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY SHALL:

- i. Be responsible for the public relations and publicity activities of the party.
- ii. Be the principal image manager of the party
- iii. Advise the party on media matters
- iv. Publicize the policies and programmes of the party.

12. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY SHALL:

Assist the National Publicity Secretary and act for him/her in his/her absence.

13. NATIONAL RESEARCH AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SECRETARY SHALL:

- i. Research and strategize for the Party
- ii. Proffer solutions to contemporary issues
- iii. Planning and execution of workshops and seminars for the Party
- iv. Reviewing of Party policies and programmes
- v. Any other assignment relating to strategy and planning

14. THE NATIONAL INTERNAL AUDITOR SHALL:

- i. Audit the books of the party quarterly and submit written audit reports to the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Conduct other checks and balances on the finances, assets and liabilities of the party as may be directed from time to time by the National Chairperson, National Executive Committee or National Convention.

15. THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER SHALL:

Be responsible for giving legal advice to the party.

- ii. Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defence on behalf of the party, including its organs, officers and officials where the subject of litigation pertains to party's interest.

16. DEPUTY NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER SHALL:

Assist the Legal Adviser and act for him/her in his/her absence.

17. THE NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY SHALL:

Be responsible for the welfare of the members of the party.

18. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY SHALL:

Assist the Welfare Secretary and act for him/her in his/her absence.

ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS:

1. CONVENTION AND CONGRESSES:

The Convention and Congresses of the party at the National, State and other levels shall be held once a year at a date, venue and time to be decided by the appropriate Executive Committee after due consultation.

2. EMERGENCY MEETINGS:

- i. Without prejudice to the above provisions, the Executive Committee at all levels may summon an emergency meeting of the National Convention or

Congress at any time, provided that, at least seven day's notice of the meeting is given to all those entitled attend.

- ii. The Chairperson of any organ of the party shall preside over the meetings of that organ except in the case of a sub committee where the presiding person may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the organ of from among themselves.
- iii. All meetings of the party shall be conducted and recorded in English Language. However, the Chairperson of a meeting may use his discretion to allow the use of local language if in his judgment communication and the peace of the meeting would be thereby facilitated.
- iv. With the exception of the following listed motions, no motion and amendment shall be entertained at a meeting, unless, at least, seven (7) day's notice of such motion had been given in writing to the Secretary or the Chairperson.
 - (a) A motion that any subject be deferred or referred to a committee or an appropriate body.
 - (b) A motion proposing and amendments shall be seconded before discussion.
 - (c) A motion for adjournment
 - i. Every motion and amendments shall be seconded before discussion
 - ii. A motion for amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover and with the consent of the Chairperson.
 - iii. In urgent or emergency situation, the Chairperson of a meeting shall have the discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion.
 - iv. Deliberations at a meeting shall be strictly on the subject matters listed on the agenda of the meeting, provided that general issues may be presented or discussed at the end of the main agenda.
 - v. Except upon a duly notified motion, a fresh deliberation or debate on a matter already concluded shall not be permitted.
 - vi. A member shall indicate a desire to speak by a show of one hand, sitting, and shall rise to speak only when called upon to do so by the Chairperson
 - vii. Any member deviating from these rules or from the agenda of a meeting shall be immediately called to order by the Chairperson or by another member raising a point of order.
 - viii. The Chairperson of a meeting shall have power to ask an erring or offending member to leave the meeting.
 - ix. No member shall leave a meeting with the permission of the Chairperson.
 - x. Voting on any subject at a meeting shall be by a show of hands or by secret ballot.

- xi. Except otherwise provided in this constitution, decisions of any organ of the party shall be taken by a simple majority of votes of members present.
- xii. A quorum for any meeting of any organ of the party shall be constituted if no fewer than 1/3 of the members of that organ entitled to attend the meeting are present provided that the principal offices of that organ namely the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Adviser and Financial Secretary where applicable are present or have consented in writing that the meeting proceed in their absence.

ARTICLE 13: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. All party posts prescribed or implied by this constitution shall be filled by democratically conducted elections.
2. In the event of nomination, elections or appointment for the formation of, or participation in government, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations shall take into consideration and uphold:
 - i. The federal character principle and the principle of geographical spread.
 - ii. All other factors necessary for the total success of the party.

ARTICLE 14: BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

There shall be a Board of Trustees of the party, which shall consist of the Thirty-One (31) members and shall be elected by the National Convention of the party.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF TRUSTEES:

- i. All properties of the party shall be vested in the trustees who shall also execute such Trust Deeds as may be decided by the national Executive Committee.
- ii. The trustees shall have power to sue or be sued on behalf of the party on the advice of the National Executive Committee.
- iii. The trustees shall perform all functions vested in them by law and by this Constitution.

ARTICLE 15: FINANCE, BANKING AND AUDIT

1. Finance:

The funds of the party at all levels shall be derived from all or any of the following sources:

- i. Registration fees
- ii. Periodic dues (as may be decided by Convention or Congress)

- iii. Levies (as may be decided from time to time by Convention or Congress)
 - iv. Donations and Contributions
 - v. Any other legitimate source that may be approved from time to time by the National Executive Committee.
2. The National Convention shall be entitled to 15% (fifteen percent) of all incomes accruing to the party at the state level, provided that nothing in this provision shall prevent the National Convention through its agencies, from generating funds of its own.
 3. The national Convention through its principles organ (the National Executive Committee shall have the discretion to make special grants and donations or grant loans (without interest) to any organ of the party.
 4. The budget of the part at any level shall approved by the appropriate Executive Committee and authorization of all expenditures therein shall be vested in the appropriate Chairperson.
 5. A fee to be known as the registration fee shall be paid by every member as one of the conditions of membership. The fee, which shall be the same amount throughout the country, shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive Committee.
 6. A financial member of the party shall be a member who has paid all approved dues, fees and levies payable by him/her under this constitution.

2. BANKING:

The party at all levels shall operate bank account in financial institutions approved by the appropriate Executive Committee. Withdrawals from such accounts shall be effected jointly by the appropriate chairperson as principle signatory and either the financial Secretary or the Treasurer, as cosignatory.

3. AUDIT:

- (i) A fin of carted Accounts shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee to audit all the accounts of the party and submit the audited Accounts and Reports. At least once a year. A statement of the party's assets and liabilities shall be published in accordance with the prevailing laws of the federation on the authority of the National Convention.

ARTICLE 16: TENURE OF OFFICE:

1. Standing and Ad-hoc committees at any level may be appointed and dissolved at the discretion of the appropriate Executive Committee.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all officers of the party elected or appointed into the party's organs shall serve in such organs for

a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for another period of two years only; notwithstanding, be eligible for election to the same office for two more terms.

3. No member shall serve in the same office for more than four years continuously, except a member of the Board of Trustees.
4. An officer at the National and State levels of the party shall not hold another office at State or National organ of the party simultaneously, other than being an ex-officio member of that organ.
5. An officer shall be relieved of his/her her post at any time if a 'Vote of No Confidence" is passed on his/her at a National Convention or a Congress by two-thirds (2/3) of accredited voting members present.
6. Any officer at any level of the party who wished to contest an elective office into government shall resign his/her party position at least two (2) months before the party nominations for the election.

ARTICLE 17: DISCIPLINE

1. The party as a disciplined organization, shall accordingly, ensure that a members contribute to its good image by self-discipline, honesty, good conduct, decorum and demeanor, and show loyalty to the party, government and the nation.
- 2(a) The following shall constitute acts of indiscipline by members of the party in the context of the party: disloyalty, cross-carpeting, sabotage, disorderly behaviour at meetings, theft, fraud, disrespect of the party leadership, immoral conduct, failure to fulfill financial obligations and other obligations of membership, conviction for criminal offences, any other conduct deemed unacceptable to the party.
- 2(b) In addition to the acts of indiscipline set out in (2a) above a holder of a political office or a public office holder elected or appointed on the platform of the party shall be guilty of an act of indiscipline if he/she should omit or refuse to carry out and reflect the party's expressed position on National issues including economy, resource control, education, foreign affairs etc, except in so far as the party position may conflict with the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
3. All acts of indiscipline shall be punished. Punishment shall vary and rang from reprimand to expulsion depending on the gravity of the offence committed and other considerations
- 4(a) Disciplinary Committee(s) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at all levels and shall have power to recommend on

disciplinary measures against an offending member provided that only the National Convention shall have power to expel such a member.

- (b) A public office holder or political office holder under the platform of the party at state level or local government level who is accused of act(s) of indiscipline shall be subject respectively only to the state or local government disciplinary committee set up by the executive committee of the party in that state, or local government.
 - (c) Any political officer holder or public office holder under the platform of the party at the national level shall be subject to the disciplinary committee set up by the national executive committee.
5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article, the party may where necessary, invoke its rights to seek legal redress against any offending member(s)
 6. The Executive Committee at all levels shall have power to suspend a member at their respective levels for acts of indiscipline.
 7. A suspended member shall lose the privileges of a suspended member shall have the right of appeal to the State Executive Committee, in the case of a suspension by the Ward, or local government; or the National Executive Committee in the case of a suspension by the State, provided that no officer shall be suspended, except on recommendation by any organ lower than that to which he/she is elected
 8. In all matters of discipline, every member of the party shall enjoy that right to fair hearing.

ARTICLE 18: REGISTRAT1ON OF MEMBERS.

1. The party shall maintain at its Secretariat at every level, a register of members.
2. The register of members shall contain the names of every member of the party and his/her personal data and registration number and any other relevant information.
3. The appearance of a member's name in an annually updated register shall be the prima fade evidence of valid registration as a member of the party.

ARTICLE 19: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Party shall be terminated by death, resignation or expulsion.

2. Only the National Convention or the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel a member from the party.

ARTICLE 20: COMMITTEES

1. The National Convention or Congress at every level or their principal organs, shall have power to set up Standing Committees and there necessary, ad-hoc committees.
2. Without prejudice to the above provision, the party shall have the following standing Committees, which shall be subordinate and secondary to the executive committee at every level of the party.
 - (i) Finance Committee: To be headed by the Treasurer as Chairperson, shall comprise a minimum of seven (7) members, including the Financial Secretary and shall advise the party on ways and means of generating funds and property and investing these for the party in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of this constitution.
 - (ii) Media and Publicity Committee. To be headed by the Publicity secretary as Chairperson shall comprise seven members and shall advise the party on management of information communication, publication, public relations, propaganda, mass media matters and community affairs.
 - (iii) Disciplinary and Arbitration Committee: To be headed by a Chairperson appointed by appropriate Executive Committee, shall comprise seven members and shall receive, examine, investigate, initiate and propose disciplinary and arbitration matters affecting members or groups of members and submit finding(s) to the appropriate Executive Committee for consideration and necessary action.
 - (iv) Election Campaign Committee: To be headed by the Chairperson of the Party, shall comprise six members, and advise the party on legitimate strategies, logistics.

ARTICLE 21: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The provision of this constitution shall be subject to amendment, if it is so decided by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting financial members of the party present at a meeting of National Convention, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been filed with the National Secretariat not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the National Convention and circulated not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the Convention.

2. RESIGNATION:

- i. A member of the party shall be free to resign his/her membership at any time
- ii. Upon resignation, a member shall be required to surrender all property of the party in his/her possession to the appropriate registered office of the party and obtain clearance to that effect from his/her state secretariat.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- i. Election of Officers of the party at every level shall be held not later than one month before the expiration of tenure of the incumbent executive Committee.
- ii. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided by the Convention or Congress.
- iii. A candidate at any election shall be declared winner if he/she scores the highest number of votes cast
- iv. In the event of a tie in any ballot, a run-off election for that particular officer shall be conducted for those candidates until a winner emerges.

4. ELIGIBILITY

No member shall be eligible to contest any election unless that member had been a financial member for at least Three (3) months before the date of such election these clauses shall not apply during the transition programme.

5. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

All organs of the party shall have powers to make rules and regulations for the smooth running of the party provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this constitution.

6. SPECIAL CHAPTERS:

- (i) Special chapters of the party shall be set up as and when the need arises.
- (ii) All such special chapters shall exist to-serve-the purpose of membership in special situations.
- (iii) All such special chapter of the Party" shall function independent of other chapters, subject to the provision of this constitution.
- (iv) Approval for the establishment of a Special Chapter shall be sought by a minimum of fifty (50) members of the party exposed to the special situation after a resolution to that effect has been taken by them.
- (v) The National Executive Committee shall examine the circumstances of all such applications and shall have power to approve or reject the formation of any such chapter

7. EMOLUMENT

The Salaries and other conditions of service of officials shall be decided by the appropriate Executive Committee, which shall have power to employ and dismiss.

8. SCHEDULES:

SCHEDULE 1: CODE OF CONDUCT

Every member of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) shall:

1. Uphold and defend the Supremacy of the Constitution
2. Respect and obey the party structures
3. Not belong to any other political party or association while retaining the membership of the New Nigeria People's Parliament.
4. Abide and conduct oneself in way and manners that will not bring the name and image of the party to disrepute
5. Settle whatever differences using internal party machinery
6. Not be involved in corrupt practices
7. Live up to the expectations of the Party by not taking advantage of one's office/position
8. Not represent the party at any public functions, diplomatic missions and or at any other official function without the due consent of the appropriate organ of the party.

SCHEDULE II:

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS:

For the purpose of this party exclusively, and in the context of this constitution, the following terms are hereunder defined:

1. At all Levels:- National, State, Local Government area and Ward.
2. Egalitarian Society:- Society in which members of the society are treated as equals legally, socially, morally and politically and are exposed to equal opportunities to develop their inherent potentials as individuals without prejudice to ethnic background, religion or circumstances of birth or sex, etc.
3. L.G.A. Local Government Area.
4. Primary Health Care:- Comprehensive health care, including basic medical immunization, health education, essential drug supply to health institution designated for the purpose, environmental sanitation, nutrition, maternal and child health.
5. Principal Executive Organs:- The National Executive Committee at the Local Government Area Level and the Ward Executive Committee at the Ward Level.
6. Protem Officers:- The Acting officers of the party at all levels until the Convention or Congress of the party at that level elects its substantive officers.

7. Party Emblem and Colours:-

Green:-	Agriculture
White:-	Transparency
Sky Blue:-	Love
Basket of Food:-	Abundance
Olive Branches:	Peace and Reconciliation

8. Highest Number of Vote Cast:- Simple majority of votes cast at any election.

SCHEDULE III:

COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION:

This Constitution, to be cited as the Constitution of the New Nigeria People's Party, shall take effect from this 16m day of October, 2001.