

## **PREAMBLE**

Democracy is conventionally defined as “**government of the people, by the people and for the people**”. It is however debatable if Nigeria has any appreciable form of democracy since independence from Great Britain in 1960.

Our first attempt at democracy and self-governance was characterized by political crises and violence accusations and counter-accusations of vote rigging and electoral corruption. These unfortunately offered the military the reasons to stage its first coup in January 1966 paving way for a long period of military rule. Nigeria (even our leaders themselves) agrees that the greatest problem confronting governance in the land is leadership. Nigeria deserves leadership and government that will listen to the people and do the will of the majority of the people. Our country needs the kind of leadership that can guarantee security for its citizenry in all facets of human existence.

On our part, the **Progressive People’s Alliance (PPA)** will govern Nigeria on the basis of the popular definition of government of the people, by the people and for the people.” The PPA promises to run a people centered government that will place very high premium on the social security and needs of the people. The PPA believes that political leaders should see themselves as servants who must do the bidding of the people whose sacred mandate they hold in trust.

As the name of our party connotes, the Progressive People’s Alliance is a political party made up of progressive minded people, determined to change the progressive course of governance in Nigeria. We have decided to pursue the noble cause of giving meaning to the lives of the citizenry of this country.

Therefore, this Constitution is to guide us achieve these objectives.

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## **PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE**

Do hereby give to ourselves the following Constitution

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **NAME OF PARTY**

The name of the Party shall be Progressive People's Alliance hereinafter called the party) and its acronym shall be PPA

### **ARTICLE 2**

#### **SUPREMACY OF PARTY CONSTITUTION**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Constitution shall be supreme to any other laws, rules and regulations of the Party. Where other laws, rules and regulations are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail and other laws rules and regulations shall to the extent of its inconsistency be null, void and of no effect.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **MOTTO AND SLOGAN**

The motto of the Party shall be "**PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE**" while slogan of the party shall be **PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE:**

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **FLAG AND LOGO**

Blue white Blue shall be the colours of the flag of the Party which is designed in horizontal lines. The logo of the party has the hands of people raised high as a symbol of people's united determination to identify with progress.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Party is plot 1080 Emeka Anyaoku Street, Area 11, Garki. Abuja - Nigeria.  
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### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

i. To promote peace and unity in Nigeria

- ii. To promote democratic governance
- iii. To promote the rule of law, equity and justice
- iv. To promote and execute progressive policies in a transparent manner to accord Nigerians self-respect and dignity.
- v. To run a people-centered government which will ensure full employment and social amenities for quality life,
- vi. To ensure the security of lives and property of Nigerians.
- vii. To preserve the sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- viii. To uphold the independence of the Legislature judiciary and the Freedom of the press.
- ix. To run a democratic and progressive government where none is oppressed on the basis of tribe, religion, sex or disability,
- x. To co-operate with member nations of the United Nations, African Union, ECO WAS, the commonwealth and other international organizations in order to further the best interest of Nigeria,
- xi. To do all other things lawful which shall promote the Nigerian federation and ensure the welfare of the citizenry.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria irrespective of his/her religion, ethnic group, place of birth, sex, social or economic status, provided that:

- i. The person is not below the age of 18 years and is not a member of another political party or if he was such a member he has resigned such membership.
- ii. A member accepts the aims, objectives principles, fundamental values, policies and programmes of the party,
- iii. Application for membership shall be on an individual basis.
- iv. A person shall be registered as a member of the Party at the ward in which he/she normally resides.
- v. Each member shall pay the prescribed annual membership fee.

## **ARTICLE 8**

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

Every member shall pay such dues and levies as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party or any other body authorized so to do by the National Executive Committee or the

National Convention. Upon registration, a member shall be deemed to have:

- a) Accepted to abide by the provisions of this Constitution as well as the policies, programmes and ideals of the party.
- b) Accepted to abide by all lawful rules, regulations, directives and decisions of the party or any of its organs; and
- c) Accepted to promote the aims and objectives of the party loyally and to refrain from pursuing any course of action that may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the party
- d) Every member shall have the right to actively participate in the activities and discussions of the branch of the party of which he is a member provided such member is a current financial member and subject to any qualifications, rules, and regulations on the provisions of this Constitution.
- e) Every member/person shall have the right to vote and be voted for into any elective office or position of the party provided such a person is a registered member in his/her ward
- f) Members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the Party from the Ward
- g) Members of the National Board of Trustees from the Ward
- h) Members of the National and State Assemblies from the Ward, who are members of the party.
- i) Political office holders i.e. the President, the Vice President, Federal Ministers Special Advisers and Special Assistants to the President Vice President, Governors, Deputy Governors and State Commissioners. Special Advisers and Special Assistants to Governors and Deputy Governors, Secretary to the Federal Government and Secretary to the State Government, chairmen and members of the Board of Federal and State parastatals from the ward who are members of the party.
- j) The Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be summoned by the Chairman,
- k) The Committee shall meet at least twice a month,
- l) The quorum for the Executive Committee meeting shall be five of the members of the Executive Committee

#### **i. Powers and Functions**

Ward Executive Committees shall meet to transact any or all of the following businesses:

- i. identify the main issues (political, economic and social) of concern in the ward;
- ii. Fund raising for the party and candidates
- iii. Membership drive
- iv. Draw up strategies for political campaigns
- v. Mobilization of voters at election time
- vi. General administration of the ward; and
- vii. Putting into effect decisions of Ward Congress.

#### **4. The Ward Congress**

- i. The Ward Congress shall consist of registered members of the Party in the ward.
- ii. The Ward Congress shall be held at least once in a quarter of the year or once in four months.
- iii. The quorum shall be at least 10 (ten) of the registered members in the ward, 5 (five) of which must be principal officers

#### **5 .Powers and Functions**

The Ward Congress shall be held to transact any or all of the following businesses:

- i. Conduct Primaries or Local Government Elections
- ii. Elect members of the ward executive committee:
- iii. Elect ward delegates to the Local Government Congress.
- iv. Receive report of party officers of the ward;
- v. Receive external Auditors report and
- vi. Any other business tabled by a member

#### **6. Local Government Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
  - i. Chairman
  - ii. Deputy
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Assistant Secretary
  - v. Treasury
  - vi. Financial Secretary
  - vii. Auditor
  - viii. Publicity Secretary/Organizing Secretary
  - ix. Legal/Adviser
  - x. All ward chairmen

- xi. Woman leader
- xii. Youth leader
- xiii. 3 ex-officio members elected by the Congress, one of whom must be a woman.
- xiv. Members of the National, Zonal, State Executive Committees from the local government area.
- xv. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the Local Government.
- xvi. Members of the National and State Assemblies from the Local Government Area who are members of the party
- xvii. All Political office holders, that is to say, the President, the Vice President, Federal Ministers, Special advisers and Special Assistants to the President and Vice President. Governors, Deputy Governors, Secretary to the Federal Government and Secretary to the State Government, Chairman and members of the Board of Federal and State parastatals from the Local Government Area who are members of the party.
  - a. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month.
  - b. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Local Government Chairman or upon application by two third of the members of the Local Government Executive.
  - c. The quorum shall be at least 20 (twenty) of the registered members representing all the wards in the Local Government Area, 7 (seven) of whom must be principal officers.

### **Powers and Functions**

The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all of the following businesses:

- i. Identify main issues (political, social and economic) of concern in the local government,
- ii. Receive reports from Ward on
  - a. Membership drive;
  - b. Fund raising activities
  - c. Strategies for political campaigns;
  - d. Mobilization of voters.
- iii. Harmonize reports and distribute to all wards and ensure their implementation.

- iv. Provide strategies for effective communication between the wards and oilier Local Governments.
- v. General administration of the party in the Local Governments,
- vi. Putting into effect decisions of Local Government Congress,
- vii. Employ and determine the conditions of service (including discipline) of all such employed officials of the party.

### **Local Government Area Congress**

The Local Government Area Congress shall consist of:

- a. All members of the ward Executive Committee.
- b. All members of the Local Government Executive Committee
- c. Chairman and Councilors of the Local Government Council belonging to the Party.
- d. Ten members elected by the ward Congress from each ward within the Local Government Area.
- e. All members of the State House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are party members.
- f. All members of State Executive Committee from the Local Government Area
- g. All members of National Executive Committee from the Local Government Area.
- h. All members of Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area.

### **Meetings**

- i. The Local Government Congress shall be held at least once in three months
- ii. The quorum for the congress shall be one-third of its members, provided that not less than two-thirds of all the wards are represented.

### **Powers and Functions**

Local Government Congress shall meet to transact any or all of the following businesses:

- i. Elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party
- ii. Organize primaries for elective officers in State and National Election
- iii. Elect Local Government party delegates to State Congress and National Convention,
- iv. Approve budget for the running of the Local Government headquarters of the Party.

- v. Receive report of External Auditors.

### **State Executive Committee**

- a. The State Executive Committee shall comprise
  - i. The State Chairman
  - ii. The Governor and Deputy Governor who are members of the party,
  - iii. 3 Deputy State Chairmen, one from each of the 3 Senatorial zones.
  - iv. State Secretary
  - v. State Treasurer
  - vi. State Financial Secretary
  - vii. State Auditor
  - viii. State Legal Adviser
  - ix. State Publicity Secretary
  - x. The Speaker and the Leader of the Party in the House of Assembly,
  - xi. State Woman Leader
  - xii. State Youth Leader.
  - xiii. State Organizing Secretary

### **Meetings**

- i. The State Executive Committee shall meet once every two months;
- ii. It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or any two thirds of its members,
- iii. The quorum of the State Executive Committee shall be at least 10 (ten) of the entire membership of the said committee.

### **Powers and Functions**

The State Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all of the following businesses:

- i. Identify main issues, (political, social and economic) of concern in the State,
- ii. General administration of the Party in the State and putting into effect the decisions of the State Congress or directives from the National Executive Committee or National Congress.
- iii. Preparation of Annual Budget.
- iv. Employ and determine the conditions of service of all employed party officials.

### **State Congress**

There shall be for every state, a State Congress of the party which shall consist of the following:

- i. The State Chairman and all other State officers.
- ii. The Governor and Deputy Governor who are members of the party
- iii. Ten delegates from each ward of the Local Government,
- iv. Chairmen of Local Government Councils of the State who are members of the Party,
- v. Chairman of the Local Government Area Executive Committee of the Party,
- vi. All Councilors, Legislators at the State House of Assembly and National Assembly who are members of the Party,
- vii. All Ministers, Special Advisers/Assistants to the President who are members of the Party from the State,
- viii. The National Officers of the Party who are from the state,
- ix. All Commissioners, Special Advisers/Assistants to the Governor who are members of party.

### **Power and Functions**

State Congress shall meet to transact any or all of the following business:

- i. Approve budget of the party in the State
- ii. Elect officers of the State Executive Committee
- iii. Organize Primaries for the Gubernatorial and Presidential elections subject to the directives of the National Executive Committee of the party.
- iv. Receive Reports of State Officers of the Party Receive External Auditor's Report

### **Meetings**

- i. The State Congress shall meet once in every year on a date and venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the date chosen shall at least be one month earlier than that of the National Convention.
- ii. A Special Congress may be held at any time at the request of the State Executive Committee,
- iii. The Agenda of the State Congress shall be prepared at anytime at the request of the State Executive Committee,
- iv. The quorum of the State Congress shall be one-third of all the delegates, provided that not less than two-thirds of all the Local Government Areas are represented.

### **Zonal Executive Committee**

This shall comprise

- a. The Zonal Chairman who shall be the chairman of the Committee
- b. State House Assembly from the zone who are members of the Party,
- c. Members of the National Assembly from the zone who are members of the party
- d. Members of the National Executive Committee from the zone
- e. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the zone.
- f. Ministers, Special Advisers and Special Assistants to the President and Vice-President from the zone who are party members.
- g. Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party leader and party whip of the State House Assembly from the zone who are members of the party,
- h. The Zonal Secretary who shall be Secretary of the committee,
- i. State Chairmen and State Secretaries of the party from the zone,
- j. The Zonal Treasurer
- k. The Zonal Financial Secretary
- l. The Zonal Publicity Secretary
- m. The Zonal Legal Adviser who shall be Legal Practitioner
- n. The Zonal Women Leader
- o. The Zonal Youth Leader
- p. The Zonal Organizing Secretary
- q. One Ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone

### **Meeting**

- i. The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet at least once every quarter provided that the chairman or two-third of the members of the committee shall have power to summon an extra ordinary meeting,
- ii. The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be at least 15 (fifteen) of the members of the Committee.
- iii. The Zonal Executive Committee shall have the power of co-option.

### **The Zonal Congress**

There shall be a zonal congress of the Party which shall consist of the following:

All members of the National Executive Committee from the zone.

All members of the Board of Trustees from the Zone.

All the State Chairmen and Secretaries from the Zone.

Governors and Deputy Governors from the Zone, if produced by the Party.

All the Local Government Party Chairmen from the Zone.

All the Local Government Chairmen from the Zone.

All the Ministers, Special Advisers Assistants to the President from the Zone

All the State Commissioners, Special Advisers/Assistants to the Governors from the Zone.

Two elected delegates from each Local Government from the Zone

The Zonal Congress will meet once in every 2 (two) years or at the request of at least one third of the State delegates from the Zone.

The Zonal Party Conference shall alternate the Zonal Congress and shall hold bi-annually

### **National Executive Committee**

1. The National Executive Committee shall consist of.
  - a. National Chairman.
  - b. The President and Vic-President produced by the Party.
  - c. The Chairman, Board of Trustees
  - d. Two Deputy National Chairmen(North and South)
  - e. National Secretary
  - f. Deputy National Secn.ai y
  - g. National Treasurer
  - h. Deputy National Treasurer
  - i. National Financial Secretary
  - j. Deputy National Financial Secretary
  - k. National Publicity Secretary
  - l. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
  - m. National Legal Adviser
  - n. Deputy National Legal Adviser
  - o. National Auditor
  - p. Deputy National Auditor
  - q. National Organizing Secretary
  - r. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
  - s. The President or leader of the Party in the Representatives,
  - t. Party in the House of Representatives,
  - u. Deputy Governors who are members of the Party
  - v. All State Chairmen including that of the FCT
  - w. National Organizing Secretary
  - x. The National Women leader
  - y. Deputy National Women leader
  - z. The National Youth leader
  - aa. Deputy National Youth Leader

- bb. Three (3) elected members at least one of whom shall be a woman from each of the six (6) geo-political zones. i. The Zonal Chairman, Secretary and a female elected zonal, member from each of the six (6) geo-political zones, ii. The National Executive Committee shall meet at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership who shall notify the Chairman at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
- cc. The quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be at least 25 members or one quarter (1/4) of the members of the Committee, whichever is less

### **The National Board of Trustees**

There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party, which shall win se the following

- i. Three (3) elected members from each of the six (6) geopolitical Zones. Persons so elected shall not seek further elective office in the Party
- ii. One woman from each of the s x (6) geo-political zones.
- iii. All serving and past National Chairmen and National Secretaries of the Party
- iv. All serving and past Presidents and Vice-presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria provided that they held the respective posts as members of the party
- v. All serving and past Presidents of the Senate
- vi. All serving and past Speakers of House of Representatives
- vii. Any member of the Party that the Board of Trustees deem fit to appoint as member of the Board of Trustees Such appointment shall be subject to ratification at the Party's convention.
- viii. The Board of Trustees shall he registered under the Perpetual succession Act Cap 516 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990
- ix. The Board of Trustees shall be registered as a body
- x. The Board of Trustees shall have elected Chairman and
- xi. The common seal of the party shall he in the custody of the Secretary of the Board.
- xii. Membership of the board is for five (5) years which is renewable for another period of five (5) years only. The board shall meet at the instance of the Chairman Board of Trustees.

### **National Caucus**

- i. The National Caucus of the Party shall consist of:-
  1. The National Chairman of the party

2. The President and the vice President of the country if produced by the party
3. The Senate President and Deputy Senate President if produced by the party.
4. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker if produced by the party.
5. The Chairman and Secretary Board of Trustees of the Party
6. Other members of the Board of Trustees
7. The National Secretary
8. The Leader. Deputy Leader Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the House of Representatives if produced by the party
9. The attorney General of the Federation if produced by the party.
10. The Secretary to the Government of the Federation if produced by the party.
11. 3 Ministers, 3 Senators and 3 House of Representatives members of the party to be nominated by the colleagues
12. All State Governors and their deputies who are members of the party.  
The National Caucus shall have the power of co-option. The Quorum of the Caucus shall be one half of its members.  
The National Board of Trustees Chairman shall in consultation with the President summon the meeting of the Caucus from time to time to consider important issues affecting the Party and the Nation.  
The National Chairman shall preside at the meeting of the National caucus while the National Secretary shall serve as the Secretary.

### **National Convention**

- I. The National Convention of the Party shall consist of:
  - a. The President and Vice-President if produced by the Party
  - b. All members of the National Executive Committee
  - c. All Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party
  - d. All members of the National and State Assemblies who are members of the party.
  - e. All Special Advisers to the President who are members of the Party.
  - f. All member the Federal Executive Council who are members of the Party
  - g. All State Legislators who are members of the party
  - h. All State Commissioners, Secretary to the state Government, Chief of Staff and special Advisers to State Governors who members are of the party.
  - i. All Party Chairmen and Secretaries of Executive committees.

- j. All Local Government Chairmen of the party and one( 1) delegate from each Local Government Area
- k. All Special Advisers to the Governor who arc members of the Party.
- l. All Local Government Council who arc members of the party.

### **Meetings**

- a. The National Convention shall he held once in every year on a date to be appointed by the National Executive Committee.
- b. A Special National Convention may he held at any time at the request of the President, National Executive Committee or of two thirds of all State Executive Committee members.
- c. A Special National Convention shall meet only to discuss matters which shall he specified in the notices summoning the Convention.

### **Quorum**

- a. The quorum of the National Convention shall be one-third of all delegates provided not less than two-third of all states and Abuja are represented.
- b. Decisions reached and measures approved by the convention shall be final organs, branches and members.
- c. Voting at the Convention shall be in a manner to be determined by the Rules and Procedures for the Convention provided that every delegate shall have only one vote
- d. Party Administrative staff who shall be in attendance shall not vote.
- e. The National Executive Committee shall make the Rules and Procedures for the Convention subject to ratification by the National Convention.

### **Powers and Functions**

- a. The final authority of the Party shall rest with the National Convention which shall, to the exclusion of all other organs of the Party, have the power to decide the Nation-wide policies and programmes of the Party and amend this Constitution.
  - b. The National Convention shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, have the power to: Consider and determine policy matters for the Party;
2. Elect or remove the National Officers;

3. Receive, Debate and ratify reports from the Electoral Nomination Committee of the Party; elect the Presidential Candidate of the party and his running, mate.
4. Demand and receive reports from the National Executive Committee and from any other Committees or organs of the Party and take appropriate decisions on their reports or recommendations.
5. Create, elect and appoint any committee it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit and proper:
6. Examine the policies and programmes pursued by governments' in the Federation from time to time in order to determine whether or not they are in accord with the principles, policies programmes. Aims and Objectives of the Party, and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
7. Examine the actions taken or legislation being proposed or passed by any Government Legislative House or Local Government Council and determine what further actions the Party should take.
8. Examine the actions and policies pursued and legislations made in order to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles or policies, programmes, aims and objective of the Party and if not to make recommendations or take such actions as are deemed necessary
9. Secure at all elections the return of as many Party Candidates as possible, so as to generally have control of the Legislative and Executive branches of the Government in the Federation.
10. Consider reports From Federal, State and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decisions as are necessary to protect, advance, or consolidate the gains and interest of the Party.
11. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party
12. 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.
13. Determine the type nature and membership of standing committees.
14. Review or amend the Constitution of the Party from time to time;
15. Delegate any of its powers to the National Executive Committee or any organ of the Party.
16. Take any action as may be conducive to the realization of the aims and objectives of the Party as laid down in this constitution.

17. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested in it by this constitution.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **POWERS & FUNCTIONS OF PARTY ORGANS**

#### **Zonal Working Committee**

- a. The Zonal working Committee shall be Responsible for day-to-day administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee
- b. Acts as Liaison between the National Secretariat and the State chapters in zone and vice versa.
- c. Prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the zonal executive committee
- d. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by zonal executive Committee

#### **Zonal Executive Committee**

The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months and shall perform such function as follows:

- a) Harmonize co-ordinate and review all activities of the Party within the zone.
- b) Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone and appoint members to such committee
- c) Summon and prepare agenda for the zonal congress.
- d) Prepare and submit reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress
- e) Carry out any other function assigned to it by the National executive Committee

The Meeting of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Zonal Chairman or at the request of two-third of its members.

#### **Zonal Congress**

The functions of the Zonal Congress shall be as follows:

- i. Approve the budget of the Party in the zone
- ii. Elect Officers of the Zonal Working Committee:
- iii. Receive the report of officers of the Party in the Zone.
- iv. Receive the Auditors report.

## **National Working Committee**

The National Working Committee shall perform the following function

- i. Be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee
- ii. In case of emergency the National Working Committee shall act on behalf of the National Executive Committee
- iii. To receive reports from the Zonal and State Executives and when necessary, to dissolve Zonal or State Executive Committees and order for reconstitution pending the next zonal or State congress whichever is applicable
- iv. The National Working Committee shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

The National Working Committee shall meet at least once every two weeks at the instance of the Chairman or at the instance of two thirds of the members

## **Composition of the National Working Committee**

- a. The National Working Committee shall consist of the following
  - i. The National Chairman
  - ii. The Deputy National Chairman (North and South)
  - iii. The National Secretary
  - iv. The Deputy National Secretary
  - v. The National Treasurer
  - vi. The National Financial Secretary
  - vii. The National Organizing Secretary
  - viii. The National Publicity Secretary
  - ix. The National Auditor
  - x. The National Legal Adviser
  - xi. The National Woman Leader
  - xii. The National Youth leader

The Deputy National Secretary shall be the recorder in all National Working Committee meetings

## **The Quorum of the National Working Committee:**

- a. The quorum of the National Working Committee shall be two thirds of the members.
- b. Any motion, issues and/or matters shall be by simple majority.

- c. In the event of a tie of opinions or votes in any contentious issue(s), the presiding officer shall have the final vote

### **National Caucus**

- a. National Caucus shall meet at least once every 3 (three) months or at any other time to consider urgent issues of national importance or at the request of at least two thirds of its members or at the request of the Chairman Board of Trustees,
- b. The National Caucus shall co-ordinate, harmonize and ensure good working relationship between all the organs of government under its control.

### **National Board of Trustees**

- (a.) Co-ordinate and harmonies the activities of the party at all levels,
- (b.) Ensure the highest conduct in all the activities of the party.
- (c.) Ensure high moral conduct of the members of the National Executive Committee as to project the positive image of the party,
- (d.) Harmonize co-ordinate, review and advise on policies, programmes, events and activities of the Party at all levels,
- (e.) Co-ordinate, and harmonize the sourcing of funds for the party.
- (f.) Co-ordinate and receive funds for and on behalf of the party,
- (g.) Coordinate, and mediate in disputes involving all the organs of the government under its control.
- (h.) Be vested with the assets of the party and take custody of such assets.
- (i.) Advise on any party or other matters to all the organs of the party.
- (j.) Carry out any other function and activities as may be assigned to it by the National convention or the National Executive Committee

F2. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be the leader of the party and shall have the following powers:

- a. Summon and preside over the meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- b. Summon the meeting of the National Executive Committee National Caucus and National Working Committee of the party where the Chairmen of the various Committees fail, neglects, and or refuse to so summon the meeting.
- c. Summon and or convene the National Convention of the party when the appropriate organ charged with such responsibility fails, neglects or refuses to so do.

- d. Dissolve the National Executive Committee of the party at the end of its tenure or at the request of at least 2/3 of its members.
- e. Intervene, co-ordinate and provide solution to any crises within the organs of the party

### **The National Executive Committee**

The National Executive Committee shall:

- a. Summon the National Convention and prepare its agenda.
- b. Prepare and submit reports and budget for the approval of the National Convention
- c. Prepare financial guidelines for the National Convention
- d. Initiate policies and programmes for the approval of the National Convention
- e. Deal with appeals and other matters referred to it by the zones or States of the Federation.
- f. Make rules to enhance Party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- g. Make Party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all Party offices at every level and regulate procedure for electing party candidates for elective offices
- h. Ratify conditions of service of the secretariat staff of the Party.
- i. Co-opt such persons as it shall deem necessary or expedient to attend its meeting and participate in its deliberations provided that such persons shall have no voting right.
- j. Make standing orders for the approval of the national convention.
- k. Deal with any other matter referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees.
- l. Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the Party and appoint members to such committees.
- m. Exercise such other powers and functions as are vested in it by this constitution.
- n. In consultation with the Board of Trustees appoint outstanding party leaders to the position of patriarch or member emeritus who shall have the right of attendance at all meetings of (any or all) party organs.
- o. The national Executive Committee shall from time to time examine the actions, policies, programmes pursued and legislation made or proposed by Government in the Federation (produced by the party) in order to ascertain that they are in accord with the principles, policies.

Programmes, aims and objectives and the manifesto of the Party and make the necessary recommendation or take any appropriate action.

- p. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party.
- q. Recommend the minimum rates of annual subscription payable by members.
- r. Recommend the proportion of the income each Ward, Local Government and State shall remit to the National Secretariat from its subscription.
- s. Decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all organs and members of the party

### **The National Convention**

The National Convention shall exercise the final authority of the Party and shall be vested with the following powers.

- a. Formulate policies and programmes for the Party.
- b. Elect or remove National Officer of the Party
- c. Elect the Presidential candidate of the Party
- d. Demand and receive report from the National Executive Committee and from any other committee or organ of the party and take appropriate action.
- e. Appoint any committee it may deem necessary, or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit
- f. Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed or passed by any government or Council and determines what further action the Party should take.
- g. Secure at all elections the return of as many Party candidates as possible, in order, generally to have control of the legislative and executive arms of government in the federation.
- h. Consider reports from the State and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decision and actions as are necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the Party,
- i. Raise adequate funds for the management of the Party,
- j. Exercise control and take disciplinary actions on all organs, officers and members of the Party
- k. Determine or approve the type and membership of standing committees to be set by the National Executive Committee
- l. Review, or amend the Party Constitution from time to time as the need arises.

- m. Delegate any of its powers to the National Executive Committee or to any other organ or member of the Party.
- n. Take any action that may enhance the aims and objectives of the Party.
- o. Appoint External Auditors to audit the party's Accounts
- p. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested in it by this Constitution,
- q. Ratify the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the Party's National Secretariat.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTY OFFICIALS**

#### **1. National Officers**

The National Chairman shall be the Chief Executive of the Party with the following powers:

- i. Subject to the approval of the chairman, Board of Trustees, summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and the National Caucus of the Party,
- ii. Summon and preside over all National working Committee meeting of the party
- iii. Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programmes of the Party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive outlining the policies/programmes and activities of the Party
- iv. Assign specific functions to any member or officer of the Party
- v. Casting vote if and when necessary especially where there is a stalemate.
- vi. Present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the Party and the Political situation generally
- vii. Perform all other duties as may be conferred by this Constitution

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

- i. In the absence of the National Chairman, the Deputy National Chairman from the zone other than the Chairman's zone shall preside at meetings and act on his/her behalf,
- ii. Each Deputy National Chairman shall be assigned specific functions and shall perform other Party function(s) as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee.

### **3. National Secretary**

The National Secretary shall be the Chief Administrative and Accounting Officer of the Party and is vested with the following powers.

- i. Supervise the day-to-day activities of the party.
- ii. Conduct or direct the conduct of the correspondence of the Party and issue notices of meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and National working Committee as may be directed by the Chairman or the Board.
- iii. Keep all records and records of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National working Committee as well as other records of the Party
- iv. Render a written annual report of the activities of the party
- v. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and ensure that all units of the Party carry out their duties promptly and properly.
- vi. Carry out other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Convention the National Caucus, the National Executive Committee and the National Chairman

### **4. The Deputy National Secretary**

The Deputy National Secretary shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him/her in his/her absence or whenever so directed.

### **5. The National Treasurer**

The National Treasurer shall be the Chief custodian of the funds of the Party and is vested with the following powers:

- i. Receive and promptly pay into the Party accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party and keep and secure all Cheque books and other banking documents of the Party:
- ii. Ensure prudent management of the party's funds. Ensure that all funds received by the Party are duly received and paid into the Party's accounts within 48 hours of collection, Prepare and submit a yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee

### **6. The Deputy National Treasurer**

- i. The Deputy National Treasurer shall assist the National

Treasurer in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his/her absence or whenever so directed.

## **7. The National Financial Secretary**

The National Financial Secretary is vested with the following powers

- i. Collect and keep records of all dues levies subscription and donations paid or made to the Party
- ii. Prepare and submit proposals for raising Party for the consideration of the National Committee
- iii. Undertake strict supervision of budgeting, control and financial reporting.
- iv. Protect Assets of the Party and institute operating procedures through internal control.
- v. Establish and co-ordinate policies for the investment of funds to generate income for the party

## **8. Deputy National Financial Secretary**

- i. The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the Discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence or whenever so directed.

## **9. The National Organizing Secretary**

The National Organizing Secretary shall have the following powers

- i. Initiate programmes for the general mobilization of Party members and recruitment of new members.
- ii. Appraise the problems of the Party and propose solutions to such problems.
- iii. Harmonize all information and devise appropriate strategies for winning election.
- iv. Implement and co-ordinate all field activities of the party.
- v. Organize seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programmes for the attainment of the Party's objectives
- vi. Liaise with National Women and Youth leaders for harmonization of programmes for the attainment of the Party's victory at all elections

## **10. The Deputy National Organization Secretary**

- i. The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall assist the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his/her duties and shall deputize for him/her in his absence or whenever so directed,

#### **11. The National Publicity Secretary**

The National Publicity Secretary of the Party shall be vested with the following powers:

- i. Co-ordinate Party information and public relations.
- ii. Be the Chief image-maker of the Party
- iii. Cause to be publicized the policies and programmes of the Party in line with the aims and objectives of the Party

#### **12. The Deputy National Publicity Secretary**

- i. The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall assist the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his/her duties and shall deputize for him/her in his/her absence or whenever so directed.

#### **13. The National Auditor**

The National Auditor of the Party shall carry out the following functions:

- i. Audit the books of Account of the Party annually and shall report to the National Executive Committee
- ii. Present the audited accounts of the Party to the National Convention annually
- iii. Carry out any other function as may be required by the National Executive Committee

#### **14. The Deputy National Auditor**

The Deputy National Auditor shall assist the National Auditor in the discharge of his/her duties and shall deputize for him/her in his absence or whenever so directed

#### **15. The National Legal Adviser**

The National legal Adviser of the Party shall:

- i. Advise the Party on Legal Matters
- ii. Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defence of actions on behalf of the Party, including its organs and officials as far as the subject of litigation affects the Party's interest,
- iii. Interpret the laws, regulations and Constitution of the Party in the event of any ambiguities.

#### **16. Deputy National Legal Adviser**

There shall be a Deputy National Legal Adviser who shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him/her by the National Legal Adviser and deputize for him/her in his/her absence.

#### **17. The National Women Leader**

The National Women Leader shall:

- i. Be responsible for women mobilization and organization
- ii. Initiate and implement strategic programmes and policies aimed at endearing the Party to the Nigerian women.
- iii. Co-ordinate activities of the Zonal and State Women

#### **18. The Deputy National Women Leader**

There shall be a Deputy National Women Leader who shall perform such duties and functions as may be assigned to her by the National Women Leader and shall deputize for her in her absence or whenever so directed.

#### **19. The National Youth Leader**

The National Youth Leader shall;

- i. Be responsible for mobilization of the youth for the attainment of Party objectives.
- ii. Initiate and implement strategic programmes and policies aimed at endearing the party to Nigerian Youths,
- iii. Co-ordinate the activities of the Zonal and state Youth Leaders

#### **20. The Deputy National Youth Leader**

There shall be a deputy National Youth Leader who shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him by the National Youth Leader and deputize for him/her in his/her absence or whenever so directed.

#### **Officers at other levels**

- i. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution all other officers at the Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels shall have the same powers and functions as their corresponding national officers.
- ii. The Executive Committee at all levels shall have power to set up committees where necessary, desirable or expedient and shall assign to them such powers and functions as may be deemed fit and proper.

#### **Principle of Federal Character**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Constitution the principle of Federal Character shall be observed in the appointment or election of members of the executive committees at all levels of the Party

### **Removal or Resignation**

- i. Without prejudice to the constitutional tenure of elected party officers at article 14 an elected officer may resign his/her position or be removed from such position before the expiration of the tenure.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS Discipline**

- i. Discipline of party members shall be exercised by the respective Executive Committee on the recommendation of five (5) member Disciplinary committee of the party at the level which disciplinary measure is called for.
- ii. Any member of the Party who is alleged to have done any of the following shall be liable to be punished if found guilty by the appropriate Executive Committee or disciplinary Committee of the party.
  - a. A breach of any of the provisions of this constitution.
  - b. Anti-party activities or conducting himself in a manner, which is likely to embarrass the party or bring the party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or dispute in whatever manner.
  - c. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the party or of the officers of the party.
  - d. Flouting the rulings or 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 would tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the party of which activities are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the party.
  - e. Assuming names and titles not recognized by the Constitution, giving wrong information to any organ of the party or unauthorized publicity of party dispute without exhausting all avenues of settlement or redress within the Party

### **Punishment**

- (i) Punishment may be imposed by the party as disciplinary measures against any of its members and the gravity of punishment shall depend upon the seriousness and circumstance of each case.

- (ii) Punishment to be imposed 'ay take the form of
  - a. Expulsion from the Party
  - b. Suspension for a specified period Removal from office, Barring from holding office
  - c. Fine
  - d. Reprimand
- (iii) The Executive Committee a: each level of the Party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures against any of its members as specified in the sub-section above based on the recommendation of the disciplinary committee,
- (iv) On receipt of a complain/allegation against members, the appropriate Executive committee shall refer the complain/allegation to the disciplinary committee which shall investigate, deliberate and make recommendations for the Executive Committees action.
- (v) The disciplinary committee shall serve the member/s written notice of the allegation and invite the member/s to defend his/herself either in person or by a counsel of his/her choice. The notice must state the place and time the member is to appear before the committee.
- (vi) Every member shall have the right to fair hearing in all matters that affect him with regards to discipline.
- (vii) Without prejudice to the provision of Article 12(a) (ii) of this constitution, a recommendation to remove or expel a member of the National Executive Committee, a public office holder. Minister, Governor/Deputy, Member of either of the Legislative House or Special Advisers shall be submitted to the National Executive Committee which shall forward same to its disciplinary committee for appraisal and final recommendation for appropriate sanction.
- (viii) The National Headquarters shall be notified through the next higher organ of the Party of any disciplinary actions taken against any member of the Party and records of such actions shall be kept

### **Appeal**

Any member aggrieved by be decision of any of the organs of the Party pursuant to Article 8 of this Constitution shall have the right of appeal within 30 days of the decision to the immediate higher organ of the party, in that successive order, up to the National Convention provided that the decision of the National convention shall be final

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **REGISTRATION Register of Members**

A register of members shall be kept and maintained at every level of the Party Secretariat namely

- (a) The Ward
- (b) The Local Government Area.
- (c) The State and
- (d) The National Secretariat.

#### **(ii) Subscription Rate**

The National Executive committee shall recommend to the Convention.

- (a.) The Minimum rates of subscription that shall apply for the ensuing year.
- (b.) The proportion of subscription income which each Ward, Local Government Area and State shall remit to the National Secretariat.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **TENURE OF OFFICE**

- i. All state and National Officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of four years unless re-elected by the appropriate party Congress or Convention.
- ii. All Local Government and Ward Officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of three years unless re-elected by the appropriate Congress
- iii. Any Officer elected into the National Executive Council or State, Local Government or Ward Executive Committee may resign his office by giving a 30 days' notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee
- iv. Should a vacancy occur in any of the offices, the respective Executive Committee mindful of the Federal character principle shall appoint a substitute subject to ratification at the next congress. Any officer so appointed shall remain in office for the unexpired period of the substantive tenure.
- v. Any officer or 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 or Convention.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION**

- (i) The Party Secretary at each level of government shall establish and supervise party employees within their respective levels.
- (ii) The Party shall employ full-time administrative staff which at the minimum shall include the following:
  - (a.) An Administrative Secretary
  - (b.) An Accountant.
  - (c.) An Auditor
  - (d.) A Librarian
  - (e.) A Social Secretary/Welfare Officer
  - (f.) Such other staff as the various party organs may deem fit to employ for the effective running of their affairs.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS**

- i. The National, State, Local Government and the Ward Congresses of the Party shall meet to elect the officers of the Party, as specified under this Constitution, at the various levels of the Party structure, the Congress or Convention.
- ii. Every registered and financially up to date member who has satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under this Constitution and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is eligible to contest for any party office provided that incumbent officials of the party shall relinquish their posts before they contest such elections.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Every officer elected or appointed as an officer of the party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule 5 to this Constitution before a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **BANK ACCOUNT**

- (i) The Party shall maintain Bank Accounts in the headquarters,
- (ii) The Banks for such Accounts shall be decided by the National Executive Committee.
- (iii) Any two of the following officers of the party, shall be valid signatories to the Party's Bank account and other financial transactions, namely:

- a. The National Chairman.
- b. The National Secretary and
- c. The National Treasurer

(iv) Sub-sections (i-iii) as above shall be applicable to the State, Local Government and Ward branches of the party, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the services of the nearest bank shall be utilized.

(v) **Audit of Accounts**

The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit all the Accounts of the Party annually. The audited accounts shall be presented before the National Convention and same submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission for consideration.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- (i) The Party shall have the Power to amend this Constitution or. the Schedules hereto provided that no amendment shall be made except at the National Convention of the Party and then only by a majority consisting of not less than two- thirds of those persons present and voting at the Congress.
- (ii) Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the National Secretary at least two months before the date of the National Convention, The notice which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment and reasons for same.
- (iii) Notice of the amendment shall be given to the members of the National Convention at least one month before the date of the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendments to be considered.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **INTERPRETATION**

Any question as to the meaning of this Constitution or the schedule hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose ruling shall be final.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **MEMBERSHIP RULES**

#### **A. Registration**

- (i) Prospective members of the Party shall be registered through ward branches to which they shall have applied and subsequently accepted and enrolled as Party members.
- (ii) Members shall receive membership cards through their ward branches of the Party upon payment of the prescribed fees.

#### **B. Renewals**

- (i) Membership of the Party shall be renewed annually on payment of the prescribed subscription fees
- (ii) Membership shall automatically lapse if the subscription fees expire. A member whose membership terminates in this manner shall be readmitted into the Party upon the payment of all arrears of the said subscription.
- (iii) Provided that in an election year, only members who had paid their subscription 3 months before primaries shall be eligible to vote and be voted for.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **STAFF RULES**

- (i) The Party employs Full-Time Administrative Secretary, Accountant, Auditor, Social Secretary/Welfare Officer, Librarian and such other staff as may be deemed necessary.
- (ii) All employees of the Party are subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, State, Local Government Committee as the case maybe, through the National, State, Local Government Secretaries of the Party.
- (iii) All employees of the Party shall be bound by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Party and the decisions of the National Executive Committee and all other authorized organs of the party.
- (iv) Any employee or the party who acts or behaves in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or takes part in subversive activities against the Party or its officer shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his post and may in addition be expelled from the party
- (v) The National Executive Committee or the Executive Committee of other levels of the party shall fix the remuneration and other conditions

of service of all employees of the Party at each level of the party organization.

- (vi) All the Administrative staff of the Party referred to in. Schedule 2 to this Constitution are paid officials of the Party employed to run the various Administrative activities of the Party at the various levels of the Party organization and do not include the officers of the party elected at the Congresses, Nomination of Party Staff for Executive or Legislative Offices.
- (vii) No employees of the Party shall stand for nomination to enable him or her contest any election unless he resigns his office before doing so.

### **SCHEDULE 3 NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

#### **Presidential Nomination**

- (i) The country shall form one single Constituency for the purpose of nominating a Presidential candidate of the Party All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the National Convention, specially convened for that purpose provided that the nomination of each candidate is supported by at least fourteen states of the Federation.
- (ii) The Candidate that wins more than fifty percent of the votes of the total delegates at the Special Convention shall be considered duly nominated, provided he has not less than one-third of the votes cast at the nomination in each of at least two-thirds of all the States in the Federation
- (iii) Where in the first ballot, no candidate fulfills the condition laid down in (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 a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated

#### **Gubernatorial Nominations**

- i. The State forms one single Constituency for the purpose of nominating a Gubernatorial candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the state nomination Congress specially convened for that purpose subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee; provided that each aspirant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the party from each of at least two-thirds of the Local Government Areas of the State.

- ii. The candidate who wins the majority of the total votes cast at the congress/primaries shall be considered duly nominated.
- iii. Where in the first ballot, there is no simple majority but two (2) or more candidates scored equal numbers of votes there shall be a rerun between those candidates and the candidate who had the highest number of votes at the rerun shall be considered duly nominated.

### **Nomination of National and State Assembly Members**

- (i) All aspirants seeking nomination to the Senate or the House of Representatives shall submit themselves to Senatorial District/Federal Constituency Congress specially convened for that purpose, provided that each aspirant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the Party from two thirds of the Senatorial District/Federal Constituency.
- (ii) Where in the first ballot, no candidate fulfilled the condition laid down in (i) above there shall be a second ballot which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be eligible to contest and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

### **Nomination of Local Government Chairmen/Councilors**

- (i) Each ward shall form one constituency for the purpose of nominating a Local Government Ward Councilor Candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the Ward General Meeting specially convened for that purpose provided that each applicant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the party from the Ward.
- (ii) The candidate who wins the majority of the total votes cast at the congress/primaries shall be considered duly nominated,
- (iii) Where in the first ballot, there is no simple majority but two (2) or more candidates scored equal numbers of votes, there shall be a rerun between those candidates and the candidate who had the highest number of votes at the rerun shall be considered duly nominated.

### **Conduct of Nomination**

- (i) The National Executive Council shall appoint a Subcommittee which shall conduct the gubernatorial and Presidential nominations.
- (ii) In the case of Presidential and gubernatorial nominations, the Executive Council may direct the nomination Sub-Committee to

conduct primary Elections within the Party for the Purpose of reducing the number of candidates to such numbers as may be determined by the National Executive Council for the nomination Convention or Congress as the case may be.

- (iii) The State Executive Committee shall appoint a subcommittee which shall conduct the nomination for the Candidates of the party for the National and State Assemblies.
- (iv) The Local Government Executive shall appoint a Sub-Committee which shall conduct the nominations for the Local Government candidates of the Party including candidates of the Party Chairmanship and Vice- Chairmanship of the Local Government. Each nomination Sub-Committee shall be ad-hoc and shall cease to exist as soon as it has performed its function and the nomination has been ratified.

### **Criteria for Nomination and Clearance**

Criteria for Party Clearance for Nomination in the wards, state Constituencies, Federal Constituencies and Senatorial Zones shall be as follows:

- (a) A candidate for Elections must be a registered member of the Party
- (b) He must satisfy the requirement for elections under the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria and the Electoral Laws.
- (c) No incumbent President, Governor or Legislator, Chairman of Council and Councilor can relinquish his or her position midway in order to run for another office where the party is unable to conduct any primary election or where such a primary election is inconclusive.
  - i. Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, in the event that any organ or Committee of the party is unable to conduct any primary election for any reason whatsoever or where such primary election is inconclusive a Special Meeting of the National Working Committee shall be convened for the purposes of selecting a candidate for the party
  - ii. Any decision of the National Working Committee at the Special Meeting convened in accordance with sub paragraph (i) above shall be ratified by a simple majority of the National Executive Council.
  - iii. The selection of a candidate for the Party at a Special Meeting of the National Working Committee shall be without prejudice to any previous step taken by any organ or committee of the party or any action by any member in furtherance of any primary election.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **RULES OF CONDUCT OF MEETINGS Proceedings**

The-proceedings of a Party meeting in ward and Local Government shall be in the English Language or in any Nigerian Language understood by a majority of members of the ward. In respect of State and National meetings the business shall be conducted in English, Hausa, Igbo, and/or Yoruba languages as the case may apply when adequate arrangements shall have been made thereof.

#### **Motion**

- (i) No motion shall be entertained at a meeting unless least seven clear days' notice of such motion has given to the Secretary or the Chairman except.
  - a. A motion for the adjournment of the meeting
  - b. A motion that any subject be referred to a committee of members of the party or some other appropriate body.
  - c. A motion proposing an amendment to some other motion
  - d. A motion proposing that a particular member should be authorized to speak for more than ten minutes.
- (ii) 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 of urgency to do so
- (iii) A motion on amendment shall not be open for discussion until it shall have been seconded
- (iv) A motion or amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover and with the consent of the Chairman.
- (v) No member shall be permitted to speak on any subject at any meeting for longer than 30 minutes unless the majority of the members present agree that he should speak for a longer time.
- (vi) A member must confine his observations to the subject under discussion and may not introduce irrelevant matter hereto.
- (vii) No member shall be permitted to re-open any specific question upon which the meeting has come to a conclusion except upon a motion for which due notice shall have been given.
- (viii) No member shall use offensive, insulting or intemperate language about any other member of the party, or impute improper motive to such member.
- (ix) 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 such 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 Materials on part of his speech which has been understood.

- (x) The provision of paragraph
- (xi) To this schedule above, shall not apply to meetings of the National I Executive Committee
- (xii) Any member deviating from any of the provision of these rules may be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by a member rising to a point of order,
- (xiii) A member rising to a point of order shall simply direct attention to the point he desires to bring to notice and submit to the Chairman for a decision, No member shall leave any except with the permission of the Chairman.
- (xiv) At any time in the course of a debate any member been titled 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 that the question be now put' shall not prejudice the right of a mover of a motion or amendment to wind up.
- (xv) Any member whose conduct is disorderly at any meeting, or who refuses to withdraw an offensive or insulting language after he has been told by the Chairman to do so, may be asked to leave the meeting,
- (xvi) Unless the Constitution otherwise prescribes, voting on any subject shall be by show of hands,
- (xvii) Any decision reached without the meeting forming a quorum shall be null and void.

## **SCHEDULE 5**

### **OATHS**

#### **Oath of Allegiance**

I .....do solemnly Swear/affirm that shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Progressive People's Alliance and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that Twill preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the & Progressive People's Alliance and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.  
So help me God

#### **Oath of Office**

I .....do Solemnly Swear/affirm that I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Progressive People's Alliance. I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Progressive People's Alliance and the Law, and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the \$&Progressive People's Alliance and the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to pursue, enhance and implement the aims and objectives 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 circumstances. 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 or indirectly 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.