

CONSTITUTION

OF

SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARTY



THE TIME IS NOW

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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CONSTITUTION OF Sustainable National Party (SNP)

PREAMBLE:

WE, the Members of the SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARTY (SNP)

1.1 BELIEVING in THE DESTINY OF Nigerians to build a Society which realizes truly human values based on the full mobilization of the talents and energies of our people and the sustainable development of the resources with which nature has generously endowed us;

1.2 CONSCIOUS that this great edifice must be erected on the specified platform of our country's history and its current location in the world's economy;

1.3 RECOGNIZING that the requisite re-alignment of National Economic and Social Institutions of both Private and Public character to meet National development needs is only possible given Committed, Capable and Accountable Political Leadership;

1.4 DETERMINED to provide a framework of voluntary political associations within which Nigerians from all walks of life and from different traditions can surmount their differences and contribute democratically to the shaping of this New Society;

1.5 RESOLVED to uphold the Constitution of the Republic of Nigeria approved and

1.6 COMMITTED to Freedom, Justice and Accountability;

1.7 Do hereby give to ourselves, this CONSTITUTION for the purpose of effective administration and the promotion of the ideals and objectives of our party *HEREBY ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES* the following Constitution-

Article 2

2.1 NAME OF THE PARTY

The name of the Party shall be SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARTY ("hereinafter in this Constitution referred as "The Party" and with the abbreviation "SNP")

2.2 SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Constitution shall be SUPREME and its provisions shall have binding force on all Members and Organs of the Party.

2.3 MOTTO AND SLOGAN

The motto of the Party shall be **“THE TIME IS NOW”** and the slogan of the party shall be **“SNP – NIGERIA WAKE-UP”**.

2.4 FLAG

The Flag of the Party shall be Green, Black and deep blue which shall have a Bell Symbol laid across the surface of it with the SNP acronym inscribed at the foot base of the Flag.

2.5 SYMBOL:

The Logo of the party is a golden bell with the acronym of the party below.

2.6 REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered head office of the Party shall be in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and there shall be such other branch offices as the Party may, from time to time, approve.

Article 3

Section 2

3.1 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- I. The Party shall Promote Sustainable Development through the provision of sound education, basic health care services, food security, rapid industrial growth, water, adequate housing, full employment and the improvement of infrastructure and basic services;
- II. To promote participatory democracy, true federalism and responsible government in Nigeria;
- III. Attain political power through democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of creating conditions conducive to ensuring national development;
- IV. The Party shall ensure the attainment of equality of all men and women under the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria without regard to Ethnicity, Race Religious Belief, Ideology, Culture, Social or Economic Status;
- V. The Party shall establish Chapters throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria and beyond.
- VI. The Party shall sponsor eligible candidates and canvass for votes for election into all elective offices in all the three tiers of government in Nigeria.
- VII. The Party shall at all times promote and Uphold the practice of internal democracy at all levels of The Party’s organization

- VIII. The Party shall ensure Good governance and democratic freedom for people of African descent and all other oppressed peoples throughout the world,
- IX. The Party shall ensure the Promotion of cultural values of black peoples all over the continent of Africa while maintaining international peace, harmony and cooperation.
- X. The Party shall work consciously and assiduously to promote the development of Science, Technology and Arts.
- XI. The Party shall Endeavour to co-operate with any Political or other organization whose aims and objectives are in harmony with those of the Party and in Conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- XII. The Party shall uphold the integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as one united indivisible political entity;
- XIII. The Party shall promote national integration and the peaceful co-existence of the diverse communities of our country while ensuring mutual respect for and understanding of the religious and cultural diversity of Nigerians.
- XIV. The Party shall adhere to the policy of the rotation and zoning of Powers and public elective offices in pursuance of the principle of equity, justice and fairness;
- XV. The Party shall co-operate with Africans, other nationalist movements and organizations working for the eradication of imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism;
- XVI. The Party shall strengthen economic, political and cultural co-operation with African countries especially those in the ECOWAS sub-region;
- XVII. The Party shall promote an egalitarian society founded on freedom, equality and justice.

Article 4

Section 3

4.0 MEMBERSHIP:

4.1 Eligibility of Members

- a. Membership of the Party shall be open to all citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who has attained the age of 18 years and who undertakes to abide by the constitution, aims and objectives of the party.
- b. A prospective member shall register at his or her Ward of origin or where he or she ordinarily resides or carries on business upon payment of the prescribed registration and other fees before admission into the party.

- c. Application for membership shall be made to and cleared by the Ward Executives of the Party in the Ward of the Local Government Area where the person was born, resides, works or originates.
- d. A register of members shall be kept at the Ward level of the party and the register shall not be removed from the ward secretariat for any reason.
- e. The Membership register maintained at the ward shall be authenticated by being signed by the Ward Chairman and the Ward Secretary.
- f. Application for membership shall be considered by the Ward Executive Committee, which shall have power to accept or reject any application, provided that any rejection shall be subject to review by the next higher organ of the party.
- g. Upon registration, every member shall be issued with a membership card which shall bear the photograph of the member. Such Membership cards shall be produced by the National Headquarters of the Party and duly signed by the National Chairman and National Secretary.
- h. On-line registration shall also be acceptable provided that it is cleared by the National Working Committee (NWC) of the Party before membership card can be issued to such member(s).

4.4 Rights and Privileges

- a. Only fully registered and financially up-to-date members of the Party shall have the right to vote and be voted for into any of the elected positions, subject to the provisions made for such elections pursuant to this Constitution or other Laws or Regulation Consequently nonfinancial members shall not enjoy the above rights.
- b. Subject to (i) above, members shall enjoy the privileges of the Party and shall be entitled to be appointed to any committee of the Party on the approval of the Executive Committees of the Party at the various levels.

Article 5

Section 4

5.0 Rules and Obligations

5.1 Obligation of Members to Party

- a. Members of the Party shall be obliged to affirm the Party's aims and objectives while conducting themselves in a manner that shall not bring the Party to disrepute.
- b. Members of the party shall also observe the rules and regulations embedded in this Constitution.

- c. Members shall pay, as at and when due, all dues and levies as may be prescribed by organs of the Party at any level.
- d. Members shall participate in the activities of the Party e.g. Election Campaigns, Rallies, Mobilization, Fund Raising, Functions, Meetings, etc.

5.2 Obligations of the Party to Members

- a. The Party shall create opportunities and platform for members to serve; and shall adopt measures that encourage volunteer services;
- b. The Party shall put in place deliberate measures aimed at strengthening the aspirations of Members through services; and shall encourage regular gathering and social activities aimed at developing familiar bonds among Members.

5.3 Register of Members

A Register of Members shall be compiled and kept at the Ward level of the Party and the register shall not be removed from the Ward Secretariat. A copy of the register shall be transmitted to the Secretariat of the Party at the Local Government Area, Which shall transmit a copy to the State Headquarters. The State Headquarters shall in turn transmit a copy to the National Secretariat the Party for the purpose of updating its membership records. This process shall be conducted every six months therefore; it shall be the responsibility of a Member to ensure that his or her name is duly entered in the Ward Register and a Membership Card issued.

5.4 Party Creed:

- a. The Party shall be a democratic organization and shall pursue its objectives without regard to Race, Religion or Ethnicity,
- b. The policies and programs of the Party shall be determined by its Membership while the Leadership of the Party shall be accountable to the Membership as the need arises.
- c. The party shall contest all elections in Nigeria and shall, for that purpose draw its support from all sections of the society.
- d. The party shall support the participation and emancipation of women by encouraging their representation at all levels of Governance.
- e. The Party shall respect freedom of expression and free exchange of ideas and information without undermining the authority and integrity of the Party.

5.5 Ethics of the Party

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

- II. A Party member of the Party shall belong to and take active part in the activities of his ward and take all necessary steps to understand, propagate and execute the aims and objectives of the party within the Ward,
- III. On no account will a member of the party bring to public attention disagreements and conflicts within the party unless authorized by the relevant organ of the Party
- IV. A Party Member shall defend any propaganda, policies and programs detrimental to the party
- V. A Party Member shall oppose ethnicity, religious and political intolerance or any other form of discrimination within the Party
- VI. A Party Member shall observe discipline at all times and carry out loyally all decisions of the majority and higher organs of the Party
- VII. A Party Member shall ensure that he/she is registered as a voter in the constituency where he/she resides;
- VIII. A Party Member shall 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
- IX. No Member of the Party is allowed to divulge the proceedings and decisions of the party unless authorized to do so.

Article 6

Section 5

6.0 PARTY STRUCTURES

The Party shall have Structures such as follows:

- a. The Ward
 - b. The Local Government Area/Area Council
 - c. The Senatorial District
 - d. The State
 - e. The Zone
 - f. The National
1. Each of the aforementioned structures shall have a functional Secretariat except the Senatorial District.
 2. For the purpose of elections, there shall be informal units for mobilization of Members and voters, such as:
 3. The State House of Assembly Constituency
 4. The Federal Constituency
 5. The Senatorial Constituency
 6. For the purpose of the organization of the Party, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall be recognized as a State.

Section 6

6.1 PARTY ORGANS

The Party shall have the following Principal Organs:

- I. National Convention
- II. Board of Trustees
- III. National Executive Committee
- IV. Zonal Executive Committee
- V. State Executive Committee
- VI. Senatorial District Committee
- VII. Local Government Area Committee
- VIII. Ward Executive Committee

6.2 NATIONAL CONVENTION

There shall be a National Convention of the Party which shall consist of-

- (a) The National Chairman of the Party, who shall be the Chairman of the Convention and other Members of the National Executive Committee;
- (b) Members of the State Houses of Assembly and National Assembly who are Members of the Party shall be automatic delegates to the Convention;
- (c) All Gubernatorial candidates of the party; shall be automatic delegates to the convention;
- (d) Members of the Board of Trustees shall be automatic delegates to the Convention;
- (e) Members of the Zonal Working Committee and State Party Chairmen and Secretaries, including those of the Federal Capital Territory are delegates to the Party Convention
- (f) Party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas;
- (g) One National delegate from each Local Government Area to be elected at the Local Government Area congress for the purpose;
- (h) All elected Local Government Council Chairmen, who are members of the Party;
- (i) Former members of the National Working Committee who are still members of the Party;

6.3 Functions

- I. The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the Party within the limits prescribed in this Constitution and it shall be the principal representative, policy making and administering body of the Party.

- II. Except in the exercise of the functions granted only to other bodies as specified in this Constitution, the National Convention shall have supremacy in all matters pertaining to the Party and all officers and organs of the Party shall be bound in the exercise of their functions by the decisions of the National Convention.
- III. The policies of the Party derived from the resolutions of the National Convention shall be amended or revoked only by a subsequent resolution of the National Convention.
- IV. The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to formulate policies and programs for the party;
- V. Elect or remove the National Officers of the Party;
- VI. Elect the Presidential candidate of the Party;
- VII. Demand and receive reports from the National Executive Committee and from any other Committees or Organs of the Party and take appropriate action on such reports;
- VIII. Appoint such Committees, as it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit;
- IX. Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether Federal, State or Local Government Council and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programs of the Party;
- X. At all elections, secure the return of as many party candidates as possible in a manner consistent with the laws of the land;
- XI. Consider reports from the States and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decisions and actions as may be necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the Party;
- XII. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party;
- XIII. Exercise control and take disciplinary action against any or all officers and Members of the Party;
- XIV. Determine the type and Membership of Standing Committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee;
- XV. Review and amend the Constitution of the Party, from time to time, as the need arises and the power of the National Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution shall not be delegated;
- XVI. Delegate any of its powers, except the power to amend the Constitution, to the National Executive Committee or to any other Organ of the Party;

- XVII. Take such other actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Party;
- XVIII. Appoint external Auditors to audit the Party's Bank Accounts;
- XIX. Determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by Members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the National Secretariat of the Party;
- XX. Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any of the constituent bodies, units or officials of the party; and
- XXI. Exercise such other powers and authority not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution as shall aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party.

6.4 Meetings

- I. The quorum of the National convention shall be two-third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- II. The National Convention shall meet every four years and shall alternate with the National Party Conference which shall hold bi-annually;
- III. The National Conference shall hold bi-annually for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the party in governance at all levels.
- IV. The National Convention shall determine its own procedure in accordance with democratic principles;
- V. A Special National Convention may be convened at any time at the instance of the National Executive Committee or if requested for by two-third of all State Congresses and the Special National Convention shall meet to discuss only special matters which shall be specified in the notice summoning the Convention.
- VI. Voting on key issues at the National Convention shall be by secret ballot.

6.5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There shall be a Board of Trustees (BoT) of the Party. It shall comprise of the followings:

- a. All founding Members of the Party;
- b. Two women selected from each of the Six Geo-Political Zones;
- c. Three Members from each of the Six Geo-Political Zones;
- d. Person(s) not exceeding six, who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party and found suitable by the Board
- e. Provided that membership of the Board of Trustee shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria.

6.6 Election of Board of Trustees Members

The Board of Trustees shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its members who shall also be members of the National Executive Committee;

- a. Without prejudice to the provision of this Constitution, ensure that the persons to be elected Chairman and Secretary respectively are of proven integrity and have contributed immensely to the growth of the Party.
- b. All Executive Members of the Board of Trustees shall serve a term of four (4) Years in office and are eligible to re-contest for another term of four (4) Years after then, no more

6.7 Qualification for Membership

- a. A person shall qualify for membership into the Board of Trustees if he or she is a registered card carrying member of the Party for not less than four years consecutively except pioneer Members;
- b. Has been paying his annual subscription fees as when due and has attained the age of thirty years and above and of proven integrity

6.8 Functions

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Party shall ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officer of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms;
- II. The BoT shall ensure high morals of members of the party while the party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and is in good political health;
- III. The BoT shall harmonize, co-ordinate, review and advice on policies, programs and activities of the party at the national level;
- IV. Shall co-ordinate the sourcing of party funds;
- V. Shall be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets;
- VI. Shall offer advice on party matters to the National Executive Committee of the party;
- VII. Attend any meetings of any other organs of the party, when the need arises
- VIII. Undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
- IX. The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceedings and shall draw up a code of conduct for its members.

6.9 Removal and Resignation

- a. A member of the Board of Trustees shall be removed from office by a resolution of the National Convention on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity or misconduct;
- b. If he resigns his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the party
- c. If he decamps, defect to other party or is expelled from the party;

6.1.1 Meetings

- a. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the instance of the Chairman or at the request of half of the members of the Board or following a resolution of the Board or the National Executive Committee requesting for such a meeting.
- b. The quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be two-third of its members drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Federation. A simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.1.2 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Party which shall consist of The National Chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the Party;
- B. Chairman and Secretary Board of Trustees; the Deputy Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, the National Secretary and the Deputy National Secretary; The National Organizing Secretary and the Deputy National Organizing Secretary; the National Treasurer and the Deputy National Treasurer; the National Financial Secretary and the Deputy National Financial Secretary; the National Publicity Secretary and the Deputy National Publicity Secretary; the National Legal Adviser and the Deputy National Legal Adviser; the National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor; the National Woman Leader and the Deputy National Woman Leader.; All the State Chairmen of the Party; Six ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be women, elected from each of the six geo-political zones; All former National Chairmen, Deputy National Chairmen, National Secretaries, Chairmen and Secretaries of Board of Trustees, who are still members of the Party.

6.1.3 Functions

- I. The National Executive Committee shall convene the National Convention and appoint a Convention Organizing Committee which shall circulate Convention information in advance and ensure that the concerns of the membership are reflected on the Agenda.
- II. Shall carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention

- III. Supervise and direct the work of the party and all its organs including the National, Zonal, State and Local Government organs.
- IV. Ensure that all the organs of the party function democratically and effectively.
- V. Where necessary, dissolve a State Executive Committee and appoint a Care-Taker Committee to run the Party until another Executive Committee is elected, provided that the period from the dissolution to the election of the new Executive Committee shall not exceed 3 months.
- VI. Initiate policies and programs for approval by the National Convention.
- VII. Consider appeals and other matters referred to it by the zones or states of the Federation.
- VIII. Make rules for party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- IX. Make party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all party offices at every level and regulate procedure for selecting the party candidates for elective offices;
- X. Ratify the conditions of service of the employees of the party in accordance with the Establishment Manual.
- XI. Make standing orders for approval by the National Convention.
- XII. Deal with any other matters referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees;
- XIII. Establish departments and set up ad-hoc or standing committees of the party.
- XIV. Manage and control all the assets and property of the party wherever they may be.
- XV. In consultation with the Board of Trustees, appoint eminent party leaders to the position of member Emeritus and persons so appointed shall have the right to attend all the meetings of the organs of the party;
- XVI. Examine the actions, policies, programs and legislations proposed by the Federal or State Governments produced by the party and take measures to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles, policies, programs, objectives and manifesto of the party and make necessary recommendations or take any appropriate actions;
- XVII. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
- XVIII. Approve the minimum rates of annual subscription and other levies payable by members of the party; and
- XIX. Confer such honours as may aid the realization of the objectives of the party.

6.1.4 Meetings

- a. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Party Chairman or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least seven days prior to the meeting; and an emergency meeting be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.
- b. The quorum of the National Executive committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the zones in the Federation, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.1.5 ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Zonal Executive Committee which shall consist of the National Vice Chairman from the Zone, who shall be the Chairman; Members of the National Executive Committee from the Zone; Members Board of Trustees from the Zone; the Zonal Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Committee; the States Chairmen, States Secretaries, the Zonal Organizing Secretary; Treasurers and Women Leaders of the party from the Zone; the Zonal Treasurer; the Zonal Financial Secretary; the Zonal Publicity Secretary; the Zonal Legal Adviser; the Zonal Women Leader; the Zonal Auditor and One ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

6.1.6 Functions

- I. The functions of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be to harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities of the party within the zone;
- II. Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone;
- III. Prepare agenda for and summon meetings of the Zonal Congress;
- IV. Prepare reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress;
- V. Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

6.1.7 Meetings

- A. The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet not less than once in every quarter at the instance of the National Vice Chairman provided that two-third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra-ordinary meeting.
- B. The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.1.8 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a State Executive Committee of the Party which shall consist of the State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman; all National and Zonal Executive Committee members of the party from the state; Members of the Board of Trustees from the State; the State Deputy Chairman; the three State Vice Chairmen; the State Secretary and the State Assistant Secretary; the State Treasurer and the Assistant State Treasurer; the State Organizing Secretary and the State Assistant Organizing Secretary; the State Financial Secretary and the State Assistant Financial Secretary; the State Publicity Secretary and the State Assistant Publicity Secretary; the State Legal Adviser and the State Assistant Legal Adviser; the State Auditor and the State Assistant Auditor; the State Woman Leader; Three ex-officio members, one of whom shall be a Woman, from each of the three Senatorial District elected by the State Congress; all elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party; all elected Local Government Area Party Chairmen in the State; all former members of the National and State Executive Committee members who are Members of the Party

6.1.9 Functions

- I. The functions of the State Executive Committee shall be to identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the State thereby positioning the Party in a sound stratum
- II. Undertake the general administration of the party in the state and implement the decisions of the State Congress, and the directives of the National Working Committee, the National Executive Committee and the National Convention;
- III. Prepare the annual budget of the State Branch of the Party

6.2.0 Meetings

- a. The State Executive Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman not less than once every quarter.
- b. An extra-ordinary meeting of the State Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the State Executive committee
- c. The quorum for the State Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.2.1 SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. There shall be a Senatorial District Executive Committee which shall consist of the State Vice Chairman from the Senatorial District, who shall be the Chairman; the State Governor or Deputy Governor, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District; Members of the Board of Trustees from the Senatorial District; Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Senatorial District; Local Government Party Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers from the Senatorial District; Elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party; the Senatorial Woman Leader elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- B. Five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee; Members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party; elected Local Government Council Councilors from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party; Former members of the National and State Executive Committee who are members of the Party.

6.2.3 Functions

- I. The functions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be to identify and resolve social, political and economic issues of concern to the Senatorial District;
- II. Co-ordinate the policies, programs and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
- III. Liaise with the Local Government Areas within the Senatorial district and State Headquarters;
- IV. Undertake General Administration of the Party in the Senatorial District and implement the decisions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- V. Prepare the annual budget of the Party in the Senatorial District; and receive the Senatorial District Auditor's report

6.2.4 Meetings

- A. The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall meet monthly and report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meeting.
- B. The Assistant State Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Secretary of the Senatorial District Executive Committee, while the Assistant State Organizing Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Senatorial District Organizing Secretary.

- C. The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.2.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Local Government Executive Committee of the Party which shall consist of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman; all Ward Chairmen; The elected Local Government Council Chairman and Deputy Chairman, who are members of the party; the Organizing Secretary; the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary; the Treasurer; the Financial Secretary; the Publicity Secretary; the Assistant Publicity Secretary; the Auditor; the Legal Adviser; One ex-officio Members from each of the Local Government Area; the Woman Leader; the Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive committees from the Local Government Area; the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Party from the Local Government Area; Members of the National and State Assemblies from the Local Government Area who are members of the party; Political office holders from the Local Government Area, who are members of the Party

6.2.6 Functions

- I. The functions of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be to identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area;
- II. Receive and implement reports from the Wards on Membership and Fund Raising for the Party,
- III. Strategies for Political Campaigns and electoral success, and Mobilization of voters;
- IV. Provide strategies for effective communication between the Wards and the Local Government Area;
- V. Undertake general administration of the Party at the Local Government Area;
- VI. Implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other higher Organs of the Party;
- VII. Employ all Secretarial Staff for the Local Government branch of the Party.

6.2.7 Meetings

- I. The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet not less than twice a month.
- II. The meetings shall be summoned by the Chairman.

- III. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Local Government Executive Committee and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- IV. The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

6.2.8 WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Ward Executive Committee of the Party in every Ward in Nigeria which shall comprise of the Chairman; the Deputy Chairman; the elected Chairman of the Local Government Council who is a Member of the Party, elected Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Council and the elected Councilor of the Ward; the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary; the Treasurer; the Financial Secretary; the Organizing Secretary; the Publicity Secretary; the Woman Leader; Members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the Party who are from the Ward; Members of the Board of Trustees from the Ward; Members of National and State Assemblies from the Ward; the Ward Legal Adviser; the Ward Auditor; Political office holders from the Ward, who are Members of the Party

6.2.9 FUNCTIONS

- I. The function of the Ward Executive Committee shall be the administration of the Party at the ward level;
- II. Raising Funds and Membership drive for the Party within the Ward;
- III. Drawing up Strategies for Political Campaigns in the Ward;
- IV. Mobilizing voters for the Party at the Ward level;
- V. Implement the decisions of the Ward Congress and other Organs of the Party;
- VI. Receiving the Ward Auditor's Report; and
- VII. Perform such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party, and as may, from time to time, be assigned to it by higher Organs of the Party.

6.3.0 Meetings

- I. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
- II. Meetings of the Ward Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Ward Chairman
- III. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall be held if requested by at least two-third of the members of the Ward Executive Committee or if requested by one-third of the registered members of the Ward and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- IV. The quorum at Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

6.3.4 WARD CONGRESS

There shall be a Ward Congress of the Party which shall consist of all elected, political office holders and registered Members of the Party.

6.3.5 Functions

The Functions of the Ward Congress shall be to-

- (a) Receive reports of Officers of the Ward
- (b) Receive Auditors Reports
- (c) Approve the budget of the Ward
- (d) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
- (e) Elect Ward delegates to the Party Congress
- (f) Conduct primaries for the Ward elections
- (g) Carry out such other functions as may be in the interest of the party

6.3.6 Meetings

- I. The Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive Committee at least once a year.
- II. The quorum of the Ward Congress shall be one-third of the registered members of the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- III. A Special Ward Congress shall hold if requested by two-third of the members of the Ward Congress and such Congress shall hold within seven days of the request.

Article 7 **Section 7**

7.0 POWERS OF OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS

- I. Except where the provisions of this Constitution state otherwise, all other officers at the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward levels shall, in relation to their respective functions, have the same powers as their corresponding National Officers.
- II. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, 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 appropriate.
- III. The Executive Committee at all levels shall, in the appointment or election of members of the Executive Committees at respective levels of the Party, observe and apply the principle of Federal Character.

7.1 Tenure of Officers of the Party

- I. All National, Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Officers of the Party shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term and no more.
- II. The election of National Officers shall be at the National Convention, while that of those at the lower levels shall be at the respective congresses.
- III. A vote of confidence may be moved on any member of the Executive Committee of the Party at any level at any National Convention or congress of the Party two years into the tenure of such member of the Executive Committee, and where such a vote fails to be carried the Executive Committee member shall be replaced at that National convention or congress, as the case may be.
- IV. Provided that two months notice of such vote of confidence motion shall be given circulate it to the relevant chapters one month before the National Convention or Congress, as the case may be.
- V. A vote of confidence shall be deemed defeated if not passed by a simple majority of the members of the Party at the Convention or Congress sitting and voting.
- VI. Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the Party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be effective within the period stipulated in the guideline issued for such elective office by the State Executive Committee in respect of Local Government elections.
- VII. Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint another person from the area or zone where the officer originated from, pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy.

7.2 Removal of National Officers

- a. If a National Officer of the Party is removed or resigns from office, he shall immediately hand over to the National Secretary all records, files and other properties of the Party in his or her possession.
- b. In the case of the National Chairman, he shall hand over to the Deputy National chairman who shall act as the National Chairman pending the election of a replacement.
- c. In the case of National Secretary, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Secretary.
- d. This provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to other levels of the Party structure

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7.3 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

There shall be the National Executive Committee of the Party, who shall be Men and Women of integrity with demonstrable competence who shall perform the functions assigned to them by this Constitution.

7.4 National Chairman

There shall be a National Chairman who shall be the Chief Executive of the Party, and his functions shall be to:

- I. Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee of the Party;
- II. Provide firm and effective leadership and direct the activities of the Party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee;
- III. Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programs of the Party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee outlining the policies, programs and activities of the Party;
- IV. Assign specific functions to any Member or Executive Officer of the Party;
- V. Shall have the power to divide the house in the case of tie in a debate for the purpose of votes. He shall not have a voting right in any deliberation of the Executive Council Meeting.
- VI. Present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the Party and the political situation generally;
- VII. He shall ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things that shall promote the growth and welfare of the party;
- VIII. The National Chairman of the party shall be the custodian of the common seal of the Party
- IX. He shall be a signatory to the Bank Account of the Party

7.5 Deputy National Chairman

- I. There Party shall have a Deputy National Chairman which shall be determined by the region where the National Chairman comes from.
- II. The Deputy National Chairman shall assist the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties;
- III. Shall deputize for the National Chairman in his absence;
- IV. Shall performing such other Party functions as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee or National Convention.

7.6 Vice Chairman:

- I. There shall be Six (6) Vice Chairmen of the Party one from each of the Six Geo-Political Zones of the Country.
- II. They shall function each as the Chairmen of the Party in each of their Geo-Political Zones.
- III. They shall preside over meetings of the Party in each of their Geo-Political Zones
- IV. They shall carry out other functions as may be directed or assigned to them by the National Executive Committee

7.7 National Secretary

- I. There shall be a National Secretary of the Party, who shall be the Administrative Head of Party,
- II. Supervise the day-to-day activities of the Party;
- III. Conduct or direct the conduct of the correspondences of the Party;
- IV. Shall issue notices of meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee;
- V. Keep all 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;
- VI. Render a written annual report of the activities of the party to NEC, and National Convention;
- VII. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, National Executive Committee, National Caucus and the National Working Committee
- VIII. Ensure that all units of the Party carry out their duties promptly and efficiently;
- IX. Consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office;
- X. Carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him or her, from time-to-time by the National Convention, National Caucus, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee and the National Chairman;

7.8 Deputy National Secretary

- I. The Deputy National Secretary of the Party shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his duties;
- II. He shall act in the absence of the Deputy National Secretary
- III. He shall perform any other duties wherever so directed or assigned.

7.9 National Organizing Secretary

- I. The National Organizing Secretary shall initiate programs for the general mobilization of new Members into the Party
- II. Appraise the challenges of the party and proffer solutions to such problems before the National Executive Committee;
- III. Harmonize and synchronize all information and devise appropriate strategy for winning elections;
- IV. He shall coordinate all field activities of the Party at all times
- V. Organize Seminars, Workshops, Rallies and Campaign programs for the attainment of the Party's objectives;
- VI. He shall liaise with all relevant Members and Officers for the harmonization of programs for the attainment of the Party's success at all elections.

7.1.1 Deputy National Organizing Secretary

- I. The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Organizing Secretary when he is absent;
- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.1.2 National Publicity Secretary

- I. The National Publicity Secretary of the Party shall co-ordinate all information and public relations of the Party;
- II. He shall be the chief image maker of the Party;
- III. He shall be at liberty to publicize the policies and programs of the Party in line with the aims and objectives of the Party.

7.1.3 Deputy National Publicity Secretary

- I. The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Publicity Secretary when he is absent;

- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.1.4 National Treasurer

- I. The Party shall have a National Treasurer whose functions shall be to receive and promptly pay into the Party's Bank Accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party
- II. He shall keep all Cheque Books and other banking documents of the Party;
- III. He shall ensure that all funds received by the party are paid into the party's accounts immediately and or not later than 48 hours after collection;
- IV. He shall prepare and submit a yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee.
- V. He shall be a signatory to the Bank Account of the Party

7.1.5 Deputy National Treasurer

- I. The Deputy National Treasurer shall deputize for the National Treasurer in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Treasurer when he is absent;
- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.1.6 National Financial Secretary

- I. The Party shall have a National Financial Secretary whose functions shall be to collect and keep records of all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid or made to the party;
- II. He shall prepare and submit proposals for fund raising for the consideration by the National Executive Committee;
- III. He shall undertake strict supervision of budgeting, budgetary control and financial reporting;
- IV. He shall protect the assets of the party and institute operating procedures through internal control mechanism;
- V. He shall establish and co-ordinate policies for the investment of funds to generate income for the party

7.1.7 Deputy National Financial Secretary

- I. The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall deputize for the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Financial Secretary when he is absent;

III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.1.8 National Auditor

- I. The Party shall have a National Auditor who shall function as follows:
- II. Audit the books of Bank account transactions of the party annually and report to the National Executive Committee;
- III. He shall present the audited account of the party to the National Convention;
- IV. He shall carry out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

7.1.9 Deputy National Auditor

- I. The Deputy National Auditor shall deputize for the National Auditor in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Auditor when he is absent;
- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.2.0 National Legal Adviser

- I. There shall be a National Legal Adviser of the Party who shall be a lawyer by profession;
- II. He shall advise the party on all legal matters;
- III. He shall conduct all litigations, prosecute and defend actions on behalf of the Party, including its organs and officials in so far as the subject of the litigation affects the interest of the party;
- IV. He shall interpret the laws, regulations and Constitution of the party in the event of any ambiguities.

7.2.1 Deputy National Legal Adviser

- I. The Deputy National Legal Adviser shall deputize for the National Legal Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties;
- II. He shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Legal Adviser when he is absent;
- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee

7.2.2 National Woman Leader

- I. The National Woman Leader shall function as the Chief Mobilizer of Women;
- II. She shall initiate and implement strategic programs and policies aimed at attracting the party to Nigerian Women;

III. She shall coordinate the activities of the Zonal, State and Local Government Areas Woman Leaders of the Party

7.2.3 Deputy National Woman Leader

- I. The Deputy National Woman Leader shall deputize for the National Woman Leader in the discharge of her duties;
- II. She shall discharge the Duties and functions of the National Woman Leader when she is absent;
- III. He shall perform any other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee
- IV. As a Party that is packaged, Developed and Administered by the Youth, there shall be no office as Youth Leader in the Party

Article 8 Section 9

8.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

There shall be a Local Government Area Congress which shall consist of the followings:

- (a) The Local Government Chairman of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee;
- (b) All the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area;
- (c) The elected Local Government Council Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councilors, who are members of the party;
- (d) All members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Local Government Area, who are members of the Party;
- (e) Members of the Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area;
- (f) All Chairmen and Secretaries of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area;
- (g) Three delegates from each Ward of the Local Government Area elected at the Ward Congress, at least one of whom shall be a woman, all of whom shall cease to function at the conclusion of congress for which they were elected;
- (h) Elected political office holders from the Local Government Area who are members of the Party.

(i) Former National and States Assembly Members elected on the platform of the party, who are still members of the party

(j) Elected National Executive Committee members; Local Government Party Chairmen, and Secretaries; Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen; Leaders of Council (Speakers) elected on the platform of the party.

8.1 Functions

(a) The functions of the Local Government Area Congress shall be to elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party;

(b) Elect Local Government Council Chairmanship Candidates of the Party;

(c) Elect Local Government Party delegates to the National Convention;

(d) Approve the budget of the Party at the Local Government level; and

(e) Receive the Local Government Auditor's Report.

8.2 Meetings

I. The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held not less than once a year.

II. The Chairman of the Local Government Committee shall summon the Local Government Area Congress.

III. An extra-ordinary Local Government Area Congress shall hold if requested for by at least two-third of the Chairmen of the Wards constituting the Local Government Area.

IV. The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress; provided that not less than two-third of all the wards in the Local Government Area are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

8.3 STATE PARTY CONGRESS

There shall be a State Party Congress which shall consist of:

(a) The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) The Gubernatorial Candidate of the Party;

(c) The members of the Board of Trustees from the State;

(d) Members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees from the State who are Members of the Party;

(e) Members of the National and State House of Assembly from the State who are members of the Party;

(g) All elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party;

(h) All Local Government Party Secretaries and Treasurers;

- (i) All Local Government Women Leaders who are Members of the Party;
- (j) Three delegates per Ward elected at Ward Congresses at least one of whom shall be a woman, and all of whom shall cease to function after the conclusion of the Congresses for which they were elected;

8.4 Functions

The functions of the State Congress shall be to:

- (a) Approve the budget of the State Branch of the party.
- (b) Elect officers of the State Executive Committee.
- (c) Elect Governorship candidate of the Party.
- (d) Receive reports from officers of the party; and
- (e) Receive the Auditor's report.

8.5 Meetings

A. The State Congress shall meet once in every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.

B. The quorum of the State Congress shall be two-third of the members drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

8.6 ELDERS CAUCUS COMMITTEE

There shall be the Elders Committee of the Party which shall consist of members of the Party who are well over Sixty (60) years of age drawn from the following strata:

- (a) Governors and Deputy Governors, who are Members of the Party, serving and past members of National Assembly who are Members of the Party
- (b) All serving and former Ministers and State House of Assembly Members who are still members of the Party;
- (c) Board of Trustee Members, Serving Chairmen of Federal Boards who are Members of the Party, three Elders of the Party from each Senatorial District;

8.7 Functions

The Elders Caucus Committee shall among other functions ensure high standard of morality in all the activities of the Party;

- (b) Mediate and resolve all disputes across every layer or levels of the Party
- (c) Undertake such other function and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee

8.8 Meetings

- I. The Elders Caucus Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman or at the request of half of the members of the Committee or following a resolution by the National Executive Committee requesting for such a meeting.
- II. The quorum of the State Elders Committee meeting shall be two-third of its members.

Article 9 Section 10

9.0 MODE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE PARTY

- I. The National Convention, the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Congresses shall meet to elect the Officers of the Party at the various levels of the Party structure as specified in this Constitution.
- II. Every registered member of the party who has satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under this Constitution, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law, rules or regulations in force shall be eligible to contest for any of the offices of the party.
- III. The guidelines for elections to any office of the party shall be approved by the National Executive Committee of the party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- IV. No member of the party shall be qualified for nomination or election or appointment into any of the offices of the party, unless he or she has been a registered member for at least 12 months, and has met all financial obligations to the Party, except there is a waiver by the appropriate executive committee.
- V. No elective tenure of any officer of the Party shall exceed four (4) year term, unless re-elected in a fresh Convention approved by the National Executive Committee of the party in accordance with the provision of this constitution for another term of four (4) Years and then no more.
- VI. That all Election into the Party offices shall be decide at the National Convention and congress of the Party in the descending order

9.1 Nomination of Candidates for Election into Public Offices

- I. The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the Electoral Act (as amended) and this Constitution, formulate guidelines and

regulations for the nomination of candidate(s) for election into public offices at all levels and shall be the final authority for resolving all disputes relating to the choice of candidates for the party for any election and for conveying to the Independent National Electoral Commission, or any other authority to whom it may concern, confirming the names or list of names of candidates for the party in any elective public office in the federation.

- II. The National Executive Committee shall regulate the procedure for selecting the party's Candidate(s) for elective offices in the following compartment prescribed below;
- III. In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the primary shall be held at the National Convention of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- IV. In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Governorship of a state, the primary shall be held at the State Congress of the party specially convened for that purpose;
- V. In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at Senatorial Constituency Headquarters;
- VI. In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of member of the House of Representatives, the primaries shall be held at the Constituency Headquarters;
- VII. In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Local Government Council Chairman and House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the Local Government Constituency Headquarters;
- VIII. Congress for the election of Ward Officers, Councillorship Candidates and the 3 delegates to Local Government Congress and State Congress shall be held at the Local Government Constituency Headquarters in which case, all card carrying members of the party at Ward level shall participate;
- IX. There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to stand for election into any public office, unless the appropriate Executive Committee gives a waiver or rules to the contrary.
- X. For members aspiring for nomination for election to the post of Councilors, Local Government Council Chairman or State House of Assembly, the deciding authority shall be the State Executive Committee, provided that the process of clearance of the waiver starts from the Ward levels
- XI. For members aspiring for Party positions or nomination for National Assembly, posts of Governors or Deputy Governors, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Executive Committee, provided that the process of clearance of the waiver starts from the Ward levels.

- XII. In respect of any decision of nominated Candidate(s) into any of the elective office(s), any aggrieved person, persons or party shall have recourse to appeal to the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee of the Party.
- XIII. There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to be considered for political appointment, but this is without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
- XIV. Where the appropriate Committee rules to the contrary, the ruling must be approved by the immediate higher Executive Committee, save for National Executive Committee which is final authority.
- XV. Candidates for party positions must possess a minimum of Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest. However the demand for literacy as a qualification should not be compulsory at the Ward level.

Article 10
Section 11

10.0 FUNDING

(A) There shall be established and maintained for the party a fund into which shall be paid all:

- (a) Subscription, fees, and levies from membership of the party;
- (b) Proceeds from investments made by the party;
- (c) Subventions and donations;
- (d) Gifts and grants by individuals or groups of individuals as authorized by law;
- (e) Loans approved by the National Executive Committee; and
- (f) Such other moneys as may be lawfully received by the party.

(B)

- I. An annual membership subscription fee of N500 per annum or such amount as the National Executive Committee may, from time to time, approve shall be paid by all members.
- II. The fee shall be paid as and when due and endorsed on the membership card.
- III. For the purpose of strengthening the Party's finances, all elected Party men and women are to pay the following additional levies ;
- IV. Elected Public Officers in the legislature (at the three tiers of government): 5% of Annual Basic Salary.

- V. The various individuals and friends of the Party that enjoy patronage from the Party at National, State and Local Government levels shall be encouraged to make donations annually to the Party, and these must be consistent with any law in operation at the time of the donation.
- VI. Money generated from the sale of nomination forms shall form part of the Party's finances.
- VII. The Party shall hold a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner at which friends and members of the Party will be charged, in a manner to be recommended by the National Finance Committee of the Party and approved by the National Working Committee, to raise fund for the Party.

Section 10

10.1 Accountability in the Management of Party Finances:

- I. For the purpose of ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of finances of the party, The National Executive Committee shall design Standard Financial regulations to govern the management of party's finances at all levels.
- II. At the National level, the Chairman of the Party and Board of Trustee Members shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as it affects membership dues expected from every Members of the Party at the National Level
- III. At the State level, the Governor of the State, if a member of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as it relates to membership dues. The Speaker of the State House of Assembly, if a member of the party or the leader of the party in the State House of Assembly shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Constitution by members of the party in the State House of Assembly.
- IV. At the local government level, the Chairman of the local government council, if a member of the party, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as relates to membership dues. On the local government council political appointees, while the leader of the Local Government Legislative House shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution by members of the party in the local government legislative house.

Section 11

BANK ACCOUNTS

- I. The party shall maintain a Bank Account at the city or town where its Headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilized.
- II. The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall decide the banks to be used in keeping the account.
- III. The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers, as the case may be:
- IV. The National Chairman or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels;
- V. The National Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, local government and ward levels;
- VI. The National Treasurer or his or her counterpart as zonal, state, local government and ward levels; and Provided that withdrawals from or debit instructions on the account shall be valid only if authorized by the National Chairman or his counterpart at the other levels, and any of the two signatories, that is, the National Secretary or Treasurer of the party at the appropriate levels.

Article 11

Section 12

11.1 STANDING COMMITTEES:

- I. There shall be Four (4) major standing Committees for the Party whose membership shall be proposed by the National Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Committees are National Finance Committee, National Publicity Committee, Screening/Selection Committee and Disciplinary Committee.
- II. The State, Local Government Area and Ward Executive Committees may set up Standing and Ad-hoc Committee(s) at the State, Local Government Area and Ward levels of the Party.

- III. Where the National Executive Committee has set up a Standing or Ad-hoc Committee(s) or has assumed jurisdiction on any issue, no organ of the Party shall deliberate upon and or set up a similar or parallel Committee.

11.2 Duties and Functions of the Standing Committees:

11.3 National Finance Committee

There shall be established for the Party, a National Finance Committee (NFC) to consist of the following, that is:

- I. A Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and integrity;
- II. Two (2) Members drawn from each of the Six (6) Geopolitical Zones of the country;
- III. The National Treasurer of the Party,
- IV. Financial Secretary of the Party,
- V. National Auditor of the Party,
- VI. The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.
- VII. Excepts for statutory members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee

11.4 Functions

The National Finance Committee shall be responsible for-

- (I) Organizing a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner, at which participants (i.e. friends and members of the Party) shall pay for the dinner according to the sitting arrangements, among other criteria to be worked out by the Committee charged with the organization of such dinner.
- (II) Embarking on other fund raising activities and solicitations for party, provided that such activities and solicitations must be in conformity with the extant laws;
- (III) Ensuring the broadening and sustainability of the Party's revenue base, including, subject to the provisions of this constitution, investment of the party funds in to long term viable ventures such as government securities, blue-chip companies and real estates;
- (IV) Establishing any business ventures that do not violate the provisions of any sections of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and this constitution.

(V) Provided that there shall be a State Finance Committee, which shall be constituted along the lines of the National Finance Committee and to perform like functions

11.5 National Publicity Committee:

The Committee shall be headed by the National Publicity Secretary and shall comprise seven (7) members to be nominated by the National Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees and shall advise the Party on arrangement of information, communication publication, public relations, mass media matters and community affairs

11.6 Screening and Selection Committee:

The Committee shall be headed by a National Chairman and shall comprise of six (6) Members that shall be recommended by the National Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees,

The Committee shall be responsible for the screening of Party aspirants for nomination or election into the following offices:

- I. President
- II. Vice President
- III. Governors
- IV. Deputy Governors
- V. Members of the National and State Houses of Assembly
- VI. National Officers of the Party
- VII. The list of candidates elected at the Party Primary Election, Congresses and Conventions for various Offices shall be forwarded to the National Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.
- VIII. Members of this Committee shall not be eligible to contest for any political/elective positions in the same election for which they are serving as members.

11.7 Disciplinary Committee

- I. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, there shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the Party at every level consisting of seven members with proven integrity, one of whom shall have a legal background.
- II. The Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee of the Party.
- III. The Executive Committee, at any level of the Party may, after preliminary hearings, suspend a member from the Party for a period not exceeding one month, during which period the member so suspended shall lose his right of

contest any election, and shall be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.

11.8 Functions:

- I. Where an allegation is made against a member of the Party, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations made against him and the place and time of hearing the case against him or her.
- II. A member who appears before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given opportunity to present his case orally or in writing either in person or through a counsel of his choice and shall be allowed to call witnesses.
- III. Any decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges against him or has not been given any opportunity of defending himself shall be null and void.
- IV. Notwithstanding any other provision relating to discipline, no Executive Committee at any level, except the National Executive Committee, shall entertain any question of discipline as may concern a member of the National Executive Committee, Deputy Governors or members of the National Assembly. Provided that nothing in this Constitution shall preclude or invalidate any complaint submitted to the National Executive Committee concerning any person whatsoever

Article 12 Section 13

12.0 OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS

12.1 Offences

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

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

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

12.2 (A) SANCTIONS

Any member of the Party who commits any of the offences listed above shall be liable to any or a combination of the following penalties-

- (a) Reprimand
- (b) Censure
- (c) Fine
- (d) Suspension with a fine;
- (e) Debarment from holding any Party office;
- (f) Removal from office
- (g) Expulsion from the Party

(B)

- a. Subject to the powers of the Executive Committee, at any level of the Party, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against any member at that level.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution relating to discipline, no Executive Committee at any level except the National Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee, President, Vice President, Governors, Deputy Governors, Ministers, Ambassadors, Special Advisers or member of any of the legislative houses.

- c. The appropriate Executive Committee shall have the power to initiate and take necessary disciplinary action against other categories of Executive Committee members, public Office Holders and other members of the Party.
- d. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel any member of the Party for acts of indiscipline or misconduct which brings, or is likely to bring, the Party into disrepute.

12.3 Remedies

- I. If any member of the party is aggrieved, he shall report to the appropriate authority.
- II. If he or she is not satisfied, an appeal shall lie with the next higher party authority.
- III. All appeals must be dealt with timely, expeditiously; in any event not later than 2 weeks after the filing of the appeal.
- IV. The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the final arbiter, provided that failure, refusal or neglect to treat a report, petition, complaint or appeal on the part of the arbiter shall, in itself, constitute an offence.

12.4 APPEAL

- A. Any member of the Party who is aggrieved by a decision taken against him by any of the organs or officers of the Party shall have the right of appeal to the immediate higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision.
- B. An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appeal body within twenty-one days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal by the appropriate Executive Committee.

Article 13 Section 14

13.0 COMMON SEAL

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

13.1 CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

The party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and can sue or be sued in its corporate name with power to acquire, hold and alienate property, enter into agreements and to do all things necessary to carry out its aims and objectives and defend its members, property and reputation.

Only National Officers of the party shall have the authority to create any legal relationship binding on the party.

13.2 OATH OF OFFICE

Any person elected or appointed into any office of the party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule I to this Constitution, in the language that he or she understands and before a commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public.

13.3 AMENDMENTS

The party shall have the power to amend this constitution, save that no amendment of the constitution shall be valid unless made by a motion passed by two-third majority of members present and voting at the National Convention.

The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National Convention and the notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment.

The Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State branches of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National Convention.

Section 15

INTERPRETATION

Any question as to the meaning of any section of this Constitution or the Schedule hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose interpretation of the same shall be final.

In this constitution:

- (a) **"Founding Members"** means Foundation Members of the Party;
- (b) **"Funds"** include valuable properties;
- (c) **"He" or "His"** shall include the female gender;
- (d) **"The Party"** means SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARTY;
- (e) **"Month"** means calendar month;
- (f) **"Constitution"** means Constitution of Sustainable National Party.
- (g) **Where** computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number;
- (h) **"Youth"** means a member between the ages of 18 and 40 years.
- (i) **"Congress"** a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and conduct election;
- (j) **"National Convention"** - The largest meeting of SNP at National level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratified and Presidential candidates and National Officers are elected;

- (k) **"Delegates"** - Are elected or nominated representatives of the party at any level of the structure of the party;
- (l) **"National"** - This refers to Federal level as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (m) **"Zonal"** - This refers to each of the Geo-Political entities viz North East, North Central, North West, South East, South West, South-South.
- (n) **"State"** - This refers to geographical entity as defined in the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (o) **"Local Government Area"** - This refers to the Local Government Area as defined by S.7 and particularly schedule 2 of the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (p) **"Ward"** - This refer to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (q) **"Direct Primaries"** – this refers to a Party Executive Congress to be held in each Ward and all registered and financial members of the Party to participate in electing a candidate of the Party for election into public office.

SCHEDULE I OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SCHEDULES II OATH OF OFFICE

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

devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria. So help me God.

SCHEDULE III PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

Language to be used at meetings

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

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

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

SCHEDULE IV STAFF RULES

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

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

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

Any employee of the party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or take part in subversive activities against the party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his or her post.

Erring employees shall be afforded ample opportunity to defend themselves before disciplinary action is taken against them.

No employee of the party shall seek nomination to enable him or her contest any election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one month to the date of the election.

The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees of the party shall be determined as follows:

- (a) For employees of the party at the National level, the National Convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee;
- (b) For employees of the party at the State level, by the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee;
- (c) For employees of the party at the ward level, by the Local Government Area Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Executive Committees.

DECLARATION

We hereby declare that this Constitution of **SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL PARTY** was ratified and adopted this day the 28th of March, 2017

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Kayode Arimoro Michael
National Chairman

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Yusuf Ibrahim
National Secretary

