

**THE  
CONSTITUTION  
OF  
NIGERIA ELEMENTS  
PROGRESSIVE PARTY  
(NEPP)**

The constitution of Nigeria Progressive (NEPP)

## **ARTICLE I**

**PREAMBLE:** We members of above political party, hereby pledge our total and irrevocable commitment to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and its Constitution. The said constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall at all time supercede this constitution of Nigeria. Elements Progressive Party (NEPP).

## **ARTICLE 2 MOTTO**

The motto of the party is liberation struggle: No retreats no surrender.

## **ARTICLE 3**

This constitution is to provide for a constitution, for the purpose of effective government our part and for the advancement of the ideals, aims and objectives of the party.

## **ARTICLE 4**

The flag of the party shall be green, black and red stripe. The symbol of the party is a sickle and a per. Symbolizing virtues of labour. The green colour symbolizes Agriculture and Fertility, the black represents African heritage and the red stripe, the blood and sweat of our heroes past.

## **ARTICLE 5 LEGAL STATUS:**

The party shall register its Name, Emblem, Constitution, 3nifesto and Address with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and meet such other conditions as may be required under the provisions of the Constitution and other prevailing relevant laws of the Federal public of Nigeria.

## **ARTICLE 6 SUPREMACY:**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and or any other relevant laws for the time being in force, the

provisions of the Constitution shall take precedence over and above any other rules and regulations of the party.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

The registered office of the Party shall be in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, with branches in all states capitals, local government areas including Abuja area councils, and wards in the geographical expression called and referred to as Nigeria.

**ARTICLES 8**  
**PRINCIPLES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Principles, Aims and Objectives of the Party shall at all time and in all spheres conform with the fundamental objectives and directive principles of State Police as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and accordingly, the Party shall pursue the political economic, social, educational and other objectives which shall conform with the aforesaid fundamental objectives and directive principle of the state policy as stated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**ARTICLE 9**

- (i) The philosophical principles of the Party is social Democracy
- (ii) The objectives of the Party shall be:
  - a) To attain political power through democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of creating socio-economic condition in which the productive energies of individuals and corpora-e groups are enhanced and utilized for national development;
  - b) To promote peace, order and good government whose primary responsibility shall be the welfare and security of all citizens based on the principles of freedom, equality and justice
  - c) To Sponsor and present candidates for elections into the Local Government Councils and similar Councils in the Federal Capital Territory legislative houses, and for the offices of Governor and Deputy Governor, President and vice-president; and

- d) To undertake other activities which in the Opinion of the Party are ancillary, incidental or conducive to the promotion of the aforementioned aims and objectives.

## **ARTICLE 10**

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

- (i) Qualifications for membership shall from time to time be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party or any other body authorized to do so by the National Executive Committee.
- (ii) 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 principles, aims and objectives of the Party and to refrain from pursuing any cause of action that may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the Party.
- (iii) Every member shall have the right to actively participate in the activities of the Party 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 qualification, rules and regulations or provisions of this Constitution.
- (iv) Every member shall have the right to be voted for into any office of the Party during any election provided such member is and has been active; and is a current financial member of the Party continuously for six Calendar months.

## **ARTICLE 11 MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

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

- a) A member accepts the principle, aims and objectives, fundamental values, policies and programmes of the party.
- b) Application for membership shall be made on an individual basis;
- c) A person shall be registered as a member of the Party at the Ward in which he/she normally resides; and
- d) Each member shall pay the prescribed annual membership fee.
- e) A registered member moving his/her residence from the ward to another within the Federal Republic of Nigeria may transfer his/her membership to the latter ward Subject to any Condition(s) the party may Stipulate

## **2. RESTRICTION**

Membership of the Party shall not be open to

- (a) Persons below 18 years
- (b) Convicted Felons
- (c) Foreigners
- (d) Members of any of the existing registered political party who have not relinquished their membership of their former political party.

## **ARTICLE 12 PARTY ORGANIZATION**

### 1. Party levels

- (i) There shall be FIVE levels of Party organs:
  - a) The Ward
  - b) Local Government Area.
  - c) The State;
  - d) The Zonal, and
  - e) The National.
- (ii) Each of these levels of the Party organisation shall have a functioning Party Secretariat.
- (iii) The organizational structure at the State level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to the mayoralty of the Federal Capital Territory.
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## **2. Party Organs**

The following shall be the organs of the Party:

- (i) The Ward Executive Committee
- (ii) The Ward Congress
- (iii) The Local Government Area Executive Committee
- (iv) The Local Government Area Congress
- (v) The State Executive Committee
- (vi) The State Congress
- (vii) The Zonal Congress
- (viii) The National Executive Committee
- (ix) The National Convention third of its membership.

### **3a. Ward Executive Committee:**

- (i) Every Ward of the Party shall have an Executive Committee comprising:
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Deputy Chairman
  - c) Secretary
  - d) Treasurer
  - e) Financial Secretary
  - f) Publicity Secretary
  - g) Organizing Secretary
  - h) Women Leader
  - i) Youth Leader
  - j) Assistant Organizing Secretary
  - k) Councilor from that Ward if he is a member of The Party
  - l) Two other members elected by simple majority at the ward Congress
  - m) The Committee shall meet at least once a month.  
The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be one third of its membership.

### **3b. Powers and Functions:**

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

- a) Identify the main issues (political, economic, and social) of concern in the Ward; for consideration and action
- b) Raise Funds for the Party and Candidates;
- c) Undertake membership drive;
- d) Draw up strategies for political campaigns;
- e) Mobilize voters at elections;
- f) Undertake the general administration of the Ward;
- g) Implement disciplinary regulations and decisions of the Party

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

- (i) The Congress shall consist of registered members of the Party in the Ward
- (ii) The Ward Congress shall be held as and when necessary,
- (iii) The quorum shall be one fifth of the “registered members” in the Ward

#### **4b. Powers and Functions:**

- (i) Elect Ward Delegates to Party Congresses
- (ii) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee.
- (iii) Organise primaries for the nomination of Local Government Chairman.
- (iv) Select candidates for Councillorship election,
- (v) Approve the budget for the Ward
- (vi) Receive reports of officers of the Ward
- (vii) Any other business tabled by a registered member

#### **5. The Local Government Executive Committee:**

Every local Government Area shall have an Executive Committee of the Party which shall comprise:

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) Deputy Chairman
- (iii) Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the local Government Council if produced by the Party.
- (iv) Vice-Chairmen who shall be the Chairman of the Ward Executive Committees.
- (v) Secretary
- (vi) Assistant Secretary
- (vii) Treasurer

- (viii) Financial Secretary
- (ix) Auditor
- (x) Publicity Secretary
- (xi) Organising Secretary
- (xii) Assistant Organising Secretary
- (xiii) Legal Adviser
- (xiv) Three (3) other members elected by the Congress
- (xv) Women leader
- (xvi) Youth leader

#### 6a. **MEETINGS**

- (i) The local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least once in two month
- (ii) It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or if at least one-third of the members in writing request the Chairman to do so and copy the Deputy Chairman and the Secretary. If the Chairman fails, refuses or neglect to call such a meeting within 14 days after the delivery of the request to him the members shall have the right to summon the meeting by sending out circulars to all members of the Local Government Executive Committee not less than 14 days from the date of the circulars.
- (iii) The quorum shall be one-third of its membership.

#### 6b. **Power and Functions:**

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

- a) Identify main issues, (political, social and economic) of concern in the Local Government for immediate consideration and action
- b) Receive Reports from Ward on:
  - (i) Membership Drive;
  - (ii) Fund raising activities;
  - (iii) Strategies for political campaigns;
  - (iv) Mobilize voters for elections



- c) Harmonize reports and distribute them to all Wards and ensure their implementation.
- d) Provide Strategies for effective communication between the wards and the Local Government.
- e) Undertake the General Administration of the Party in the Local Government area including matters of discipline.
- f) Employ and determine the conditions of service (including discipline) of all such paid officials.
- g) Employ and determine the conditions of service (including discipline) of all such paid officials,
- h) Organise primaries for elective offices in the Local Government Areas.
- i) Exercise such other powers and functions as are vested in it by the Constitution of the Party.

7. The provision of Sections 12a and 12b above shall apply mutatis mutandis to Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory.

#### 8a. 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 who are members of the party.
- d) Ten members selected by the Ward Congress from each Ward within the Local Government Area specifically for the Congress.

#### (b) **Power and Functions:**

The powers and functions of the Local Government

Congress shall include the following

- (i) Receive situation reports from Chairman, and Local Government Chairman elected by the party,
- (ii) Elect members of the Local Government Executive Committee of the party,
- (iii) Elect Local Government Party delegates to State Congress and National Convention,
- (iv) Ratify the results of the Local Government Area primaries..

## 9. State Executive Committees:

The State Executive Committee shall comprise:

- (i) The State Chairman
- (ii) The Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the Party.
- (iii) 3 Deputy State Chairmen, one from each Senatorial District.
- (iv) Vice - Chairmen. Who are also Chairmen of the Local Government Executive Committees, State Secretary
- (v) Assistant State Secretary
- (vi) State Treasurer
- (vii) State Financial Secretary
- (viii) 2 Assistant State Financial Secretaries.
- (ix) State Auditor
- (x) State Legal Adviser
- (xi) Assistant State Legal Adviser
- (xii) State Publicity Secretary.
- (xiii) Assistant State Publicity Secretary
- (xiv) State Organising Secretary
- (xv) 2 Assistant State Organising Secretaries
- (xvi) Speaker or the Leader of the Party in the House of Assembly.
- (xvii) Women Leader
- (xviii) Youth Leader

## 10. **Federal Capital Territory Executive Committee:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) Deputy Chairman
- (iii) Vice-Chairmen who are Chairmen of the Area
- (iv) Councils
- (v) Secretary Assistant Secretary
- (vi) Treasurer
- (vii) Publicity Secretary
- (viii) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- (ix) Organising Secretary
- (x) Assistant Organising Secretary
- (xi) Financial Secretary
- (xii) Assistant Financial Secretary

- (xiii) Legal Adviser
- (xiv) Assistant Legal Adviser
- (xv) Auditor

#### **11a. MEETINGS**

- (i) The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months.
- (ii) It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or at least one-third of the members of the Executive Committee.
- (iii) The quorum of the State Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership.

#### **Powers and Functions:**

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

- (a) Identify the main issues (political, social and economic) of concern in the State.
- (b) Undertake general administration of the Party in the State and implement the decisions of the Zonal Conference or directives from the - National Executive Committee or National Conference.
- (c) Prepare the Annual Budget
- (d) Employ and determine the conditions of service of all party officials in the State.
- (e) Receive reports from the Local Government Executive Committee in all matters under their Jurisdiction.
- (f) Exercise such other powers and functions, as are vested in it by this Constitution.

#### **State Congress:**

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

- (i) The Chairman and all other members of the Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the Party;
- (iii) Three delegates from each Ward elected by the Ward Congress;
- (iv) The Chairman and The Secretary of each Ward
- (v) Chairmen of Local Government Councils of the State who are members of the Party,

- (vi) All Councilors, Legislators at the State House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are members of the Party,
- (vii) All members of the Federal Executive Council and Special Advisers from the State who are members of the Party.
- (viii) All members of the State Executive Council who are members of the Party,
- (ix) Members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are from the State.

**(b) Powers and Functions:**

The Congress shall meet to transact any of the following:

- a) Receive report on the State of the party from State Chairmen
- b) Elect officers of the State Executive Committee;
- c) Elect delegates to Party Conferences;
- d) Organise gubernatorial primaries.
- e) Ratify the results of Local Government primaries.

13. The provisions/references in this Constitution relating to the Ward, Local Government and State levels of organization of the party shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Ward/Area Council and Federal Capital Territory levels of the Party Organisation.

**14. ZONAL CONFERENCE**

**(a) MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. All National Offices from the Zone including; President, Vice-President, Governor, Members of National and State Assemblies Members of the Board of Trustees etc. Who are members of the party from the Zone.
- 2. All minister, Special Advisers, Special Assistants, Members of Boards & Parastatals from the National and State Governments from the Zone.
- 3. All members of State Executives of the Party
- 4. All Chairmen of Local Councils who are members of the party.
- 5. Party Chairmen and Secretaries from all the Local Government areas in the zone.

**(b) MEETING**

The Zonal Conference shall meet twice a year or as may be desirable and jointly demanded by a simple majority of the State Chairmen in the Zone on a date and venue to be determined by a joint meeting of all State Chairmen in the zone preside over by the Zonal Vice Chairmen provided that such meetings must have taken place not later than one month earlier to that of the National Conference

**(c) POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

Receive and consider reports from States in the zone on the state of the party.

Consider and review performance of governments formed by the party as to the implementations of the party's programme and promises. Prepare joint positions for the zone on national matters generally including national allocations of resources, patronages, political appointments etc.

**(d) National Executive Committee:**

**(a) COMPOSITION**

National Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (i) National Chairman
- (ii) President and Vice-President if produced by the Party.
- (iii) One Deputy National Chairman
- (iv) Six National Vice-Chairmen i.e. one National Chairman representing one zone
- (v) 36 State Chairmen and the Chairman of Abuja Executive Committee.
- (vi) National Secretary
- (vii) Two Assistant National Secretaries,
- (viii) National Treasurer
- (ix) National Financial Secretary
- (x) Assistant National Financial Secretary
- (xi) National Publicity Secretary
- (xii) Assistant National Publicity Secretary
- (xiii) National Auditor
- (xiv) National Legal Adviser
- (xv) Assistant National Legal Adviser

- (xvi) National Organisation Secretary
- (xvii) The President and the Deputy President of the Senate. (If produced by the Party) Ci  
Leader of the Party in the Senate.
- (xviii) Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (if produced by the Party) or Leader of the Party in the House of Representatives.
- (xix) Six other members elected by the Convention.
- (xx) National Women Leader
- (xxi) National Youth Leader

## **MEETINGS**

- (i) The National Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly
- (ii) It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or at least One-third of the members of the National Executive Committee,
- (iii) The quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be one-third or its membership.

## **Powers and Functions:**

- (i) The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for the nationwide administration of the Party and implementation of the decisions of the National Convention.
- (ii) It shall also:
  - a) Prepare the agenda for the National Convention
  - b) Prepare and submit reports and budget for the consideration of the Convention,
  - c) Initiate policies and programmes for the consideration of the Convention.
  - d) Deal with appeals and other problems referred to it by or coming from State or other levels of the Party.
  - e) Make rules for party discipline and loyalty which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party.
  - f) Make Party electoral regulations, subject to ratification by the Convention, to govern the conduct of elections to all Party offices at every level and to govern the procedure for selecting Party candidates for elective offices.

- g) Employ and determine the conditions of service of officers of the Party,
  - h) Co-opt such persons as it deems necessary, desirable or expedient to attend its meeting and take part in its deliberations provided such coopted persons shall have no right to vote.
  - i) Have the power to make standing orders
  - j) Deal with any other matter referred to it by the National Convention,
  - k) Exercise such other powers and functions as are vested in it by the Constitution.
- (iii) Furthermore, subject to the provisions of this constitution the NEC shall have power to:
- a) Consider and determine policy matters for the Party; as directed by the Convention.
  - b) Demand and receive from the 'National Executive from any other Committees or organs of the Party, and take appropriate decisions on their reports' or recommendations;
  - c) Create, elect, and appoint any Committees it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient, and assigned to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit and proper;
  - d) Examine the Policies and programmes pursued by Governments in the Federation from time to time in order to determine whether or not they are accord with the principle, policies, programmes, aims and objectives of the Party and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - e) Examine the actions taken or legislative being bills proposed-or passed by any government, legislative House or Local Government Council and determine what actions, if any, the Party should take;
  - f) Examine the actions and policies pursued and legislations made in order to ensure that they are in accordance with the principle, policies, programmes, aims and objectives of the Party, and to make recommendations or take such actions as are necessary;
  - g) 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 Governments in the Federation,

- h) 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;
- i) Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party;
- j) 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;
- k) Determine the type, nature and membership of Standing Committees to be set up by the Party's National Executive Committee;
- l) Delegate any of its powers to the any Committee or any organ of the Party;
- m) Take any action as may be conducive to the promotion of the aims and objective of the party as laid down in this Constitution,
- n) Exercise such other power and Authority as are vested in it by this Constitution.

## 16. **NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

### (a) **COMPOSITION**

Shall be composed of elected Nations! Officers as listed in Article 12(15) in this constitution.

### (b) **DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS**

The National Working Committee shall meet regularly between the meetings of the National Executive to give effect to all the latter's resolutions and decisions.

## 17. **THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

### (a) **COMPOSITION**

The National Convention of the Party shall consist of:

- (a) The President and Vice-president if produced by the Party;
- (b) All Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party;
- (c) All members of the National Executive Committee;'
- (d) All members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party;



- (e) All Ministers and Special Advisers President who are members of the Party;
- (f) All State Legislators who are members of the Party;
- (g) All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governors who are members of the Party;
- (h) All members of the State Executive Committee;
- (i) Five delegates from each Local Government Area of the Federation.

**(b) POWER AND FUNCTIONS:**

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 nationwide policies and programmes of the party and amend this Constitution.

The National Convention shall be held as and when necessary to:

- (i) Elect national officers of the Party;
- (ii) Ratify decisions of the National Executive Committee on disciplinary matters referred to it;
- (iii) Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party;
- (iv) Review or amend the Constitution of the Party from time to time;
- (v) Ratify the results of Presidential Primaries.

**18. NATIONAL CAUCUS**

**(a) COMPOSITION**

It shall be composed of:

1. All Elected National Executive members
2. President, Vice President, Principal Officers of the National Assembly if produced by the party.
3. Governors, Deputy Governors and Principal Officers of the State Assemblies if produced by the party
4. State Chairmen and Secretaries of the party.

**(b) MEETINGS**

It shall be presided over by the National Chairman.

The National Caucus shall meet at least quarterly and as may be called by the National Executive of the party. The Quorum shall be one-third of those expected at the meeting.

**(c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS**

1. Receive reports referred to it by the National Executive.
2. Discuss the state of the nation and its effect on party.
3. Deal with matters of policy and discipline that may be referred to it by the NEC
4. ANY OTHERS as assigned by the NEC or by the National Convention.

**19. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

The National Officers of the Party shall have the following powers and functions:

**(a) The National Chairman**

The National Chairman shall be the Chief Executive of the Party and shall preside over the meetings of the National Working Committee, National Caucus, National Executive Committee and the National Convention He shall over-see the workings of the Party.

**(b) Deputy National Chairman**

- a) The Deputy Chairman shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the National Chairman.
- b) He shall act for the National Chairman in his absence.
- c) He shall be assigned specific functions.

**(c) National Vice-Chairmen(6)**

The National Vice-chairmen shall:

- (a) Co-ordinate and report to the National Executive Committee all activities of the Party in their various Zones.
- (b) Report back to the Zones all decisions of the National Executive Committee.
- (c) Perform such duties as may be delegated to them by the National Executive Committee.

(d) State Chairmen and Chairman of Abuja Executive shall bring report to the Zonal Conference and report decisions of the Zonal Conference and Convention to their various states and FCT.

**(d) National Secretary**

The National Secretary, in addition to the specific functions, conferred on him herein shall:

- a) Take or cause to be taken and keep, in the proper books provided for the purposes, all minutes of the meetings of the National Conference and National Executive Committee;
- b) Conduct such correspondences as may be required.
- c) Prepare the order of business for meetings of all National organs of the Party with approval of the National Chairman;
- d) Supervise the day to day activities of the National Secretariat under the general direction of the Chief Executive of the Party.

**(e) Assistant National Secretary**

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

**(f) National Treasurer**

The National Treasurer shall:

- a) Receive and promptly pay into the Party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the Party;
- b) Keep an imprest account as and when authorized by the National Executive Committees;
- c) Ensure that proper accounts and record are kept and may cause such books to be produced;

**(g) National Financial Secretary:**

- (a) Collect all monies due to the Party and pay such monies to the National Treasurer not later than five days after collection,
- (b) Prepare and submit proposals for raising Party funds, for the consideration of the National Executive Committee

(c) Ensure that proper accounts and records are kept and may cause such books to be produced for inspection at periodic Auditing.

(h) **Assistant National Financial Secretary**

The Assistant 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.

(i) **National Publicity Secretary**

The National Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for Party information, promotion services and activities all of which must be consistent with the Constitution, the Party Manifesto and the policies of the Party.

(j) **National Legal Adviser**

The National legal Adviser shall

- a) Advise the party on all legal matters and arrange for the legal defence of the party and its members when necessary;
- b) Deal effectively with all correspondence pertaining to legal matters affecting the party or its members.

(k) **Assistant National Legal Adviser**

The Assistant National Legal Adviser shall assist the National Legal Adviser in the Discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence or wherever so directed.

**National Organisation Secretary**

- (a) The National Organization Secretary shall be responsible for general organizational matters of the party
- (b) He has the responsibility to execute the party's decision on mobilization, and to give effect to the party's desire to win elections at all times.

**National Auditor**

The National Auditor shall audit the books of accounts of the party and report annually to the Annual Conference and may be called upon by the National Executive Committee to audit such accounts from time to time.

### **National Women Leader**

She shall coordinate the mobilization and coordination of the women folk in the party in accordance with the Party's directives.

### **National Youth Leader**

He/She shall coordinate the mobilization and coordination of the youth in the party in accordance with the Party's directives from time to time.

### **Other Elected Members**

The other elected members of the National Executive Committee shall perform such functions that may be assigned to them by the National Chairman of the party.

### **Assistant National Officers**

The Assistant National Officers shall assist their Principal Officers in the performance of their duties.

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

- (a) All other officers at the State, Local Government and Ward levels shall have the same powers and functions at their respective levels as prescribed for national officers provided that the Legal Officers at all levels shall as far as practicable be Legal Practitioners within the contemplation of the Legal Practitioners Act 1975,
- (b) At the State level where the State Chairman is absent, he shall designate one of the three Deputy State Chairmen to act for him.
- (c) The Executive Committee at Ward, Local Government, State and National Levels shall have power to create Committees, where necessary, desirable and expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as deemed fit and proper as well as appoint members to such committees.
- (d) In the event of his removal or resignation from office a Party Officer shall immediately hand over to his Chairman or the Chairman's nominee all records, files and other property of the party in his possession.

## **1. Composition of Officers and the Executive Committees:**

We composition of officers of officers of the Executive Committee at each level or the party shall reflect principle of the Federal Character, except that in the case of States, Local Governments and Wards which are ethnically Homogenous, the composition shall take account of the geographical versify of the area.

### **ARTICLE 13 DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS**

- (i) Discipline of Party members shall be exercised through respective Disciplinary Committees of the Party at the appropriate level and shall be governed by due process and fair hearing as may be stipulated by ancillary Party regulations.
- (ii) Any member of the party found guilty of the following offences shall be liable for punishment:
  - a) A breach of any provisions of the Constitution, Anti Party activities or conducting himself in a manner likely to embarrass the Party or bring the party into hatred, contempt, ridicule, or disrepute in whatever manner.
  - b) Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the party or of the officers of the party.
  - c) 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 organisation of the party or which are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the party.
  - d) Assuming titles' not recognized by the Constitution of the party; giving wrong information to any organ of the party or unauthorized publicity of party dispute without exhausting all venues of settlement or redress within the party.

#### **Punishment:**

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

- (ii) Punishment to be imposed may take the form of:
  - a) Expulsion from the Party provided that the power to expel shall only be exercised by the National Executive Committee which shall report such expulsion to the next National Convention.
  - b) Suspension for a specified period.
  - c) Suspension or removal from office.
  - d) Debarring from holding office.
  - e) Fine.
  - f) Expulsion
- (iii) Subject to (a) above, the Executive Committee at any level of the party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures against any party members as specified in the subsection above
- (iv) Every member shall have the right to fair hearing in all matters that affect him with regard to discipline
- (v) The National Headquarters shall be notified through the next higher organ of the party (if any), of all disciplinary actions taken against any member of the party and records of such actions shall be kept.
- (vi) Any member aggrieved by decisions of any of the organs of the party, in pursuance of article of this Constitution, shall have the right to appeal within 30 days of the decision to immediate higher organ of the party, in that successive order, up to the National Convention, whose decision shall be final.
- (vii) Decisions of the Organs of the party in respect of disciplinary matters are subject to the right of appeal to a superior body or organs.
- (viii) The National Executive Committee or the National Conference may suspend the implementation of any decision pending the hearing of an appeal against such a decision.
- (ix) Before an order, of expulsion by any organ of the party inferior to the National Executive shall be valid, it shall received approval of the National Committee.
- (x) Pending the determination of an appeal in respect of expulsion suspension, or other disciplinary measures, the member concerned shall be placed under suspension. No information in respect of the expulsion shall be made public until the expulsion is ratified by the National Convention.

- (xi) Any member placed under suspension by the National Executive shall not take part in party activities.

## **ARTICLE 14 REGISTRATION**

1. 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
- c) The State, and
- d) The National

2. Subscription Rate:

The National Executive Committee shall recommend to the Conference:

- a) The minimum rate 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 15 TENURE OF OFFICE**

- (i) All States and National Officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-elected to the same, office for not more than a further period of four years.
- (ii) All Local Government and Ward officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of three years and may be re-elected to the same office for not more than a further period of three years.
- (iii) Delegates to the Local Government Congress, State Congress and National Convention who are not Party or Government functionaries shall cease to be delegates once the Congress or Convention is over.
- (iv) Delegates to the Local Government Congress who are party or Government officeholders shall serve for a period of three -years while those to the State Congress and National Convention shall serve for four years.



- (v) Any officer elected into the National Executive Committee or State, Local Government or ward Executive Committee may resign his office by giving 30 days notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee.
- (vi) Should a vacancy occur in any of the offices, the relevant Committees shall appoint a substitute, subject to ratification at the next Congress. Officers so appointed shall remain in office for the unexpired period of the term.
- (vii) Any officer or officers may be removed during his tenure of office through a vote of no confidence passed by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Congress or Convention.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **TRUSTEES**

There shall be a **board of Trustees whose membership shall not exceed 50** members provided that each state and the Federal Capital Territory is represented by one member while the rest is nominated by the National Executive of the party on their individual merit.

- (i) Furthermore, 6 members selected out of the board in such a manner that one trustee is representing a zone shall be registered to perform, the general functions of trusteeship for the party.
- (ii) The Trustees shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee which shall present them to the National Convention of the Party for ratification.
- (iii) The Trustees shall hold office at the pleasure of the National Caucus
- (iv) The Trustees shall be registered under the Companies and Allied Matter Decree 1990.
- (v) The Trustees shall hold all properties of the Party subject to the directive of the National Executive Committee and shall each sign all documents to which the Common seal of the Party shall be affixed as requested by Law.
- (vi) A Trustee may be removed from office at the Annual Convention of the Party on the grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation from the party, expulsion from the Party or any other disciplinary action, absence from Nigeria for an unreasonably long time or for any other cause. (vii) The National Executive Committee shall

clearly state the reason for such recommendations for removal to the National Convention.

- (vii) In the event of death, or resignation, or removal of a trustee from office, the vacancy shall be filled by the National Executive Committee subject to ratification by the next National Convention.
- (viii) The National Secretary of the Party shall prepare an inventory of all the properties, movable and immovable, real and personal, belonging to the Party and shall deposit a copy of the said inventory with the Trustees.
- (ix) All Party Officers and employees at any level or those holding any Executive or Legislative office are disqualified from holding the post of Trustee of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **MODE OF ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS**

1. All party posts prescribed or implied by this I be filled by democratically constitution shall concluded election is.
2. In the event of nomination, elections or appointment for the formation of, or participation in government, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations for the election of candidates in consultation with State Executive Committee. All such rules and regulations shall take into consideration and uphold:
  - (i) the federal character principle and the principle of geographical spread;
  - (ii) all other factors necessary for the total success of the party at the polls and in government,
  - (iii) Every registered and financially up to date member who has satisfied the requirements for nominations and elections under this Constitution and the Constitution, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, is eligible to contest for Party office, provided that paid Officials of the party are also eligible to contest as long as they relinquish their posts before they contest such elections.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

Every officer elected or appointed as an officer of the Party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule 4B to this Constitution before a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public.

## **ARTICLE 19 BANK ACCOUNT**

- (i) The Party shall maintain Bank Account in the Headquarters, City or Town of the various levels of organisation, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the service of the nearest bank shall be utilized.
- (ii) The Banks for such Accounts shall be decided by the Executive Committee at that level of organisation.  
Any two of the following officers of the Party one of whom shall be the Chairman, or any other approved signatory delegated by him/her shall be valid signatories to the Party's Bank Account and other financial transactions:
  - (a) The National Chairman and his/her counterparts in the State, Local Government, or Ward levels.
  - (b) The National Secretary and his/her counterparts at State, Local Government and Ward levels.
  - (c) The National Treasurer and his/her counterparts at State, Local Government and Ward levels.

The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit all the Account of the Party annually and present the audited reports before the National Convention and the National Electoral Commission for consideration.

## **ARTICLE 20 PARTY FUNDS**

The funds of the Party shall be derived from:

- (a) Statutory allocations made by Government in accordance with the law.
- (b) Fees, subscriptions or other levies imposed on Members.
- (c) Donations, public collections and other means of fund raising.
- (d) Proceeds from investments.
- (e) Gifts and grants by individuals or groups of persons.

- (f) Collection and disbursement of all funds shall conform with National Electoral Commission's Guidelines on Operations of Political Parties, and any amendments thereto.

## **ARTICLE 21 AMENDMENTS**

- (i) The Party shall have the power to amend this Constitution and the Schedules thereto provided that no amendment shall be made except at the National Convention.
- (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 writing, shall contain a clear statement of the proposed amendment and reasons for same.
- (iii) Notice of the amendment shall be served on the member of the National Convention at least 30 days before the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- (iv) This Constitution or any part thereof shall stand amended if the proposed amendment is supported by at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

## **ARTICLE 22 INTERPRETATION**

- (i) 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 ruling shall be final,
- (ii) Where the computation of any future in CONSTITUTION results in a fraction, the obtained shall be rounded up to the nearest number,
- (iii) Where new positions and offices are created as a result of the amendment of this CONSTITUTION, those positions and offices shall remain vacant until the next Congress or Convention
- (iv) In this Constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) CONVENTION means the highest organ of the Party at National Level.
  - (b) CONGRESS means the highest organ of the Party at State, Local Government and Ward levels.

(c) NATIONAL CAUCUS means a periodic meetings of elected Government Executives and elected officials of the Party at national, state, zonal and local government levels.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICES**

The Nomination of Candidates of the Party for election to Public offices shall be by election.

### **ELECTIONS**

The National Executive Committee shall subject to the provisions of the Party constitution and taking into consideration the democratic principles as enshrined in the 199 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to wit:

- (a) Formulate guidelines/regulations for the nomination of Candidates for election into public offices at all levels.
- (b) All elections of candidates at all levels shall be won by a simple majority of votes cast.

### **ELECTION PANELS**

1. There shall be election panels at all levels to adjudicate on the complaints of any candidate.
2. The election panel at the National level shall be constituted by the National Executive Committee and shall constitute party members of proven integrity and reflect the National geographical spread.
3. The election panel at the State level shall be constituted by the State Executive Committee and should constitute of 7 party members of proven integrity and shall reflect the State geographical spread.