

THE CONSTITUTION OF ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

PREAMBLE:

Conscious of the need

- (i) To preserve and promote the sovereignty, unity and progress of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; ‘
- (ii) To promote the welfare and happiness of the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- (iii) To promote true Federalism in Nigeria based on social justice, freedom, equality, peace and progress of all our people;
- (iv) To save ourselves and succeeding generations of Nigerians from poverty, want, ignorance, corruption, and exploitation which have constituted a stumbling block to our national development and political and economic progress
- (v) To establish conditions and an environment under which Nigerians will practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and work together to build a new Nation, which will guarantee social justice, equal opportunity for all, Mutual respect and understanding, and elimination of all forms of discrimination among our people; and
- (vi) To render selfless service and enkindle in all Nigerians a deep sense of patriotism and nationalism;

WE, MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

Do hereby solemnly RESOLVE

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

ARTICLE 1. NAME:

There shall be a political party, called, addressed and known as ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY (AD), hereinafter referred to as “the party”.

ARTICLE 2. MOTTO:

The motto of the party shall be JUSTICE, PEACE AND PROGRESS.

ARTICLES 3. EMBLEM:

Emblem Of the party shall be a Star in a circle.

ARTICLE 4. FLAG:

The flag of the party shall be Green White Red with the party’s emblem imposed on the white background.

ARTICLE 5. SECRETARIAT:

The registered office of the party shall be located at Abuja the Federal Capital of Nigeria, with offices in every state capital and local government headquarters.

ARTICLES 6. AIMS AND OBJECTIVE:

The aims and objectives of the party shall include the following:

- 1) The attainment of political power through legitimate, democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of cultivating an egalitarian society based on the principles of equality freedom and social justice.

- 2) To uphold and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and other laws in the Federation.
- 3) To promote unity and Political stability of Nigeria by instituting the principle of power sharing and rotation of key public offices among the six geo-political zones of the country.
- 4) To establish conditions and structures which shall guarantee social justice, equality of opportunity, social, economic, and political freedoms, peoples and the general welfare of all peoples of Nigeria.
- 5) To defend the sovereignty of the people and the observance of open democratic process in all organs of party, government and state.
- 6) To eliminate poverty, want, ignorance, discrimination of all kinds, corruption, and exploitation in our society.
- 7) To maintain and promote the secularity of the Nigeria Nation, religions tolerance and harmony among all Nigerians.
- 8) To encourage the development of agriculture, commerce and industry.
- 9) To ensure purposeful mobilization of the creativity and resources of the people of Nigeria for the establishment of an economic environment in which opportunities for the fulfillment of life and the pursuit of happiness shall be open to all Nigerians; and a fair and equitable distribution of the wealth of the Nation.

- 10) To promote active public participation, in the strategic sectors of the economy.
- 11) To provide full and gainful employment for all Nigerians who are able and willing to work and to secure for workers of all grades to Nigeria the full fruits and benefits of their
- 12) To provide the basic necessities of life, i.e. free education, primary health care, housing, food and water, roads, security, etc., for all Nigerians.
- 13) To protect the interests of the farmers, workers and peasants of Nigeria and to strive to obtain for them the greatest possible returns for their labour.
- 14) To embark on integrated rural development aimed at enhancing the quality of life of rural dwellers.
- 15) To co-operate with trade union organisations and co-operative movements in Nigeria with a view to 'the development and maintenance of the economic progress of Nigeria.
- 16) To create conditions for the purposeful development of the talents of the Youths of this country; and the development o leadership capable of managing national institutions and resources effectively a systems rather than as personal empires.
- 17) The development of the Nigerian Youth through the establishment and sustenance c social, cultural, sporting and students' union activities.
- 18) Creation of opportunities for, an encouragement of the full development of the political, social, cultural and economic potentials of the Nigerian woman.

- 19) Pursuit of a dynamic foreign policy aimed at:
 - a) Mutual friendly and reciprocal relation with all states:
 - b) Total decolonisation and self determination of peoples of Africa descent in particular and all oppressed people in the world in general;
 - c) Promotion of the cultural values of black peoples all over the world; and
 - d) Maintenance of international peace, harmony and co-operation.
- 20) To organize branches throughout the Federation, sponsor candidates and canvass for votes for their election into all elective offices in all tiers of government.
- 21) To foster and defend the freedom of the press and the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all Nigerians.
- 22) To co-operate with any institution or association for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the party.
- (23) To ensure that the policies and programmes of the party shall be in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and that accordingly, the party shall 'at all times pursue the political, economic, social, educational and other, objectives as well as the Directive Principles of State Policy provided for in the said Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (24) To promote the development of science and technology.
- (25) To undertake any activities and adopt any measures or policies which shall be aimed at improving the general conditions and well-being of all Nigerians.

ARTICLE 7 (a) MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria irrespective of place of origin or ethnic grouping. To be accepted and recognized as a member of the party, a person shall fulfill all of the following conditions:

1. The person shall be a Nigerian citizen and has attained the age of eighteen (18) years;
2. The person shall lawfully possess a membership card;
3. The person shall be registered as member of the party at the local government area of his residence or of origin or any other place approved for the purpose by the party;
4. The person shall not be a member of any other political party;
5. The person shall pay the prescribed registration fee

ARTICLE 7 (b)

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member shall pay all such fees and levies as may be prescribed from time to time I the national convention of the party.
- (2) Upon enrolment, a member shall I deemed to have:
 - (i) Accepted to abide by the provisions the party's constitution as well as its policies and programmes;
 - (ii) Accepted to abide by all lawful directive and decisions of the party or any of its organs; and
 - (iii) Accepted to refrain from acts of sabotage against the party
- (3) Membership shall confer on the individual the right to enjoy all privileges accruing from membership of the party.

ARTICLE 8

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE:

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

- 1) Ward;
- 2) Local Government Area (LGA);

- 3) State
- 4) National
- 5) The organisational structure at the state level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja.

ARTICLE 8 (i) ORGANS:

The following shall constitute the organs of the party:

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

ARTICLE 8 (ii)

COMPOSITION OF ORGANS:

The party organs listed above shall be composed as follows:

8 (ii) a National Convention:

- (i) The National Chairman
- (ii) Deputy National Chairman
- (iii) 6 Vice National Chairmen (representing the zones)
- (iv) All National Executive Council members of the party
- (v) State Chairmen of the party
- (vi) The President and Vice President produced by the party
- (vii) Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the party
- (viii) All Ministers and Special Advisers to the President who are members of the party
- (ix) Members of the National Assembly produced by the party

- (x) Party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas
- (xi) The State Secretaries of the party
- (xii) 5 Delegates from each Local Government Area;
- (xiii) Two representatives elected by the party in the Federal Capital Territory for the purpose of the Congress
- (xiv) All State Legislators who are members of the party
- (xv) All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governors who are members of the party
- (xvi) Local Government Council Chairmen produced by the party

8 (ii) National Executive Committee:

- (i) National Chairman
- (ii) Deputy National Chairman
- (iii) 6 Vice National Chairmen (Representing the Zones)
- (iv) National Secretary
- (v) Deputy National Secretary
- (vi) 6 Assistant National Secretary (One per Zone)
- (vii) National Treasurer
- (viii) Deputy National Treasurer
- (ix) National Financial Secretary
- (x) Deputy National Financial Secretary
- (xi) National Publicity Secretary
- (xii) Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- (xiii) National legal Adviser
- (xiv) Deputy National Adviser
- (xv) National Welfare Officer
- (xvi) Deputy National Welfare Officer
- (xvii) State Chairmen of the Party
- (xviii) The President and Vice-President of the country produced by the Party
- (xix) State Governors produced by the Party
- (xx) 6 Ex-Officio (one from each zone)
- (xxi) The Chairman of the party in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory
- (xxii) President and Deputy President of the Senate, the Speaker. and Deputy Speaker produced by the party in House of the Representatives
- (xxiii) Majority or Minority Leader, Party Whip and their Deputies produced by the party in the National Assembly

- (xxiv) The National Auditor
- (xxv) Assistant National Auditor
- (xxvi) National Organising Secretary
- (xxvii) 6 Assistant National Organising Secretary (one per zone)

8 (ii) c State Congress:

- (i) State Chairman
- (ii) Three State Vice Chairmen, one from each Senatorial District
- (iii) The Governor and Deputy Governor produced by the party
- (iv) Members of the National Assembly produced by the party
- (v) Members of the National Executive Committee from the State
- (vi) Members of the State Executive Committee of the party
- (vii) Members of the State House of Assembly produced by the party
- (viii) Chairmen and Secretaries of the party in the Local Government Area
- (ix) Local Government Council Chairmen and their Deputies produced by the party
- (x) All. Ministers and Special Advisers to the President who are members of the party
- (xi) One representative elected from each Ward
- (xii) All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governors who are members of the party.

8 (ii) State Executive Committee:

- (i) State Chairman
- (ii) Three State Vice-Chairmen, one from each
- (iii) Senatorial District
- (iv) State Secretary
- (v) State Assistant Secretary
- (vi) State Treasurer
- (vii) State Assistant Treasurer
- (viii) State Financial Secretary
- (ix) Assistant State Financial Secretary
- (x) Publicity Secretary
- (xi) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- (xii) Legal Adviser
- (xiii) Assistant Legal Adviser
- (xiv) Welfare Officer
- (xv) Assistant Welfare Officer
- (xvi) State Organizing Secretary
- (xvii) Assistant Organizing Secretary

- (xviii) National Officers of the party from the state
- (xix) (xviii) National Executive Committee members of the party from the state
- (xx) The State Governor and the Deputy Governor produced by the party
- (xxi) The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, party Whip and their Deputies produced by the party in the State House of Assembly
- (xxii) The Chairman of the party in each Local Government Area
- (xxii) State Auditor
- (xxiii) Assistant State Auditor
 - (xxiii) 6 Ex-Officio members
- (xxiv) The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months

8 (ii) e Local Government Area Congress

- (i) Party Chairman of the Local Government Area
- (ii) Two Vice Chairmen
- (iii) Local Government Area Executive Committee Members of the party
- (iv) National and State Congress members of the party from the Local Government Area
- (v) Councilors produced by the party
- (vi) Ten representatives elected from each Ward

8 (ii) e Local Government Area Executive Committee

- (i) L.G.A. Party Chairman
- (ii) Two L.G.A Vice Chairmen
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Assistant Secretary
- (v) Treasurer
- (vi) Assistant Treasurer
- (vii) Financial Secretary
- (viii) Assistant Financial Secretary
- (ix) Publicity Secretary
- (x) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- (xi) Legal Adviser
- (xii) Assistant Legal Adviser
- (xiii) Welfare Officer
- (xiv) Assistant Welfare Officer
- (xv) Ward Chairmen of the party

- (xvi) Members of the National and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Local Government Area
- (xvii) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of dx Local Government Council produced by the party
- (xviii) Auditor
- (xix) Assistant Auditor
- (xx) 4 Ex-.Officio Members
- (xxi) Organizing Secretary
- (xxii) Assistant Organizing Secretary
- (xxiii) The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a month.

8(ii) g: The Ward Congress:

The Congress shall consist of registered members of the party in the Ward.

8 (ii) h: Ward Executive Committee

- (i) Chairman
- (ii) Two Vice Chairmen
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Assistant Secretary
- (v) Treasurer
- (vi) Assistant Treasurer
- (vii) Financial Secretary
- (viii) Assistant Financial Secretary
- (ix) Publicity Secretary
- (x) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- (xi) Legal Adviser
- (xii) Assistant Legal Adviser
- (xiii) Welfare Officer
- (xiv) Assistant Welfare Officer
- (xv) Auditor
- (xvi) Assistant Auditor
- (xvii) 2 Ex-Officio Members
- (xviii) Organizing Secretary
- (xix) Assistant Organizing Secretary
- (xx) National, State and Local Government Area Executive Committee members of the party from the Ward.
- (xxi) One member elected from each village a clan or quarters within ward, whichever in locally applicable, provided that such un of representation shall be incorporated in the bylaws adopted by the

ward congress of the party may authorize the establishment of an tiers of party organisations within the state to suit local needs and circumstances.

(xxii) The Ward Executive Committee shall me at least once a month.

ARTICLE 9: FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF PARTY ORGANS

9.1 National Convention:

- 1) To elect the National officers and other members of the National Executive Committee of the party
- 2) The National Convention shall be the party's supreme authority and shall have the following functions:
 - i. To evolve, consider, review and abrogate policies, guidelines and regulations to govern the conduct and administration of the party;
 - ii. To consider and approve recommendations on the party's programmes and projects;
 - iii. To interpret and, where necessary amend and revise the Constitution of the party;
 - iv. To take all necessary and legitimate actions to ensure the acquisition by the party of political power through the formation of government (o participation therein) at the local, state and federal levels;
 - v. Where the party is in power, to guide advise,, and where necessary discipline members of the party in political office both at the legislative and executive arms of government in order to ensure the fulfillment o the party's manifesto and constitution;
 - vi. Where the party is not in power a any time and at any level 'o government,' to' critically examine government' policies and programmes, to advise or criticise the government as appropriate in order to ensure good governance in the interest of the nation;
 - vii. To receive, consider and take decisions on reports from other subordinate organs of the party;

- viii. To take all necessary and legitimate actions to protect and promote the corporate interest of the party in all parts of the country;
- ix. To elect the Presidential Candidate of the party; to ratify the Vice-Presidential candidate nominated by the presidential candidate and sponsor qualified and suitable candidates of the party for elections into the national legislative and executive arms of government within the context of the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- x. To consider appeals from state congresses on nominations of candidates for State and Local Government Elections and to ratify nominations of candidates for elections as State Governor and Deputy Governor;
- xi. To generate funds achievement of the objectives;
- xii. To discipline any member of the party
- xiii. To elect a National Executive Committee members of the party
- xiv. To exercise all such other powers and authority as are vested in it by a party's constitution;
- xv. To take any other action which, in its opinion, is in the best interest of the party in particular and the nation in general.

9.2 National Executive Committee:

The National Executive Committee of the party shall be the principal executive organ of the National Convention and in this capacity shall:

- (i) Summon or convene the National Convention and prepare its agenda;
- (ii) Discharge all functions of the Convention between meetings
- (iii) Make recommendations on policies, and programmes as and when necessary to the National Convention;

(iv) Implement the decisions of the National Convention

(v) The National Executive Committee may at any time appoint a Committee to organise and summon Congresses and or the National Convention of the Party.

9.3 State Congress

The functions and powers of the Congress in each state of the Federation shall be subject to the overriding and superceding authority of the National Convention and shall include the following:

(i) To evolve policies and program for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the party in the state;

(ii) To exercise all other power authority and functions similar to those of the National Convention provided that national and federal functions shall be replaced by state and local functions:

(iii) To elect candidates for gubernatorial elections and ratify the nomination of a running mate made by the gubernatorial candidate;

(iv) To take and ensure the implementation of directives from the National Convention.

9.4 State Executive Committee:

The State Executive Committee of the party shall be the principal executive organ of the State Congress and in this capacity shall:

(i) summon or convene the state congress and prepare its agenda, discharge all functions of congress between meetings of congress;

(ii) make recommendations on policies and programmes as when necessary to Congress; and

(iii) Implement the decisions of congress.

9.5 Local Government Area (LGA) Congress:

The functions and powers of the Congress in each Local Government Area shall be subject to the over-riding and superceding authority of the State Congress and shall include the following:

- (i) To evolve policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the party in the Local Government Area;
- (ii) To exercise all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the State Congress provided that state functions shall be replaced by the Local functions;
- (iii) To elect Candidates for Chairmanship Elections and ratify the nomination of a running mate (Deputy Chairman) made by the Chairmanship Candidates;
- (iv) To take and ensure the implementation of directives from the State Congress.

9.6 Local Government Area Executive Committee:

The Local Government Area Executive Committee of the party shall be the principal executive organ of the Local Government Area Congress and in this capacity shall:

- (i) summon or convene the Local Government Area Congress and prepare its agenda;
- (ii) discharge all functions of the Congress between meetings of Congress;
- (iii) make recommendations on policies and programmes as and when necessary to Congress; and
- (iv) Implement the decision of Congress.

9.7 Ward Congress:

The functions and powers of the Congress in each Ward shall be subject to the overriding authority of the L.G.A. and shall include the following:

- (i) to evolve policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the party in the Ward;
- (ii) to exercise all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the L.G.A. Congress, provided that L.G.A. functions shall be replaced by Ward functions;

- (iii) to elect candidate for councillorship elections into the Local Government Council;
- (iv) To take and ensure the implementation of directives from the L.G.A. Congress.

9.8 Ward Executive Committee:

The Ward Executive Committee of the party shall be the principal executive organ of the Ward and this capacity shall:

- (i) summon or convene the Ward Congress and prepare its agenda;
- (ii) discharge all functions of the Congress between meetings of Congress
- (iii) make recommendations on policies and programmes as and when necessary to Congress; and
- (iv) implement the decisions of Congress

ARTICLE 10

FUNCTIONS AND POWER OF OFFICERS

10.1 The National Chairman shall:

- (i) be the head of the party, providing good, effective leadership and direction to the party;
- (ii) protect and promote the policies of the party;
- (iii) The National Executive Committee may at any time appoint a Committee to organize and summon Congresses and or the National convention of the Party.
- (iv) appoint members into Ad-hoc Committees and Standing Committees after due consultations with the National Executive Committee;
- (v) authorize expenditures;

- (vi) have powers to delegate his duties give lawful directives to all office organs, members and officials at level of the party; and exercise casting vote where necessary;
- (vii) ensure thorough supervision a strict compliance with the provision of the party's constitution;
- (viii) supervise and control all officials the party;
- (ix) Exercise all powers vested in him this Constitution.

10.2 Deputy National Chairman shall:

- (i) perform the functions of t Chairman during his absence:
- (ii) Carry out any other duties that m be assigned to him by the Chairman Convention or Executive Committee.

10.3 National Vice Chairman (Representing the zones) shall:

- (i) preside over zonal meetings;
- (ii) shall carry out all duties assigned to him by the National Chairman

10.4 The National Secretary shall:

- (i) supervise the party's day-to-day administration;
- (ii) ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention and National Executive Committee;
- (iii) issue notice of, and make effective arrangements for; meetings of the national convention, the national executive committee, on the directive of the National Chairman;
- (iv) keep an accurate record of all the proceedings at the National Convention and National Executive Committee;
- (v) render a written annual report on activities of the party;

- (vi) Carry out all other duties that may be assigned to him from time to time by the party.

10.5 The Deputy National Secretary shall

- (i) assist in the discharge of the function of the National Secretary in the latter's absence;
- (ii) Perform all such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Secretary.

10.6 Assistant National Secretaries shall

- (i) keep an accurate record proceedings at zonal meetings; ar
- (ii) Perform any other duties as may assigned to him by the National Vi Chairman.

10.7 The National Treasurer shall:

- (i) Ensure that all revenues and expenses of the party are properly accounted for.
- (ii) advise the National Executive Committee on financial matters;
- (iii) ensure that all monies paid to the party are duly receipted for and banked in the approved bank accounts of the party not later than 24 hours after collection;
- (iv) keep a general imprest account the limit of which shall be determined by the national executive committee;
- (v) pay all monies duly approved by the National Chairman;
- (vi) Prepare and submit to the National Executive Committee a quarterly statement of accounts of the party.

10.8 The Deputy National Treasurer shall

- (i) assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties;

(ii) Act as Treasurer during the latter's absence.

10.9 The National Financial Secretary shall:

(i) collect and record all dues, levies subscriptions, etc., belonging to the party;

(ii) pay all such monies to the party within 24 hours of collection;

(iii) Prepare and submit proposals for raising of party funds for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.

10.10 The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall:

Assist the Financial Secretary and act for him during his absence.

10.11 The National Publicity Secretary shall:

(i) be responsible for the public relation and publicity activities of the party;

(ii) be the principal image manager of the party;

(iii) advise the party on mass media matters

(iv) publicise the policies and programmes of the party

10.12 The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall:

Assist the Publicity Secretary and act for him during his absence.

10.13 The National Auditor shall:

(i) audit the books of the party quarterly and submit written audit reports to the executive council;

(ii) Conduct other checks on the finances and assets of the party as may be directed from time to time by the Chairman, Executive Council or National Convention.

10.14 The Legal Adviser shall:

- (i) be responsible for giving legal advice to the party;
- (ii) Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defence on behalf of the party, including its organs, officers and officials where the subject of litigation pertains to the party's interest.

10.15 The Deputy Legal Adviser shall:

Assist the Legal Adviser and act for him during his absence.

10.16 The Welfare Officer shall:

Be responsible for the welfare of the members of the party

10.17 The Deputy Welfare Officer shall:

Assist the Welfare Officer and act for him in his absence

The functions and powers entrenched in the above provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis to all corresponding offices at lower levels of the party.

ARTICLE 11. MEETINGS:

11.1 Convention and Congresses:

- (i) The convention and Congresses of the party at the national, state and other levels shall be held at least once a year at a date, venue and time to be decided by the appropriate executive Committee after during consultations.

11.2 Emergency Meetings:

- (i) Without prejudice to the above provisions, the Executive Committee may summon an emergency meeting of the National Convention or Congress at any time, provide that at least seven days' notice of the meeting is given to all those entitled to attend.
- (ii) The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Party at any level shall direct the Secretary of the organ to summon a meeting of the Executive Committee as the case may be on joint application made in writing by at least two-thirds of the, members of that organ;

- (iii) Provided that where the Chairman and Secretary fail to convene the meeting within 21 days of the receipt of the application, a meeting may be convened by a publication in a national newspaper made by the signatories to the joint application.

11.3 Quorum:

- (i) One-third of the members of any organ of the party shall constitute the quorum for the purpose of a valid meeting of that organ; all meetings shall be summoned in writing.

11.4 Rules for the Conduct of Meetings:

- (i) All meetings of the various organs of the party shall follow the same or similar procedure as prescribed hereunder. Irregular conduct of meetings shall be unconstitutional and shall accordingly render null and void decisions reached at such meetings.
- (ii) The Chairman of any organ of the party shall preside over the meetings of that organ except in the case of sub-committee where the presiding person may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the parent organ or from among themselves.
- (iii) All meetings of the party shall be conducted and recorded in the English Language. However, the Chairman of a meeting may invoke his discretion to allow the use of a local language if in his judgement communication and the peace of the meeting would be thereby facilitated.
- (iv) With the exception of the following listed motions, no motion and amendment shall be entertained at a meeting unless a: feast seven days' notice of such motion had been giving in writing to the Secretary or the Chairman:
 - (a) A motion that any subject be deferred or referred to a committee or some appropriate body;
 - (b) A motion for adjournment;
 - (c) A motion proposing an amendment to some opinion already presented at the same meeting.

- (v) Every motion and amendments shall be seconded before discussion.
- (vi) A motion for amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover and with consent of the Chairman.
- (vii) In urgent or emergency situations, the Chairman of a meeting shall have the discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion.
- (viii) Deliberations at a meeting shall be strictly on the subject matters listed on the agenda of the meeting, provided that general issues may be presented or discussed at the end of the main agenda.
- (ix) Except upon a duly notified motion, a fresh deliberation or debate on a matter already concluded shall not be permitted.
- (x) A member shall indicate a desire to speak by a show of one hand, sitting, and shall rise to speak only when called upon to do so by the Chairman.
- (xi) Any member deviating from these rules or from the agenda of a meeting shall be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by another member raising a point of order.
- (xii) The Chairman of a meeting shall have power to ask an erring or offending member to leave the meeting.
- (xiii) No member shall leave a meeting except with the permission of the Chairman.
- (xiv) Putting the question' shall follow normal parliamentary procedure.
- (xv) Voting on any subject at a meeting shall be by a show of hands or by secret ballot.

- (xvi) Except otherwise provided in this constitution, decisions of any organ of the party shall be taken by a simple majority of votes of members present.

ARTICLE 12

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. All party posts prescribed or implied by this constitution shall be filled by democratically conducted elections.
2. In the event of nomination, elections or appointment for the formation of, or participation in government, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations for the selection 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.

ARTICLES 13

TRUSTEES:

There shall be a Board of Trustees of the party which shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee and composed of a Chairman and equal number of representatives per zone and shall hold office for a period of three years.

13.1 Functions and Powers of Trustees:

- (i) The trustees shall perform all 1 functions vested in them by law and by this Constitution.
- (ii) The Trustees shall be registered as required by law under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Laws of the Federal of Nigeria, 1990.

- (iii) The Trustees shall hold all properties of the party subject to the directives of the National Executive Committee and shall each sign all documents to which the Common Seal of the party shall be affixed as required by law.
- (iv) A Trustee may be removed from office by the National Convention of the party on the recommendations of the national Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation from the party, expulsion from the party or any other disciplinary action, absence from Nigeria for an unreasonable long time or for any other just cause.
- (v) The National Executive Committee shall clearly state the reason for such recommendations for removal to the National Convention.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) The Trustees shall have power to sue or be sued on behalf of the party at the pleasure of the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 14

FINANCE, BANKING AND AUDIT

14.1 Finance:

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

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

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

14.2 Banking:

- i. The party at all levels shall operate bank accounts in financial institution approved by the appropriate Executive Committee. Withdraw from such accounts shall be effected jointly by the appropriate Chairman as principal signatory and either the Secretary or the Treasurer as of signatory.

14.3 Audit:

- i) A firm of Accountants shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee to audit all the account of the party and submit the audit Accounts and Report thereon to t party, at least once a year.
- ii) A statement of the party's assets a liabilities shall be published accordance with the prevailing lay of the federation, on the authority the National Committee.

ARTICLE 15

TENURE OF OFFICE:

1. Ad-hoc and standing committees at any level may be appointed and dissolved at the discretion of the appropriate executive committee.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution,, all officers of the party elected or appointed: into the party's organs shall serve in such organs for a. period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment far another period of three years only; provided that an officer elected or appointed to fill a vacancy arising from death, resignation or otherwise shall notwithstanding be eligible for election to the same office for two more terms.
3. No Member shall serve in the same office for more than six years continuously, except a member of the board of trustees.
4. An officer at the national and state levels of the party shall not hold another office at State National organ of the party respectively, other than being an ex-officio member of that organ.
5. An officer shall be relieved of his post at any time if a vote of "No confidence" is passed on him at a National Convention or a Congress by two thirds of members present and voting.
6. Any officer at any level of the party who wishes to contest an elective office into government shall resign his party position at Least 6 months before the party nominations for the election.

ARTICLE 16 DISCIPLINES:

1. The party shall be a disciplined organization and, accordingly, all members of the party shall be expected to contribute to its good image by self-discipline, honesty, good conduct, decorum and demeanour; and to show loyalty to the party, government and the nation.
2. The following shall constitute acts of indiscipline in the context of the party; disloyalty, sabotage, disorderly behaviour at meeting, theft, fraud, disrespect of the party leadership, immoral conduct, failure to fulfill financial obligations and other obligations of membership, conviction for criminal offence involving moral turpitude and any other conduct deemed unacceptable to the party.
3. All acts of indiscipline shall be punished. Punishment shall vary and range from reprimand to expulsion depending on the gravity of the offence committed and other considerations.
4. The Executive Committee at every level shall have power to decide on disciplinary measures against an offending member provided that only the National Convention or its executive organ shall have power to expel a member.
5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article, the party may, where necessary invoke its rights to seek legal redress against any offending member.
6. The Executive Council at every level shall have power to suspend a member for act of indiscipline.
7. A suspended member shall lose the privileges of membership for the period of suspension and may be required to fulfill certain conditions before the suspension is lifted.

8. A suspended member shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee of the State in the case of suspension by the ward or local government; to the National Executive Committee in regard to Suspension imposed by the State Executive Committee provided .that no officer shall be suspend by any organ lower than that to which he is elected.
9. Only the National Convention or the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel a member from the Party.
10. In all matters of discipline, every member of the party shall enjoy the right to a fair hearing.

ARTICLE 17- TERMINATION OF

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership of the party shall be terminated by death, resignation or expulsion.
2. Only the National Convention or the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel a member from the party.

ARTICLE 18- COMMITTEE

1. The Convention or Congress at every level or its principal organ, shall, have power to set up standing committees and, where necessary, ad-hoc committees
2. Without prejudice to the above provisions, the party shall have the following standing committees, which shall be subordinate and secondary to the executive committee at every level of the party:
 - (i) **Ways and Means Committee**, which shall be headed by the Treasurer as Chairman, shall comprise a minimum of seven members, including the Financial Secretary and shall advise the party on ways and means of generating funds and property and investing 'these for the party in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of this Constitution.

- (ii) **Public Relations and Publicity Committee**, which shall be headed by a Chairman to be appointed by the party executive council, shall comprise seven members and shall advise the party on management of information, communication, publication, public relations, propaganda, mass media matters and community affairs.

- (iii) **Disciplinary and Arbitration Committee**, which shall be headed by a Chairman to be appointed by the party executive council, shall comprise seven members and shall receive, examine, investigate, initiate and propose disciplinary and arbitration matters affecting members or groups of members and submit findings to the appropriate executive committee for consideration and necessary action.

- (iv) **Election Committee**, which shall be headed by the Chairman of the party, shall comprise six members, and shall advise the party on legitimate strategies, logistics and modalities for conduct of campaigns to ensure total Success at any elections undertaken by the party.

- (v) **Appointment Committee**, shall be headed by the Chairman at all levels, the elected Chief Executive at all tiers of government, the party Secretary and the other members of the party shall advise the elected Chief Executive on appointment.

ARTICLE 19- RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

1. The party shall maintain at its Secretariat at every level a register of members.

2. The register of members shall contain the name of every member of the party and his personal data and registration number and any other relevant information.

3. The appearance of a member's name in an annually updated register of members shall be the prima facie evidence of valid registration as a member.

ARTICLE 20- ADMINISTRATION

1. The day-to-day administration of the party shall be effected by Directorates to be headed by officials who shall be responsible to the Secretary of the party.
2. The Directorate in the party's administration shall include:
 - (i) The Directorate of Organisation, which shall be headed by the Director of Organisation and shall be responsible for the organisation of the party at all levels.
 - (ii) The Directorate of Administration, which shall be headed by a Director of Administration and shall attend to personnel and other administrative matters.
 - (iii) The Directorate of Finance, which shall be headed by a Director of Finance and shall attend to financial matters.
 - (iv) The Directorate of Publicity, which shall be headed by a Director of Publicity and shall administer public relations matters.
 - (v) Directorate of Research and Intelligence, which shall be headed by a Director of Research and Intelligence and shall deal with research and intelligence matters.
 - (vi) Directorate of Social Welfare, which shall be headed by a Director of Social and Welfare, and shall be responsible for the welfare of the members of party.
 - (vii) Director of Archives and Library, which shall be headed by a Director of Archives and Library and shall be responsible for the party's library and archives.
3. All officials of the party shall be appointed by the appropriate Executive committee.
4. The salaries and other conditions of service of officials shall be decided by the appropriate Executive Committee which shall have power to employ and dismiss any official.

ARTICLE 21. GENERAL PROVISIONS

21.1 Amendment to the Constitution:

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

21.2 Resignation:

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

21.3 Election of Officer:

- (i) Election of Officers of the party at every level shall be held not later than one month before the expiration of tenure of the incumbent Executive Committee
- (ii) Voting shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided by Convention or Congress
- (iii) Success at election shall be in favour of scoring the highest number of votes cast
- (iv) In the event of a tie in any ballot, the election for that particular office shall be repeated for tying candidates until a winner emerges.

21.4 Eligibility:

No member shall be eligible to contest any election unless that member had been a financial member at least 6 months before the date of such. This clause shall not apply during the transition programme.

21.5 Rules and Regulations.

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

21.6 Special Chapters:

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

21.7 Interpretation of Terms:

Certain terms used in this constitution are defined in Schedule 1 of this Constitution

SCHEDULE I

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS:

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

- 1. 'At All Levels'** - at the national, state, local government area and council wards levels.
- 2. Egalitarian Society** - Society in which members of that society are treated as equals legally, socially, morally and politically and exposed to equal opportunities to develop their inherent potential as individuals without prejudice to ethnic origin, religion or circumstance of birth or sex.
- 3. L.G.A. - Local Government Area.**

4. Primary Health Care - Comprehensive health care, including basic medical immunization, health education, essential drug supply to health institutions designated for the purpose, environmental sanitation, nutrition, maternal and child health.

5. Principal Executive Organ's – The National Executive Committee at the national level, the State Executive Committee, Local Government Area Level, and Ward Executive Committee at the Ward Level.

SCHEDULE II

COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION

This Constitution, to be cited as the Constitution of the Alliance for Democracy, shall take effect from the 8th day of September 1998.

REPEALS AND SAVINGS

Any document hitherto fore known, recognized, regarded, called or howsoever used or referred to as the Constitution of the party is hereby repealed and the provisions of section 6(1) of the Interpretation Act, CAR 192 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990 shall not apply to this Constitution.