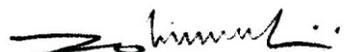


**SCHEDULE 4**  
**STAFF RULES**

- (i) The Party employees shall be subject to direct discipline and control of the Ward, Local Government Area, Area Council, State, Zone and National Secretariat. Adjudication on matters of discipline and administration shall lie with the Executive Committee at all levels.
- (ii) Employees of the party shall be bound by the Constitution, Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulations of the Party. A person who seeks and obtain employment in the party shall be deemed to be a member of the Party.
- (iii) Employees of the Party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the Party or its officers, shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his post. He shall have opportunity to defend himself before a Disciplinary Committee.
- (iv) The remuneration and conditions of service of employees shall be determined by the appropriate executive committee, subject to ratification at congresses and convention.
- (v) Employees of the Party shall not be allowed to seek nomination for elections, except he resigns his appointment three months to the date of elections.
- (vi) Special Assistants and Drivers to the National Chairman, National Leader and National Working Committee Members shall be employees of the party under the enforceable rules and regulations of employment.

**DECLARATION**

This Constitution comes into effect and shall be binding on all registered members, officers and organs of the **ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE**, upon its ratification by at least two-thirds of the National Convention Delegates.



**Hon. Dr. Olukayode Oshiarayo**  
**National Chairman**



**Price J. I. J. Otiji**  
**National Secretary**

**THE**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**



**AGA**  
**ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE**

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- (1) That I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the **ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE**. I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution and Manifesto of the Party and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the Party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (2) That I shall strive do pursue, enhance and achieve the fundamental ethos under-pinning the Aims and Objectives of the Party as contained in its Constitution, Manifesto and Code of Conduct, and shall abhor corruption and graft.
- (3) That I shall not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision; that in all circumstances I shall do good to all members and organs of the party and to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will.
- (4) That I shall exhaust internal crisis resolution mechanism put in place by the Party Leadership and the Party Constitution before filling a litigation.
- (5) That I shall not encourage, form or join in creating parallel organ or factionalized executive arm of the Party's structure.
- (6) That on my honor as an elected political office holder on the platform of **All Grassroots Alliance**, I shall resign my position before leaving the Party for another, and in the circumstance of my resignation I shall cease to enjoy privileges of member of the **All Grassroots Alliance**.
- (7) That I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought to my attention or which shall become known to me as an officer of the Party, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.
- (8) That I shall work-hard for the party not the candidate at all elections, defend its mandate; and shall devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

.....  
**SIGNATURE**

**BEFORE ME:**

.....  
**COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS**

.....  
**DATE/STAMP**

- leadership and the constitution before filling litigation.
- Keep party's classified documents and information secret.
- Abhor any actions, behaviors and activities that can put the party or any member into disrepute.
- Do not form or join in creating parallel organ or factionalized executive arm of the party's structure.
- Pay your Taxes regularly to the appropriate government tax authority.

I ..... hereby freely subscribe to and accept to abide by these ethics of the Code of Conduct. On my honour, I promise to be guided.

Signature:..... Date:.....

**WITNESSED BY A PUBLIC ROTARY/PASTOR/IMAM:-**

Date:..... Sign/Seal:.....

**SCHEDULE 2  
OATH OF OFFICE**

Every person seeking election or appointment as an officer of the Party shall subscribe to the Oath of Allegiance as provided in Schedule 3 of this Constitution in the language that he or she understands before a Commissioner for Oaths in the State High Court or Federal High Court of Justice.

**SCHEDULE 3  
OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I.....Male/Female of Nigeria of .....  
..... (address) do solemnly swear to Oath of Allegiance and affirm as follow:

**CONSTITUTION  
ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE (AGA)**

**Preamble**

The challenges confronting Nigeria since independence in 1960 as encapsulated in the misrule by the Military for many years, when individual rights, electoral democracy, the rule of Law were trampled upon and basterdised; the Civilian administration had not made a difference when they were engrossed in an inept leadership, class rancure, tribalism, sectionalism, and at present corruption, insecurity and insensitive governance.

To confront these challenges head on, We, concerned citizens of Nigeria, after an extensive deliberations, today 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 at Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, hereby freely resolve and agree, to come together with deep concern and patriotism, to form a grassroots oriented, socio-economic and civil-political party – “ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE”.

We further resolve to restructure Nigeria as a true Federal entity that will ensure fair, equitable distribution and devolution of powers to the zones, states and local governments for effective development and to ensure the indivisibility of the entity called Nigeria.

To actualize these, we will establish an ethical code of conduct with core values of performance, accountability, respect for the rule of law and peace. To initiate a bottom-top approach system at all levels of government, so much that all Nigerians will be involved at decision making process, especially on actions, policies and programmes that affect them.

The Party will primarily aim at mass-mobilization of the Nigerian people and institutions for the eradication of poverty by exploring and exploiting all avenues and opportunities for self fulfillment and self empowerment through creation of employment and vocations thereby creating an optimally conducive social environment for the nurture and sustenance of democracy in Nigeria.

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **NAME OF THE PARTY**

The name of the Party shall be **ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE** (hereinafter called the party), acronym shall be AGA.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution for the conduct of the Affairs of the Party is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members and organs thereof and any other rules and/or regulations of the Party shall to the extent of their inconsistency with the provisions of this Constitution be null and void.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **MOTTO AND SLOGAN**

The motto of the party shall be "**PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY**".

The slogan of the party shall be "**AGA..... PROSPERITY FOR ALL ..... ACTION**" demonstrated by raising tightly closed hand.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **FLAG AND LOGO**

The flag of the party shall be in the colour of **Sky Blue** in an horizontal shape. The logo of the party shall be flying **WHITE DOVE** inside **Sky Blue** Colour and AGA inscribed under in colour green. **WHITE DOVE** represents **PEACE, AGA** in colour **GREEN** stands for **PROGRESS** and colour **SKY-BLUE** for **PROSPERITY**.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Party shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja with offices in all the six geo-political zones, states & LGAs.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **ETHICAL STANDARD**

The Party ethical standards shall consist: Integrity, Hard work, Truth, Self Discipline, Self Reliance, Enquity, Accountability, Prudency, Compassion, Patriotism, Endurance, Courage and Friendship.

- b. The signatories to the accounts shall be the Chairman and any one of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE 34**

### **INTERPRETATION**

1. At all levels means at the National, Zonal, State/FCT, Local Government Area/Area Council and Ward Levels. "Egalitarian Society" means society in which members of the society are treated as equals, socially, morally, politically and accorded equal opportunities to develop their inherent potentials as individuals without prejudice to ethnic origin, religion or circumstances of birth or sex.
2. Principal Executive Organs' means the Executive Committee and where appropriate the Working Committee at all levels of the party.
3. Zones – Six Geo-political zones or any further addition or reduction thereof.

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **AMENDMENT**

There shall be no valid amendment to this Party's Constitution except made at the National Convention, and by a 2/3 majority of the eligible delegates.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

These ethics as set out in the All Grassroots Alliance Code of Conduct are intended to regulate members and leaders action, behavior, to nurture a disciplined institution and a just society.

- Exhibit ethical standard in relationship with Party members, leaders and the general public.
- Be a financial member, pay up annual subscriptions as at when due.
- Defend and adhere conscientiously to party rules, regulations and guidelines.
- Read the party's constitution and manifestos regularly, keep in mind the fundamental ethos under pinning party's aims and objectives.
- Work very hard for the party, not the candidate, at all elections and defend its mandate.
- Exhaust internal crisis resolution mechanism put in place by the party

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **AIMS OF THE PARTY**

**The All Grassroots Alliance shall ensure the followings:-**

- (i) The unity of Nigeria as an indivisible entity.
- (ii) The sanctity of the rule of law.
- (iii) Respect for fundamental human rights, equity and justice.
- (iv) Transparency and integrity in the running of public affairs.
- (v) Good governance and equal opportunities for all citizens of Nigeria.
- (iv) Promotion of true federalism and equitable revenue sharing formula.
- (vii) Gainful employment opportunities and security of life and property.
- (viii) Promote the philosophical ethos underpinning the party's manifesto.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY**

To achieve the aims, the Party is guided by the following objectives:-

- (i) To maintain and preserve the integrity, unity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as one indivisible political entity.
- (ii) Ensure permanent entrenchment and practice of democracy, the rule of law, equity and social justice.
- (iii) Promote an egalitarian society free of wants, ignorance, disease and crime.
- (iv) Uphold the independence of the judiciary, free press, freedom of speech and association.
- (v) Ensure that the policies and programmes of the party is in consonance with the fundamental objectives, and directive principle of state policy, as entrenched in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as well as the Ethics, Aims and Objectives of the party's constitution.
- (vi) Cooperate with member-nations in promoting the aims of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), the Common Wealth of Nations, The United Nation Organisation (UNO) and other international and regional organizations that shall be in the absolute interest of Nigeria and Africa.
- (vii) Promote mutual respect for and understanding of the religion, traditional and cultural heritage of the diverse communities in Nigeria.

required to demonstrate sufficient remorse and/or appropriate restitution.

- b. **Serious Offences:** e.g Embezzlement of fund. If the party so resolved, shall attract serious disciplinary action which shall be preceded by the setting up of a fact-finding and disciplinary committee which shall then recommend appropriate action(s) which may be:
  - i. Serious reprimand
  - ii. Written reprimand and warning
  - iii. Temporary suspension, not more than six months which may be lifted if and when the party is satisfied.
  - iv. Long term suspension: Duration of which the Party shall determine.
  - v. Total expulsion.
  - vi. In the event an indicted member declines or fails to appear before a Disciplinary Committee, his non-appearance or failure shall not affect Disciplinary Committee's Report. The Party National Working Committee shall receive the Committee's Report for consideration.
  - vii. Disciplinary actions mentioned in sub-section (iv and v) shall only be exercised by the National Working Committee of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **RULES OF CONDUCT AT MEETING**

1. The conduct of Party meeting at all levels shall be in English language or any Nigerian Language understood by a majority of members.
2. All meetings shall be presided over by the chairman or his deputy and in the absence of the chairman, any member elected amongst themselves
3. Sitting arrangement at Party meetings and special event shall be on the Chairman's right side: Party Treasurer, Publicity Secretary, Woman Leader, Deputy Secretary and Legal Adviser and on the left side shall be Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Youth Leader and Auditor.
4. Any Party officer who absents from meetings for three consecutive times without serious reasons in writing, shall be relieved of his post, and same shall be declared vacant and shall be filled within three months from the same Ward or Constituency.
5. Dressing Code at Party meetings and event shall be FORMAL or as shall be considered and approved at the Party Executive Committee meeting.

### **ARTICLE 30**

#### **SOURCE OF PARTY FUND**

Fund of the Party shall be derived from subscriptions, dues, fees, levies, proceeds from investment, subventions, local donations, gifts and grants by individual or group authorised by Law, and borrowing as approved by the National Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE 31**

#### **FINANCE**

- (i) Party Chairman shall be accounting officers, and shall approve all vouchers before payment.
- (ii) He shall prepare and present to Party Executive Committees a quarterly statement of income and expenditure.
- (iii) Party Chairman shall refer expenditure above One Million Naira for the Executive Committee's approval in case of national expenditure. Five Hundred Thousand Naira and Two Hundred Thousand Naira per month respectively for Zonal and State Expenditure.
- (iv) All payments shall be made to Party's Bank accounts, and there shall be no cash payment. Only certified Bank teller shall be receipted.
- (v) Any contravention of sections (i) to (iv) shall attract stern disciplinary action, which may include suspension or removal from office by 2/3 majority of members of the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE 32**

#### **PARTY ACCOUNTS AUDIT**

- (i) The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit accounts of the Party annually and present report of the accounts at the National Convention.
- (ii) The Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees shall equally appoint a professional firm of Accountants to audit accounts of the Party annually, and shall present the audited report of the accounts at their respective Congress.

### **ARTICLE 33**

#### **BANK ACCOUNT**

- a. The Party shall maintain Bank Account at the city or town it is situated. The Bank for such account shall be determined by the executive committees at all levels.

### **ARTICLE 7**

#### **IDEOLOGY OF THE PARTY**

- 7.1 The ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE shall be a **Core Progressive Party**, a non-tribal, non-religious and non-sectional.
- 7.2 The Party shall give adequate recognizance to the linguistic, cultural, religious diversity of its members and the people of Nigeria.
- 7.3 The Party shall observe the principle of freedom of speech, idea and information.
- 7.4 The Party shall consider people interest as paramount in taking decisions, implementing policies and programmes.

### **ARTICLE 8**

#### **PARTY MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the **ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE** shall be open to all Nigerians above the age of 18 years, who undertake to abide by the Party's constitution, rules and regulations. A prospective member shall register at his Ward and pay a prescribed registration fees and dues.

### **ARTICLE 9**

#### **YOUTHS AND WOMEN WINGS**

**ALL GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE** shall not allow, support or encourage the formation of youths and women wings.

### **ARTICLE 10**

#### **PARTY INTERNAL DEMOCRACY**

- 10.1 All Grassroots Alliance shall practice and encourage internal democracy with zero tolerance for gross indiscipline, violation of party's constitution, rules and regulations.
- 10.2 The power to select or elect members for appointment and elective offices shall be resided in the Party's members in the Wards and Local Government areas, and their decision or resolution shall be respected.
- 10.3 The Party shall not condone any action, decision or resolution tended to impose on members without due consultation and recognition of their desires and ideas.
- 10.4 In the circumstance that selection or election of members for appointment and elective offices generate crises, the decision of the National Working Committee shall be final and incontestable.

## **ARTICLE 26**

### **REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION**

In the event of his removal or resignation from office, a Party Officer shall immediately hand over to his Chairman, all records, files and other properties of the Party in his possession. In the case of the Chairman he shall hand over to the Deputy Chairman at the appropriate level.

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **COMMITTEES**

1. There shall be set up Standing and Ad-hoc Committees by any organ of the Party as required.
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 all levels of the Party.
  - (a) Ways and Means Committee, which shall be headed by the Treasurer as Chairman, shall comprise a minimum of Seven members, including the financial Secretary. The Committee shall advise the party on ways and means of generating and acquiring funds, property and investing these for the party.
  - (b) Publicity Committee shall be headed by the Publicity Secretary as Chairman, shall compose seven members and shall counsel the party on information analysis, publication, public relations, mass media matters, propaganda and community relations.
  - (c) Reconciliation and Arbitration Committee, shall be headed by the Chairman; shall view, examine, investigate, initiate and propose recommendation for the National Executive Committee's consideration.

## **ARTICLE 28**

### **DISCIPLINE**

Any proven breach of any part of the rules and regulations enunciated in this Constitution or any other crime against the law of the land shall attract certain disciplinary action or actions. Offences shall be regarded as serious or minor as follows:

#### **a. Minor Offences:**

May attract verbal reprimand and cautioning and offenders shall be

- (viii) To promote, undertake and build other activities which in the opinion of the Party are conducive to the attainment of its aims and objectives.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **RIGHTS OF MEMBER**

- (I) A member shall take a full and active part in the discussion, formulation and implementation of the policies and programmes of the Party.
- (ii) Offer constructive criticism of any member, policy, programme or activity of the party, and shall abhor hate speech.
- (iii) Be elected or appointed to any committee, delegation and commission of the Party, but in consonance with conditions as may be set out by the Party.
- (iv) Shall be free to submit a proposal through the Ward, Local Government, State, Zone or National Executive Committee provided such proposal is submitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Party.
- (v) Subject to the provisions to this constitution, be eligible to vote and be voted for at party meetings or elections, and successful party candidate after the primary shall swear to oath of Allegiance as contained in the schedule 3 of this constitution, in a State High Court.
- (vi) Read the Party constitution and manifesto, be consistent with them, and abstain from anything that could cause damages to them.
- (vii) He shall not undertake litigation against the Party until he has exhausted internal crisis resolution mechanism put in place by the Party.
- (viii) Member holding elective or appointive position shall contribute substantially to the runnings of the party organs by regular payment of dues, levies and contribution.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. Without prejudices to Article 8 of this Constitution, any member who fails to renew his or her membership by payment of any annual subscription, fees within one year after the due date shall not enjoy the rights and privileges of membership, and if in default for upward of 18 months, shall cease to be a member.

2. Any member who loses his or her membership on account of his or her failure to pay dues or satisfy financial obligation shall regain membership on the full payment of all outstanding dues.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Law or any other laws, member of the party who willfully promote, support, cross or join another party, shall, after being investigated and found guilty by a Disciplinary Committee, forfeit his membership and shall vacate elective or appointive position he/she is holding as member of the Party in the government of Local Government, State or Federal.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

##### **PARTY ORGANS**

1. The Party shall be administered and organized at the following levels, namely:
  - (a) Ward
  - (b) Local Government Area (LGA)
  - (c) State
  - (d) Zonal
  - (e) National
  - (f) Board of Trustees
2. There shall be a Party Secretariat at all levels, and for the purposes of party organisation the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall be treated as a state.

#### **ARTICLE 16**

##### **PARTY ORGANIZATION**

1. **The following shall constitute the organs of the party thus:-**
  - (i) The Ward Executive
  - (ii) The Ward Congress
  - (iii) The Local Government Working Committee
  - (iv) The Local Government Executive
  - (v) The Local Government Area Congress
  - (vi) The State Working Committee

functions as may be assigned to him by the National Youth Leader and deputize for him in his absence or whenever so directed.

#### **B. Officers at Other Levels**

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

#### **ARTICLE 24**

##### **PARTY LEADER**

1. There shall be Party Leader elected by simple majority of members of Executive Committee at Ward, LGA, Area Council and State levels.
2. Party Leader who shall not be less than 35 years of age shall be elected within 30 days after Party Congress and Convention and shall serve in office concurrently with members of the Executive Committee that elected him.
3. Party Leader shall observe at meetings and call attention of the chairman to any irregularities in the affairs of the Party, and may serve as Chairman of Disciplinary Committees or any Committees approved by the Executive Committee.
4. Without prejudice to Article 24 section (1) of this constitution, the founder of the Party shall be the National Leader. In the circumstance of death or proven infirmity new National Leader shall be elected by the National Executive Committee within thirty days of confirmation of such circumstance.
5. Two (2) co-founders from the North and South of Nigeria respectively shall be elected by the National Executive Committee as members of the National Board of Trustees and National Caucus.

#### **ARTICLE 25**

##### **PRINCIPLE OF FEDERAL CHARACTER**

Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, the principles of Federal character shall be observed in the appointment or election of members of the Executive Committees at all levels of the Party.

**15. The National Legal Adviser**

There shall be a National Legal Adviser of the Party who shall;

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

**16. Deputy National Legal Adviser**

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

**17. The National Woman Leader**

There shall be a National Woman Leader who shall.

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

**18. The Deputy National Woman Leader**

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

**19. The National Youth Leader**

There shall be a National Youth Leader who shall:

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

**20. The Deputy National Youth Leader**

There shall be a Deputy National Youth Leader who shall perform such

- (vii) The State Executive Committee
- (viii) The State Stakeholder Committee
- (xiv) The State Congress
- (x) The Zonal Working Committee
- (xi) The Zonal Executive Committee
- (xii) The Zonal Congress
- (xiii) The National Working Committee
- (xiv) The National Executive Committee
- (xv) The National Caucus
- (xvi) The National Board of Trustees
- (xvii) The National Convention

**2. The Ward Executive Committee**

A. There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall comprise of the following:

- (i) The Chairman
- (ii) The Chairman of the Local Government Council or the Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Council and Councilor of the Ward, if produced by the Party.
- (iii) The Deputy Chairman
- (iv) The Secretary
- (v) The Assistant Secretary
- (vi) The Treasurer
- (vii) The Financial Secretary
- (viii) The Organizing Secretary
- (ix) The Publicity Secretary
- (x) The Ward Woman Leader
- (xi) The Ward Youth Leader
- (xii) Five Ex-officio members two of whom shall be women
- (xiii) Members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the Party from the Ward
- (xiv) Members of the National Board of Trustees from the Ward
- (xv) Members of the National and State Assemblies from the Ward, who are members of the Party.
- (xvi) The President, the Vice President, Governor and Deputy Governor who are members of the Party.

- B. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month.
- C. The Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be summoned by the Ward Chairman or upon application by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Ward Executive Committee or upon application by one-third (1/3) of registered members of the Ward.
- D. The Quorum at Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-fifth (1/5) of its membership.

**3. The Ward Congress**

- A. There shall be a Ward Congress which shall consist of all officers and registered members of the Party in the Ward. It shall be summoned by the Ward Executive Committee at least once every two years.
- B. The quorum at meetings of the Ward Congress shall be one-fifth (1/5) of the registered members of the Ward.
- C. A special Ward Congress may hold at the request of two-third (2/3) of the members of the Ward Congress.

**4. The Local Government Executive Committee**

- A. There shall be a Local Government Executive Committee which shall comprise of the following:-
  - i. The Chairman
  - ii. The Deputy Chairman
  - iii. The Local Government Council Chairman or Deputy Chairman.
  - iv. All Ward Chairmen in the Local Government Area
  - v. The Secretary
  - vi. The Assistant Secretary
  - vii. The Treasurer
  - viii. The Financial Secretary
  - ix. The Publicity Secretary
  - x. The Assistant Publicity Secretary
  - xi. The Organizing Secretary
  - xii. The Asst. Organizing Secretary

- v. Organize seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programmes for the attainment of the Party's objectives.
- vi. Liaise with the National Woman and Youth leaders for harmonization of programmes for the attainment of the Party's victory at all elections.

**10. The Deputy National Organizing Secretary**

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

**11. The National Publicity Secretary**

- The National Publicity Secretary is vested with the following power.
- i. Co-ordinate Party information and public relations.
  - ii. Be the Chief image-maker of the Party.
  - iii. Cause to be publicized the policies and programmes of the Party in line with the aims and objectives of the Party.

**12. The Deputy National Publicity Secretary**

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

**13. The National Auditor**

- There shall be a National Auditor of the Party who shall;
- i. Audit the book of account of the Party annually and shall report to the National Executive Committee.
  - ii. Present the audited account of the Party to the National Convention annually.
  - iii. Carry out any other function as may be required by the National Executive Committee.

**14. The Deputy National Auditor**

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

- iii. Ensure that all funds received by the Party are duly received for and paid into the Party's accounts immediately and if for any reason that is not possible, within 48 hours of collection.
- iv. Prepare and submit a yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee.

**6. The Deputy National Treasurer**

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

**7. The National Financial Secretary**

The National Financial Secretary is vested with the following powers:

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

**8. Deputy National Financial Secretary**

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

**9. The National Organizing Secretary**

The National Organizing Secretary is vested with the following powers:

- i. Initiate programmes for the general mobilization of Party members and recruitment of new members.
- ii. Appraise the problems of the Party and propose solutions to such problems.
- iii. Harmonize all information and device appropriate strategy for winning election.
- iv. Implement and co-ordinate all field activities of the Party.

- xiii. The Auditor
- xiv. The Legal Adviser
- xv. The Assistant Legal Adviser
- xvi. Four (4) other ex-officio members at least two of whom shall be women
- xvii. The Women Leader
- xviii. The Youth Leader
- xix. Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees from the Local Government Area.
- xx. Member of the National Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area
- xxi. Member of the National and State Assemblies from the Local Government Area who are members of the Party.
- xxii. The President, the Vice President, Governor and Deputy Governor who are members of the Party.
- B. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month.
- C. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Local Government Chairman or upon application by two-third of the members of Local Government Committee.
- D. The Quorum at meetings of the Local Government Area Executives Committee shall be one-fifth of its Membership.

**5. The Local Government Area Congress**

- A. There shall be a Local Government Area Congress which shall consist of:-
  - i. The Local Government Area Party Chairman and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee. The LGA Party Leader.
  - ii. All National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area.
  - iii. The Local Government Council Chairmen and Councilors who are members of the Party.
  - iv. All elected members of the National and State Assemblies from the Local Government Area, who are members of the Party.

- v. Members of National Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area.
- vi. All members of the Ward Executive Committee in the Local Government Area.

**B.**

- i. The Local Government Area Congress shall be held at least once every two Years.
- ii. The Quorum of the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-fifth of delegates provided that not less than two-third of all Wards are present.
- iii. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be responsible for summoning the Local Government Area Congress.

**6. Senatorial District Working Committee**

- A. There shall be a Senatorial District Working Committee which shall consist of:-
  - i. The State Vice-Chairmen from the Senatorial District who shall be the Chairman of the District Working Committee.
  - ii. State Governors and their Deputies who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District.
  - iii. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the Senatorial District.
  - iv. Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees of the Party from Senatorial District.
  - v. Local Government Area Party Chairmen and Secretaries from the Senatorial District.
  - vi. Local Government Council Chairmen, and Deputy Chairmen from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party.
  - vii. Senatorial Woman Leader who shall be elected by the Senatorial District Working Committee.
  - viii. Senatorial Youth Leader who shall be elected by the Senatorial District Working Committee.
  - ix. Assistant State Secretary from the Senatorial District.
  - x. Assistance State Organizing Secretary from the Senatorial District.
  - xi. Five (5) Ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial Working Committee two of whom shall be women.

**3. National Secretary**

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

- i. Supervise the day-to-day activities of the Party.
- ii. Conduct or direct the conduct of the correspondences of the Party and cause to be issued notices of meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee.
- iii. Cause to be kept all records and record of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Caucus, the National Executive Committee, the National Working Committee as well as other records of the Party.
- iv. Render a written annual report of the activities of the Party;
- v. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee and ensure that all units of the Party carry out their duties promptly and properly.
- vi. Carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him from time-to-time by the National Convention, the National Caucus, the National Executive Committee and the National Chairman.
- vii. Consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his office.

**4. The Deputy National Secretary**

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

**5. The National Treasurer**

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

- i. Receive and promptly pay into the Party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the Party and keep cheque books and other banking documents of the Party;
- ii. Ensure prudent management of the Party's funds.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS**

#### **A. National Officers**

##### **1. The National Chairman**

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

- i. Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, and the National Working Committee of the Party.
- ii. Provide good and effective leadership and direct the activities of the Party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee.
- iii. Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programmes of the Party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive, outlining the policies, programmes and activities of the Party;
- iv. Exercise all powers vested in him by this Constitution as well as ensuring, strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- v. Assign specific functions to any members or officer of the Party;
- vi. Delegate his powers to the Deputy National Chairmen and Zonal Chairmen;
- vii. Casting votes if and when necessary;
- viii. Shall present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the Party and the political situation generally.

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

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

- xii. All elected Councilors from the Senatorial District.
- B. The Senatorial Working Committee shall meet monthly and report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meetings.
- C. In the event of a conflict between the State Executive Committee and the Senatorial District Working Committee, the decision of the State Executive shall prevail.
- D. The Senatorial District Working Committee shall have the Assistance State Secretary from the Senatorial District as the Senatorial Secretary, while the Assistance State Organizing Secretary from the Zone shall be the Senatorial District Organizing Secretary.
- E. The Quorum of the Senatorial District Working Committee shall be one-third (1/3) of the members.

##### **7. The State Working Committee**

- A. There shall be a State Working Committee which shall comprise of the following officers:-
  - i. The State Chairman
  - ii. The State Deputy Chairman
  - iii. The State Secretary
  - iv. The Asst State Secretary
  - v. The State Treasurer
  - vi. The State Legal Adviser
  - vii. The State Financial Secretary
  - viii. The State Publicity Secretary
  - ix. The State Auditor
  - x. The State Organizing Secretary
  - xi. The State Woman Leader
  - xii. The State Youth Leader.
- B. The Working Committee shall meet once every fourth night.
- C. The Quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one-half (1/2) of the members.

##### **8. The State Stakeholders Committee**

There shall be in each State Party Stakeholder which shall consist of the following members:-

- i. The State Chairman of the Party as Chairman.
  - ii. The Deputy State Chairman
  - iii. The Governor or Deputy Governor, if produced by the Party.
  - iv. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Whip in the State House of Assembly.
  - v. National Executive Committee members from the State.
  - vi. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the State.
  - vii. The State Party Secretary, Youth and Woman Leaders.
  - viii. Members of the Zonal Executive Committee, L.G.A. Party Chairmen, Secretaries and Co-opted distinguished Members of not more than three from each zone one shall be woman.
- B. The State Stakeholder shall meet at least once a month and shall have the power of co-opting not more than three members from each senatorial district who shall have no voting right.

## 9. The State Executive Committee

- A. There shall be a State Executive Committee which shall comprise of:-
- i. The State Chairman
  - ii. All National and Zonal Executive Committee members of the Party from the State.
  - iii. The Governor or Deputy Governor of the State if produced by the Party.
  - iv. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader and Chief Whip in the State House of Assembly.
  - v. The State Deputy Chairman
  - vi. The State Vice-Chairmen
  - vii. All Party Chairmen from all Local Government Areas of the State.
  - viii. The State Secretary
  - ix. Three (3) State Assistant Secretaries
  - x. The State Treasurer

- (2) Council Congress who shall cease to function after the Special Convention.
  - (2) Special Convention for the election of Presidential candidate shall hold in each State Capital, at a place or venue approved by National Working Committee.
  - (3) After the conclusion of Special Convention for election of Presidential candidate, summary of votes cast in each State shall be electronically and manually transmitted to collation Centre at Abuja, as approved by the Party National Executive Committee.
  - (4) At the conclusion of collation of results of Presidential Primary Election, the candidate with highest number of valid votes shall be declared winner, and his name shall be ratified at a National Convention of the Party.
  - (5) National Convention shall hold not less than 30 days after Special Convention. Delegates to National Convention shall include: Members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees, State Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen, Secretaries, Treasurers, Woman Leaders, Youth Leaders and LGA or Area Council Chairmen.
- D(1)** Returned candidates at Party State Social Congress and Special Convention shall be deemed to have been duly elected, if only he had completed and signed Party's Code of Conduct, and sworn to Oath of Allegiance at the State High Court for governorship candidate and Federal High Court of Justice for National Assembly and Presidential Candidates.
- (2) The Party shall release guidelines for primaries, congresses and Convention, at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of such primaries, congresses and convention.
  - (3) National Working Committee of the Party shall be vested with power to determine and resolve issues and conflicts arising from the conduct of primaries and congresses.
- E(1)** There shall be no further screening of candidate for a particular position after the conclusion of screening.
- (2) Nominated or/and elected candidate for particular position may withdraw by notice in writing, signed, withdrawal of candidate by him and deliver to the Party Chairman, who shall, within 48 hours convey such withdrawal notice to the National Chairman for transmission to the Independent National Electoral Commission.

in the Party Constitution and guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee.

- (2) Registered members who have satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under the Party Constitution, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law, rules and regulations shall be eligible to contest for a party office provided that officials of the Party shall also be eligible to contest for any office so long as they comply with the provisions of the Party guidelines.
  - (3) No member of the Party shall be qualified for nomination or election or appointment into any Party office unless he has been registered member for at least twelve (12) calendar months or as considered by the National Working Committee.
  - (4) No member of the Party shall hold appointive and executive positions or office concurrently.
- B(1)** Election of Party aspirants for the positions of President and Governor shall be by Indirect Primary, and open secret balloting.
- (2) Whereas the Party has adopted Indirect Primary for election of Governorship candidate, delegates to the State Special Congress shall include: Ward Chairmen, 3 State Ad-hoc delegates elected at Ward Congress, who shall cease to function after the Special Congress. All members of the LGA or Area Council Executive Committee, State, Zonal and National Officers from the Local Government Area or Area Council.
  - (3) State Special Congress for the election of Governorship candidate shall hold at the Party's LGA or Area Council meeting place or other area in the State Capital, approved by National Working Committee.
  - (4) After the conclusion of primary for election of governorship, summary of votes cast for each aspirant shall be electronically and manually transmitted to State Returning Officer at a centre approved by Party National Working Committee. Candidate with highest number of valid votes shall be declared winner and name forwarded to National Working Committee for further processing to Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).
- C(1)** Whereas the Party has adopted Indirect Primary for election of Presidential Candidate, delegates to the Special Convention shall include: LGAs or Area Councils Executive Committee Members, State Executive Committee Members, Zonal and National Officers from the State. One National Ad-hoc delegate elected at the LGA or Area

- xi. All elected Council Chairmen or their Deputies produced by the Party.
  - xii. The State Financial Secretary
  - xiii. The State Assistant Financial Secretary
  - xiv. The State Publicity Secretary
  - xv. The State Assistant Publicity Secretary
  - xvi. The State Organizing Secretary
  - xvii. The (3) State Organizing Secretaries from each of the Senatorial District.
  - xviii. The State Legal Adviser
  - xix. The State Assistant Legal Adviser
  - xx. The State Auditor
  - xxi. Two (2) other members elected by the State Congress from each of the three senatorial district, three of whom shall be women.
  - xxii. The State Woman Leader
  - xxiii. The State Youth Leader
  - xxiv. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the State.
- B. The State Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter. The Chairman or 2/3 of the members of the Executive Committee shall have power to summon an extraordinary meeting.
- C. The Quorum of the State Executive Committee meetings shall be one quarter (1/4) of the membership.

## 10. The State Congress

- A. There shall be a State Congress which shall comprise of:-
- i. The State Chairman and members of the State Executive Committee.
  - ii. All members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees from the State.
  - iii. All members of the National Assembly and the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party.
  - iv. The Governor or Deputy Governor who are members of the Party.
  - v. All Local Government Council Chairmen or Deputy Chairmen who are members of the Party.

- vi. All Local Government Area Party Secretaries.
- vii. All Local Government Area Woman and Youth Leaders.
- viii. The Ward Chairmen and Ward delegates.
- ix. The President or the Vice President produced by the Party from the State.
- x. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the State and its quorum shall be one third of the members.
- xi. The quorum of the State Congress shall be ¼ of the delegates provided not less than 2/3 of all LGAs are present.

**11. Zonal Working Committee**

- A. There shall be Zonal Working Committee which shall comprise of:-
  - i. The Zonal Chairman, who shall be the National Vice Chairman.
  - ii. The Zonal Secretary
  - iii. The Zonal Treasurer
  - iv. The Zonal Financial Secretary
  - v. The Zonal Organizing Secretary
  - vi. The Zonal Legal Adviser
  - vii. The Zonal Publicity Secretary
  - viii. The Zonal Auditor
  - ix. The Zonal Woman Leader
  - x. The Zonal Youth Leader
- B. The Zonal Working Committee shall meet at least once in a forth night and it Quorum shall be one half of its membership.

**12. The Zonal Executive Committee**

- A. The Zonal Executive Committee
  - I. The National Vice Chairman who shall be the Chairman of the Committee.
  - ii. State Governors or their Deputies who are members of the Party.

- o. aims and objectives of the Party.
- o. Appoint External Auditors to audit the Party's Accounts.
- p. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested in it by this Constitution.
- q. Ratify the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the Party National Secretariat.

**ARTICLE 21**

**TENURE OF OFFICE**

- (i) All National, Zonal, State, LGA and Ward Officers of the party shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, and shall be eligible for re-election at the respective Convention or Congress for second term.
- (ii) Elected Officer of the Party at all level may resign his office by giving 30 days notice in writing to appropriate Executive Committee, if the resignation is for the purpose of contesting elective office, shall be effective within the period stipulated on the Party Guidelines issued for such elective office by the National Executive Committee.
- (iii) In the circumstance, a vacancy occurs in any of the Party Offices, the appropriate Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute from the zone where the former office holder originated pending time of the Convention or Congress.
- (iv) Officer may be removed from office through a vote of no confidence passed by two-thirds of members accredited and voting at the appropriate Convention or Congress.
- (v) There shall be mid-term Convention or Congress at which vote of confidence may be passed on any members of the Executive Committee, and where a vote fails, such member shall be replaced at that Convention or Congress. A two months notice shall be given to the Secretary at the appropriate level who shall circulate it to the relevant chapters of the Party one month before the Convention or Congress. Vote of confidence shall be deemed to have been defeated if two-thirds of member at Convention or Congress voted against.

**ARTICLE 22**

**MODE OF ELECTION**

- A(1) The Party National Convention, Zonal, State, Local Government Area, Ward Congresses shall meet to elect Officers of the Party as contained

## 17. The National Convention

The Party National Convention shall be the final authority of the Party and shall be vested with the following powers:-

- a. Formulate policies and programmes for the Party.
- b. Elect or remove the National Officers of the Party.
- c. Elect the Presidential Candidates of the Party and ratify appointment of the Board of Trustees' Members.
- d. Demand and receive report from the National Executive Committee and from any other Committee or organ of the Party and take appropriate action.
- e. Appoint any committee it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions, as it may deem fit and proper.
- f. Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed or passed by Government, Legislative House or Local Government Council and determine what further action the Party should take.
- g. Secure at all elections the return of as many Party Candidates as possible, in order to generally have control of the legislative and Executive arms of Government in the Federation.
- h. Consider reports from the State and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decisions and actions as are necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interests of the Party.
- i. Raise adequate fund for the management and substance of the Party.
- j. Exercise control and take disciplinary actions on all organs, officers and members of the Party.
- k. Determine and approve the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee.
- l. Review, or amend the Party Constitution from time to time as the need arises.
- m. Delegate any of its powers to the National Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees or to any other organ or member of the Party, except the power to amend the constitution or expel a member.
- n. Take any action as may be conducive to the promotion of the

- iii. Members of the National Assembly from the Zone who are members of the Party
- iv. Members of the National Executive Committee from the Zone.
- v. Members of the National Board of Trustees from the Zone.
- vi. The President or Vice President from the Zone who are members of the Party.
- vii. Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader and Chief Whip of the State House of Assemblies from the Zone who are members of the Party.
- viii. The Zonal Secretary who shall be the Secretary of the Committee.
- ix. State Chairmen, State Leaders and State Secretaries of the Party from the Zone
- x. The Zonal Treasurer
- xi. The Zonal Financial Secretary
- xii. The Zonal Publicity Secretary
- xiii. The Zonal Legal Adviser (who shall be a Legal practitioner of at least five years standing)
- xiv. The Zonal Woman Leader
- xv. The Zonal Youth Leader.
- xvi. One Ex-officio member from each of the States in the Zone.

- B. The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet at least once every quarter provided that the Chairman or two third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra ordinary meeting.
- C. The Quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee.
- D. The Zonal Executive Committee shall have the power of co-option of not more than one member from each of the States.

## 13. The Zonal Congress

- A. There shall be a Zonal congress of the Party which shall

consist of all delegates to the National Convention from the Zone.

B. The Zonal Congress will meet every 4 years.

#### **14. The National Working Committee.**

A. There shall be a National Working Committee of the Party, which shall comprise of:-

- i. The National Chairman
- ii. The Deputy National Chairmen, North and South
- iii. The National Secretary
- iv. The Deputy National Secretary
- v. The National Treasurer
- vi. The National Financial Secretary
- vii. The National Organizing Secretary
- viii. The National Publicity Secretary
- ix. The National Auditor
- x. The National Legal Adviser
- xi. The National Woman Leader
- xii. The National Youth Leader

B. The Quorum of the National Working Committee shall be one-half (1/2) of its members.

C. The National Working Committee shall meet at least once every fourth night.

#### **15. National Executive Committee**

A. There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Party which shall comprise of the following:-

- i. The National Chairman and Deputy National Chairman.
- ii. The President or Vice-President, if produced by the Party.
- iii. The President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate who are produced by the Party. The Leader and Deputy Leader, The Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the Senate.
- iv. The Speaker, the Deputy Speaker in the House of Representatives, produced by the Party, the Leader and

- h. Ratify conditions of service of the secretariat staff of the Party.
- i. Co-opt such persons as it shall deem necessary or expedient to attend its meeting and participate in its deliberation provided that such persons shall have no voting right.
- j. Make standing orders for the approval of the National Convention.
- k. Deal with any other matter referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees.
- l. Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the Party and appoint members to such committee.
- m. Exercise such other powers and function as are vested in it by this Constitution.
- n. Shall in consultation with the Board of Trustees appoint eminent and outstanding Party leaders to the position of patriarch or member emeritus who shall have the right of attendance at all meetings of all party organs and who shall have no voting right.
- o. The National Executive Committee shall from time to time examine the actions, policies, programmes pursued and legislation made or proposed by Government in the Federation (produced by the Party) in order to ascertain that they are in accord with the principles, policies, programmes, aims and objectives and the manifesto of the party and make the necessary recommendation or take any appropriate action.
- p. The National and State Executive Committees shall have power to warn, reprimand and discipline political office holders elected on the platform of the All Grassroots Alliance for action, performance and behavior which are inconsistent with the party's constitution, Oath of Allegiance and Code of Conduct.
- q. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the Party.
- r. Recommend the minimum rates of annual subscription payable by members.
- s. Recommend the proportion of income each Ward, Local Government and State shall remit to the National Secretariat form its subscription.
- t. Decision of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party, except the Board of Trustees and National Convention.

- vii. Carry out all such other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
- viii. Give advice on any Party matter to the National Executive Committee of the party.
- ix. In the circumstance of leadership crisis in the National Executive Committees of the Party, the Board of Trustees shall assume responsibilities for the running of the Party's affairs for a period not exceeding six months within which an elected leadership shall be put in place.
- B. Members of the board of trustees may attend any meeting of any organ of the Party, except the National Caucus.
- C. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be members of the National Executive Committee.
- D. A Trustee may resign his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman.
- E. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Board subject to ratification by the National Convention.
- F. The Board of Trustee shall Regulate its own proceeding and shall draw up a code of conduct which shall be binding on the members.

**16. The National Executive Committee.**

- There shall be a National Executive Committee, which shall
- a. Summon the National Convention and prepare its agenda.
  - b. Prepare and submit reports and budget for the approval of the National Convention.
  - c. Prepare financial guidelines for the approval of the National Convention
  - d. Initiate policies and programmes for the approval of the National Convention.
  - e. Deal with appeals and other matters referred to it by the Zones or States of the Federation.
  - f. Make rules for Party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party.
  - g. Make Party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all Party offices at every level and regulate procedure of selecting Party candidates for elective offices.

- v. Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the house Representatives.
  - vi. All State Governors who are members of the Party.
  - vii. Two (2) Deputy National Chairmen (North and South).
  - viii. The six (6) Zonal Chairmen.
  - ix. The Chairman and Secretary of the National Board of Trustees.
  - x. Other members of the National Board of Trustees who shall, however, not have any voting rights.
  - xi. All State Chairmen including those of the Federal Capital Territory.
  - xii. The National Secretary.
  - xiii. The Deputy National Secretary.
  - xiv. The National Treasurer.
  - xv. The Deputy National Treasurer.
  - xvi. The National Financial Secretary.
  - xvii. The Deputy National Financial Secretary.
  - xviii. The National Organizing Secretary.
  - xix. The Deputy National Organizing Secretary.
  - xx. The National Publicity Secretary.
  - xxi. The Deputy National Publicity Secretary.
  - xxii. The National Legal Adviser.
  - xxiii. The Deputy National Legal Adviser.
  - xxiv. The National Auditor.
  - xxv. The Deputy National Auditor.
  - xxvi. The National Woman Leader.
  - xxvii. The Deputy National Woman Leader.
  - xxviii. The National Youth Leader.
  - xxix. The Deputy National Youth Leader.
  - xxx. Three (3) elected members at least one of whom shall be a woman from each of the six geo-political zones.
- B. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a quarter.
  - C. The National Executive Committee shall meet at the request of two-third (2/3) of its membership who shall notify the

Chairman at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

- D. The Quorum for the meeting of the National Executive Meeting shall be one quarter (1/4) of the members of the Committee. In the circumstance that the decision of the National Executive Committee is in conflict with that of the Board of Trustees, the Board decision shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **NATIONAL CAUCUS**

- A. There shall be a National Caucus of the Party, which shall comprise of the following:-
- i. The National Chairman as the Chairman
  - ii. The National Leader, Deputy National Chairmen, President or Vice-President, if produced by the Party.
  - iii. The Senate President and Deputy Senate President, the Leader and Deputy leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the Senate, who are members of the Party.
  - iv. The Speaker and the Deputy speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, of the Party, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the House of Representatives, who are members of the Party.
  - v. The National Publicity Secretary and the National Treasurer.
  - vi. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees and six other Trustees, one from each of the six geopolitical zones.
  - vii. The National Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Caucus.
  - viii. The six National Vice Chairmen.
  - ix. The National Caucus shall have the power of co-option of not more than one person per zone.
  - x. The Quorum of the Caucus shall be one half of its members.
  - xi. The National Chairman shall summon the meeting of the Caucus from time to time to consider important

- ii. In case of emergency the National Working Committee shall act on behalf of the National Executive Committee subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee.
- iii. The National Working Committee shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by National Executive Committee.
- iv. National and State Working Committee members, except the Chairman and his Vice, shall submit detailed written report of their offices activities to the Chairman sixty days to the end of the financial year.
- v. Refusal or failure to comply with the above financial provision shall attract stern disciplinary action which shall include three months suspension or removal from office.

### **14. National Caucus**

There shall be a National Caucus headed by the National Chairman and shall meet from time to time to consider urgent and important issues affecting the Party and shall co-ordinate and harmonize the relations between, the activities of the executive and legislative arms of Government and the Party.

### **15. National Board of Trustees**

- A. There shall be a National Board of Trustees, which shall
- i. Ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officers of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms.
  - ii. Ensure high morale of members of the Party, and ensure that the Party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and that the Party is in good political health.
  - iii. Harmonize, co-ordinate, review and advise on policies, programmes and activities of the Party at National level;
  - iv. Be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets.
  - v. Co-ordinate the sourcing of Party funds.
  - vi. Mediate in dispute between the executive and legislative arms of government.

- i. Act as liaison between the National Secretariat and the State Chapters in the zone and vice versa.
- ii. Prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the Zonal Executive Committee.
- iii. It shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Zonal Executive Committee.

**11. Zonal Executive Committee**

- A. There shall be a Zonal Executive Committee which shall meet at least once every two months and whose functions shall be as follows:
  - i. Harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities of the Party within the Zone.
  - ii. Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone and appoint members to such committees.
  - iii. Summon and prepare agenda for the zonal congress.
  - iv. Prepare and submit reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress.
  - v. Carry out any other function assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.
- B. The meeting of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Zonal Chairman or at the request of two-third of its members.

**12. Zonal Congress**

There shall be a zonal Congress whose function shall be as follows:

- i. To approve the budget of the Party in the Zone;
- ii. To elect officers of the Zonal Working Committee;
- iii. To receive the report of officers of the Party in the Zone;
- iv. To receive the Auditor's report.

**13. National Working Committee**

There shall be a National Working Committee, which shall perform the following function:

- i. Be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee.

issues affecting the Party and the Nation or at the request of one third of the Caucus Members.

- xii. The decision or resolution of the caucus shall have binding force and shall be carried-out by all organs of the party.

**ARTICLES 18**

**THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- A. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party, which shall comprise the following.
  - i. Two (2) appointed members from each of the six (6) geo-political zones. Persons so appointed shall not seek further elective position.
  - ii. One woman from each of the six geo-political zones
  - iii. All serving and past National Chairmen, National Leaders, National Secretaries of the Party and nominated co-founders two each from the North and the South of Nigeria.
  - iv. All serving and past Presidents and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria provided that they held the respective posts as members of the Party.
  - v. All serving and past President of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives, provided that they held the respective posts as members of the Party.
  - vi. One member of the Party per zone that the Board of Trustees deems it fit to appoint as members of the Board of Trustees. All nominations/appointments shall be made to the National Chairman, subject to ratification at the Party's Convention.
  - vii. The National Board of Trustees shall be registered under the (Land Perpetual Acts).
  - viii. The Trustees from each zone shall elect one person from amongst them who shall be registered along with the Board of Trustees.
  - ix. The Board of Trustees shall comprise persons of integrity who have contributed substantially to the growth of the Party.
  - x. The Board of Trustees shall have and elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its members.
  - xi. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be the custodian of the common seal of the Party.

- xii. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall hold office for a term of four years and at the expiration shall be eligible for another term of four years.
- xiv. The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceeding.
- xv. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the instance of the Chairman or/and at the request of half of the members of the Board or following resolution of the National Executive Committee requesting for such a meeting.

**ARTICLE 19**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- A There shall be a National Convention of the Party which shall consist:-
  - i. The National Chairman and other members of the National Executive Committee.
  - ii. Members of the Board of Trustees and State Chairmen.
  - iii. The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (if a member of the Party).
  - iv. All Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party.
  - v. All members of the National and State assemblies who are members of the Party.
  - vi. All Zonal and State Party Secretaries (including those of the Federal Capital Territory.
  - vii. All Zonal and State Youth and Woman Leaders (including those of the Federal Capital Territory.
  - viii. All Party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas.
  - ix. All Local Government Council Chairmen produced by the Party.
- B. The Quorum of the National Convention shall be one-third (1/3) of the members.
- C. The National Convention shall hold every four years at a venue to be decided by the National Executive Committee.
- D. A Special National Convention may be convened at any time at the instance of the National Executive Committee. The Special National Convention shall meet to discuss special matters only which shall be specified in the notice summoning the convention.

- 7. **State Stakeholder**
  - i. The State Stakeholder Committee shall meet from time to time to consider urgent and important issues affecting the Party and the State. The decision of the Committee shall be subject to ratification by the State Executive Committee.
- 8. **State Executive Committee**
  - A. The functions of the State Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
    - i. Identify political, Social and Economic issues of concern to the State.
    - ii. Undertake the general administration of the Party in the State, and Implement the decisions of the State Congress or directives of the National Executive Committee or National Convention or Board of Trustees.
    - iii. Prepare the annual budget of the Party in the State.
    - iv. Prepare the Agenda for the State Congress.
    - v. To elect Party State Leader.
- 9. **State Congress**
  - A. The function of the State Congress shall be as follows:
    - i. Approve the budget of the Party in the State.
    - ii. Elect officers of the State Executive Committee.
    - iii. Organize Primaries for Governorship Elections.
    - iv. Receive report of officers of the Party.
    - v. Receive Auditor's report.
  - B. The State Congress shall meet once every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee, provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.
- 10. **Zonal Working Committee**

There shall be a Zonal Working Committee, which shall be responsible for day-to-day administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTY ORGANS**

#### **1. Ward Executive Committee**

- A. The function of the Ward Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
- i. Day to day running of the Party.
  - ii. Raise funds for the day to day running of the Party and other functions.
  - iii. Membership drive.
  - iv. Draw up strategies for political campaigns.
  - v. Mobilization of voters.
  - vi. Putting into effect decision of ward congresses and other organs of the Party.
  - vii. Perform such other functions as will be in the interest of the Party.

#### **2. The Ward Congress**

- B. The function of the Ward Congress shall be as follows:-
- i. To approve the budget for the Ward.
  - ii. To conduct primaries for Ward elections
  - iii. To elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
  - iv. To receive report of officers of the Ward.
  - v. To receive Auditors Reports; and
  - vi. Such other business as shall be in the interest of the party.

#### **3. Local Government Executive Committee**

- A. The function of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be as follows:-
- i. To identify political, social and economic issue of concern to the Local Government.
  - ii. To receive reports from the constituent Wards on
    - a. Membership drive.
    - b. Fund raising activities.
    - c. Strategies for political campaigns and electoral successes.
    - d. Mobilization of voters.

- iii. To harmonize report and distribute same to all wards and ensure their implementation.
- iv. To provide strategies for effective communication between the Wards and the Local Government.
- v. To undertake general administration of the Party in the Local Government Area.
- vi. To Implement decision of the Local Government Congress and other organs of the Party.
- vii. To employ and prescribe the conditions of service including discipline of all secretariat staff of the Party in the Local Government Area.

#### **4. Local Government Area Congress**

- The function of the Local Government Area Congress of the Party shall be as follows:-
- i. To elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party.
  - ii. To organize primaries for election into the State and the National Assemblies.
  - iii. To approve budget for administration of the Party at the Local Government level.
  - iv. To receive the Audit's Report.

#### **5. Senatorial District Working Committee**

- A. The function of the Senatorial District Working Committee shall be as follows:-
- i. To co-ordinate the policies, programmes and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
  - ii. To liaise with the Local Government Areas within the District and State Headquarters;

#### **6. State Working Committee**

- i. The State Working Committee shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the Party at the State level and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee.
- ii. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State Executive Committee.