

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL
CONSCIENCE
PARTY (NCP)**

PREAMBLE

WE, being citizens of the Federal Republic of Nigeria sharing the same political ideal and vision for the greatness of the country and the well-being of her citizenry:

NOTING that the vast majority of our people live in abject poverty in the midst of plenty;

RECOGNISING that the bane of our society lies in the poverty of leadership and a frustrated or uninspired citizenry;

DETERMINED to create a new political movement imbued with a new political vision to emancipate the masses from the rot of the past, and lift them up to standards of existence befitting all human beings in the modern world; and,

CONVINCED of the inalienability of man's fundamental human right of free association, based on shared opinion, as recognised and guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human and Peoples Rights, the African Charter of Human Rights, and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and DESIROUS of banding together in a political party in exercise of that right,

DO HEREBY give to ourselves the following Constitution.

ARTICLE 1: NAME, SUPREMACY OF CONSTITUTION, MOTTO, OBJECT & METHOD

- 1.1. The Name of the Party is NATIONAL CONSCIENCE PARTY and its headquarters shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria or any other place permitted under the Constitution of Nigeria.
- 1.2. The provisions of this Constitution are supreme and shall bind all members.
- 1.3. The Motto of the Party is "ABOLITION OF POVERTY"
- 1.4. The goal of the Party is to organise and operate as a mass political movement/party to influence the process of governance in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to ultimately control, through democratic process, political power in the country to promote and

advance the civil, political, economic, social and cultural upliftment and welfare of all Nigerians through:

- a) cultivation and promotion of democratic governance and active opposition and resistance to military and other forms of subversion of democratic rule and process;
 - b) articulation, popularisation and implementation of pro-people programmes geared toward the economic empowerment of the masses and abolition of poverty;
 - c) articulation, popularisation and implementation of programmes geared toward the moral regeneration of all Nigerians, transparency in government and accountability of public office holders;
 - d) articulation and cultivation of a genuinely Federal Nigerian State based on mutual respect and equality among the component nationalities; and
 - e) Articulation and implementation of a foreign policy aimed at promoting the worth and dignity of all humanity.
- 1.5. The programme as well as the aims and objects of the Party shall at all times conform with the provisions of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.
- 1.6. The Party shall adopt democratic methods for the propagation and realisation of its goal.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION, RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 2.1. Membership of the Party is open to all Nigerian citizens, home and abroad, who believe in the goals of the Party regardless of religious creed, colour, tribe, or sex. All members shall have the right to participate fully in the activities of the Party and to aspire to any position of responsibility within the Party or any public office on the platform of the Party subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
- 2.2. A member who is not up-to-date in the payment of his/her membership fee as may be Fixed from time to time by the National

Coordinating Council shall not enjoy any benefit or right of membership.

- 2.3. It is the duty of every member particularly those occupying public offices to project and uphold the goals of the Party at all times and failure to do SO shall constitute anti-party activity punishable in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 2.4. A person shall cease to be a member if he/she is expelled in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or resigns his/her membership by Notice in writing to the Secretariat of the Party at his/her Ward. A person who has ceased to be a member shall be liable to return all properties of the party in his/her possession.
- 2.5. Every member aspiring to public office on the platform of the party shall be required to subscribe to the Party's code of conduct as prescribed in the schedule hereto.

ARTICLE 3: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 3.1 The various Executive bodies at each level of the Party have power to take disciplinary action, against an erring member of the party who violates the provision(s) of this Constitution.
- 3.2 No disciplinary action or actions taken or imposed on or against any member shall be valid unless such a member is informed in writing of the complaints against him/her and given a reasonable time and opportunity to defend himself/herself.
- 3.3 A disciplinary measure by a State, Local Government. Ward or oversea's branch executive body imposing a fine of more than N300.00 (or as adopted by oversea's branch) on or suspending a member for a period of more than months shall be subject to the approval of the National Executive Council.
- 3.4 A member can only be expelled for anti-party activity or for conduct which in the opinion of the National Coordinating Council amounts to a gross violation of the provisions of this Constitution.
- 3.5 A member shall have the right to appeal against any disciplinary measure taken against him/her by a lower disciplinary organ of the party to a higher one provided that such appeal shall terminate at

the respective Coordinating Council level of the Party except in a case involving the expulsion of a member when the final level of appeal shall be the National Congress.

- 3.6 An expelled member can after 2 years apply to the National Coordinating Council for reinstatement as a member and the decision of the Council on such application shall be final and shall not be appealable by the applicant although any such decision may be reviewed by the National Congress on its own initiative.

ARTICLE 4: NATIONAL ORGANS/OFFICERS

4.1 THE NATIONAL CONGRESS:

4.1.1 The National Congress shall be the Supreme organ of the party.

4.1.2 It shall consist of delegates and observers. The delegates shall consist of members of the National Coordinating Council and a proportional number of representatives per State membership of the Party. The National Executive Committee shall decide the number of delegates to represent each State and overseas branches. Every other member of the Party who is not a delegate may attend meetings of the national congress but such a person shall neither count in reckoning the quorum nor have a voting right.

4.1.3 An Annual Meeting of the National Congress shall be convened either by the National Executive Committee, not later than the thirteenth month after the preceding Annual Meeting, or on the default of the National Executive Committee by a decision of a simple majority of the State Executive Committees for the following purposes:

(a) To receive, consider and accept the Report of the National Executive Committee on the activities and finances of the Party and such other reports from sub-committees as may from time to time be constituted by the Congress.

(b) To elect members of the Party's National Executive Committee at every Triennial Congress provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall preclude any annual Congress from recalling and/or removing and replacing any national officer(s) for inefficiency or anti-party activities by a simple majority of delegates at the annual national congress at its absolute discretion.

- (c) To discuss the affairs of the Party and to take such decisions and/or give general guidelines as may be necessary for the progress and proper working of the Party for implementation by the National Executive Committee and other appropriate organs of the Party.
- (d) To undertake such other responsibilities as may be stipulated in any other part of this Constitution.

4.1.4. An Extra Ordinary Meeting of the National Congress may be convened in periods between one Annual Meeting and another at the instance of either the National Coordinating Committee or on the signed petition of at least one percent (1%) of the registered members at the time. The one percent (1%) shall be spread across all the Zones of the Party, including overseas branches, for the purpose of considering any matter proposed by the convening body. Such a meeting, where requisitioned by the required percentage of registered members, shall be held not later than six weeks after the submission of the requisition.

4.1.5. Quorum at all meetings of the National Congress shall be one-third of delegates entitled to attend such meeting failing which the meeting shall be postponed to a day not later than a week after the date of the failed meeting. If at the latter date a quorum shall not be present then the meeting shall be postponed for another one week at which if a quorum shall still not be present then any number of members exceeding ten percent of expected delegates shall be deemed to constitute a quorum for the purposes of the particular meeting.

4.1.6 The delegates may in the absence of the National Chairperson or any other person acting in his/her stead appoint one of their members to preside over any meeting of the National Congress. The same shall be the case where the Chairperson attends but declines to preside.

4.1.7 Voting on issues other than election of officers at any meeting of the National Congress shall be by show of hands unless at least two delegates demand that same shall be by secret ballot and decisions shall be by a simple majority of delegates present and voting except otherwise provided elsewhere in this constitution.

4.1.8 All registered delegates shall be entitled to one vote each.

4.2 NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

There shall be a National Coordinating Council of the Party consisting of members of the National Executive Council, the Chairpersons and Secretaries of all States and Overseas Executive Councils.

4.2.2 Meetings of the National Coordinating Council shall be convened either by the National Secretary in consultation with the National Chairperson or by agreement of one-third of members of the Council for the purpose of taking decisions on emergency situations arising between one Annual Meeting of the National Congress and another and to carry out such other functions as envisaged in any other provision of this Constitution.

4.2.3 Quorum shall be one-third of its members and its decisions shall be by a simple majority of those present and voting.

4.2.4 Voting shall be by show of hands except otherwise demanded by at least two members and every member in attendance shall be entitled to one vote.

4.3 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.3.1 This shall comprise the National Chairperson, six (6) Deputy National Chairpersons, the Director of International Mobilisation & Coordination, the National General Secretary, the Deputy National General Secretary, the National Financial Secretary, the Deputy National Financial Secretary, the National Publicity and Publications Director, the Deputy National Publicity & Publications Director, the National Treasurer, the Deputy National Treasurer, the National Research Director, the Deputy National Research Director, the National Mobilisation & Planning Director, the Deputy National Mobilisation & Planning Director, the National Legal Adviser, the Deputy National Legal Adviser, the National Women Coordinator, the Deputy National Women Coordinator, and a number of Ex-officio members such that every State of the Federation where the party has a branch shall be represented in the NEC by at least one person. At any point in time, membership of NEC shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria such that members thereof belong to different States not being less in number than two-thirds of all the States of the Federation and the FCT, Abuja.

4.3.2 The National Executive Committee shall direct the activities of the Party and ensure the implementation and realisation of its programmes and objectives. It shall have power to set up sub-committees and to put in place all structures, mechanisms and initiate any action necessary for the efficient and effective workings of the Party.

4.3.3 The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership pending a meeting of the National Congress.

4.3.4 A member of the Committee whether elected or appointed shall cease to hold office if he/she resigns or dies or is cognitively dysfunctional (based on physician certification) or is removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

4.4. DUTIES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

4.4.1 THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

- a) He/she shall be the leader of the Party and shall preside over meetings of all National Organs of the Party.
- b) He/she shall present a report on Party activities at meetings of the National Congress of the Party.
- c) In the event of a tie during voting in all meetings at which he/she presides, he/she shall have a casting vote.
- d) He/she shall be a signatory to the National accounts of the Party.
- e) He/she shall perform all other functions that may be assigned to him/her by the party from time to time or under any other provision of the Constitution.

4.4.2 THE NATIONAL DEPUTY CHAIRPERSONS

- (a) There shall be one National Deputy Chairperson per each of the geo-political Zones making-up the Federal Republic of Nigeria. A person to be so elected must be an indigene and must be resident for at least five years, in any of the States making up the Zone for which he/she is to be elected.
- (b) They shall, on behalf of the National Executive Committee, coordinate Party activities in their respective Zones.

- (c) In the absence of the National Chairperson one of them shall be designated by the National Executive Committee to act in his/her stead.
- (d) They shall carry out such other functions such as may be assigned to them by the National Chairperson or the National Executive Committee of the Party.

4.4.3 THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL MOBILISATION & COORDINATION

- (a) He/she shall be an overseas based Nigerian and when absent shall not count in reckoning the quorum for a NEC meeting.
- (b) He/she shall be responsible for propagating the ideals of the Party to Nigerians resident abroad.
- (c) He/she shall on behalf of the National Executive Committee coordinate the activities of the branches of the party within Nigerian communities abroad.
- (d) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the National Chairperson or the National Executive Committee of the Party.

4.4.4. THE NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY

- (a) He/she shall direct and execute all administrative and secretarial functions of the Party.
- (b) He/she shall keep proper documentation of all correspondences and communications and other records of the Party.
- (c) He/she shall take and keep minutes of the meetings of all National Organs of the Party.
- (d) He/she shall be the custodian of all the properties of the Party, excluding funds.
- (e) He/she shall prepare in consultation with the National Chairperson a full and comprehensive Annual Report on the affairs of the Party for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the National Congress of the Party.

(f) He/she shall perform all other functions that may be assigned to him by the National Chairman or the National Executive Committee of the Party.

(g) He/she shall be a signatory to the accounts of the Party.

4.4.5. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY

(a) He/she shall assist the National General Secretary in the performance of his/her duties.

(b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National General Secretary in his/her absence or incapacitation.

(c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.6 THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

(a) He/she shall direct all fund mobilisation efforts of the Party.

(b) He/she shall receive all monies due to the Party and shall pay same to the Treasurer within 24 hours after collection or as soon as possible thereafter.

(c) He/she shall issue receipts for all monies of the Party received by him/her.

(d) He/she shall maintain a true and accurate record of all receipts and shall present a yearly Financial Report to the Annual Meeting of the National Congress of the Party.

(e) He/she shall present to the National Executive Council a quarterly statement of the Party's Account.

(f) He/she shall make financial records available to the appointed Auditors upon request.

(g) He/she shall be a signatory to the Party's National Accounts.

4.4.7 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

(a) He/she shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the performance of his/her duties.

- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Financial Secretary in his/her absence or incapacitation.
- (c) He/she shall carryout such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.8 THE NATIONAL TREASURER

- (a) He/she shall receive from the National Financial Secretary all monies of the Party and pay same into the Party's accounts within 24 hours of receipt or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (b) He/she shall prepare all payment vouchers duly approved and ensure that such payments are properly authorised by the Party.
- (c) He/she shall disburse all expenses duly authorised by the National Executive Committee or by the National Chairperson and keep copies of the payment vouchers.
- (d) He/she shall maintain an imprest account of an amount as approved by the National Executive Council from time to time.
- (e) He/she shall maintain a true and accurate record of all receipts and payments.

4.4.9 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Treasurer in the performance of his/her duties.
- (b) He/she shall perform the function of the National Treasurer in his/her absence or incapacitation.
- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.10 THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall oversee the propagation and popularisation of Party programmes, ideals and activities.

- (b) He/she shall oversee the publication of all Party materials and keep records of all such publications.
- (c) He/she shall issue press statements on behalf of the Party upon consultation with the National Chairperson and/or General Secretary.
- (d) He/she shall review any press statement issued by the Party outside Nigeria.

4.4.11 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY & PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Publicity & Publications Director in the performance of his/her duties.
- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Publicity & Publications Director in his/her absence or incapacitation.
- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.12 NATIONAL MOBILIZATION & PLANNING DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall be responsible for the Party's membership recruitment efforts.
- (b) He/she shall maintain the membership register of the Party in liason with the National General Secretary.
- (c) He/she shall direct the Party's campaign programme.
- (d) He/she shall see as resource person to the National Research Director in formulating plans for the numerical and ideological development of the Party.

4.4.13. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL MOBILIZATION & PLANNING DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Mobilization & Planning Director in the performance of his/her duties.
- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Mobilization & Planning Director in his/her absence or incapacitation.

- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.14 THE NATIONAL RESEARCH DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall be responsible for the ideological growth of the Party.
- (b) He/she shall plan strategies for effective implementation of the objectives of the Party.
- (c) He/she shall advise the Party on the short and long-term consequences of its plans and activities.
- (d) He/she shall be responsible for all Research work of the Party.
- (e) He/she shall liaise with the National Mobilisation & Planning Director for effective implementation of his/her work.

4.4.15. THE DEPUTY NATIONAL RESEARCH DIRECTOR

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Research Director in the performance of his/her duties.
- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Research Director in his/her absence or incapacitation
- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee

4.4.16 THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

- (a) He/she shall ensure compliance by all operatives of the Party with the provisions of this Constitution.
- (b) He/she shall advise the Party on all legal matters affecting its operation.
- (c) He/she shall be the chief legal officer of the Party.

4.4.17 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Legal Adviser in the performance of his/her duties.

- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Legal Adviser in his/her absence or incapacitation.
- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to him/her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4. 18. THE NATIONAL WOMEN COORDINATOR

- (a) She shall be responsible for women mobilization and coordination.
- (b) She shall assist the National Executive Committee in the formulation of policies geared towards securing full participation and involvement of women in the activities of the party and the governance of Nigeria.
- (c) She shall assist the national executive Committee in the formulation of policies on matters of special interest or concern to women and children.
- (d) She shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.19 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMEN COORDINATOR

- (a) He/she shall assist the National Women Coordinator in the performance of her duties.
- (b) He/she shall perform the functions of the National Women Coordinator in her absence or incapacitation.
- (c) He/she shall carry out such other functions as may be specifically assigned to her by the National Executive Committee.

4.4.20 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- (a) They shall perform all functions assigned to them by the National Chairperson or the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5: ZONAL COUNCILS

- 5.1. There shall be Zonal Council to coordinate the activities of the Party in each Zone. It shall consist of the National Deputy Chairperson elected from that Zone, the Chairperson and Secretaries of all the States comprising the Zone.

- 5.2. Each Zonal Council shall meet at least twice a year to address issues common to all the States in the Zone and oversee the implementation of the Party's objectives within the Zone.
- 5.3. The quorum for meetings of the Zonal Council shall be one-third of its members and its decisions shall be reached by a simple majority of those present and voting. Voting shall be by show of hands except otherwise demanded by any two members. The State Congress shall be the highest organ of the Party at the State level.

ARTICLE 6: STATE ORGANS/OFFICERS

6.1. STATE CONGRESS

- 6.1.2 It shall be composed of members of the State coordinating Council and a proportional number of delegates per Local Government membership of the Party. The State Executive Committee shall decide the number of delegates to represent each Local Government.
- 6.1.3 The State Congress shall exercise at the State level powers similar to those of the National Congress and shall conduct its activities in the same manner as stipulated in this Constitution in respect of the National organ.

6.2. STATE COORDINATING COUNCIL

- 6.2.1 The State Coordinating Council shall consist of members of the State Executive Committee and the Chairperson and Secretaries of the Local Government Executive Committees of all Local Government Councils within the State.
- 6.2.2 The State Coordinating Council shall exercise at the State level powers similar to those of the National Coordinating Council and shall conduct its activities in the same manner as stipulated in this Constitution in respect of the National organ.

6.3. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.3.1 This shall comprise the State Chairperson, a Deputy State Chairperson, the State General Secretary, the Deputy State General Secretary, the State Financial Secretary, the Deputy State Financial Secretary, the State Publicity and Publications Director, the Deputy State Publicity & Publications Director, the State

Treasurer, the Deputy State Treasurer, the State Research Director, the Deputy State Research Director, the State Mobilisation & Planning Director, the Deputy State Mobilisation & Planning Director, the State Legal Adviser, the Deputy State Legal Adviser, the State Women Coordinator, the Deputy State Women Coordinator, and a number of Ex-officio members such that every local government where the Party has a branch shall be represented in the State Executive Committee.

6.3.2 The provisions in this Constitution relating to National Officers shall apply to their State counterparts in respect of Party activities and organisation at the State level.

ARTICLE 7: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANS! OFFICERS

7.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONGRESS

7.1.1 The Local Government Congress shall be the highest organ of the Party at the Local Government level.

7.1.2 It shall be composed of members of the Local Government Branch coordinating Council and a proportional number of delegates per Ward membership of the Party. The Local Government Executive Committee shall decide the number of delegates to represent each ward.

7.1.3 The Congress shall exercise at the Local Government level powers similar to those of the State Congress and shall conduct its activities in the same manner as stipulated in this Constitution in respect of the State organ.

7.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

7.2.1 This shall consist of members of the Local Government Executive Committee and the Chairperson and Secretaries of the Ward Executive Committees of all Ward branches within the State.

7.2.2 The Local Government Coordinating Council shall exercise at the Local Government level powers similar to those of the State Coordinating Council and shall conduct its activities in the same manner as stipulated in this Constitution in respect of the State organ.

7.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.3.1 This shall comprise the Local Government Chairperson, a Deputy Local Government Chairperson, the Local Government General Secretary, the Deputy Local Government General Secretary, the Local Government Financial Secretary, the Deputy Local Government Financial Secretary, the Local Government Publicity and Publications Director, the Deputy Local Government Publicity & Publications Director, the Local Government Treasurer, the Deputy Local Government Treasurer, the Local Government Research Director, the Deputy Local Government Research Director, the Local Government Mobilisation & Planning Director, the Deputy Local Government Mobilisation & Planning Director, the Local Government Legal Adviser, the Deputy Local Government Legal Adviser, the Local Government Women Coordinator, and a number of Ex-officio members such that every Ward where the Party has a branch shall be represented on the Local Government Committee.

7.3.2 The provisions in this Constitution relating to State Officers shall apply to their Local Government branch counterparts in respect of Party activities and organisation at the Local Government level except that the Local Organising Director shall combine the functions of the State Mobilisation & planning and Research Directors.

ARTICLE 8: WARD ORGANS/OFFICERS

8.1. WARD CONGRESS

8.1.1 The Ward Congress shall be the highest organ of the Party at the Ward level.

8.1.2 It shall be composed of members of the Ward Executive Committee and all other members of the Party in the Ward.

8.1.3 The Congress shall exercise at the Ward level powers similar to those of the Local Government Congress and shall conduct its activities in the same manner as stipulated in this Constitution in respect of the Local Government organ.

8.2. WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.2.1 This shall comprise the Ward Chairperson, Ward Secretary, Ward Financial Secretary, Ward Publicity and Publication Director and the Ward Organising Director and a number of Ex-officio members

such that every component community making up the Ward Constituency is represented in the Ward Executive Committee.

8.2.2 The provision in this Constitution relating to Local Government Officers shall apply to their Ward counterparts in respect of Party activities and organisation at the Ward level.

ARTICLE 9: MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. TENURE

9.1.1 All elected officers of the Party shall hold office for a period of 3 years after which they will be eligible for re-election subject to the possibility of recall or removal of officers on the conditions stipulated in article 4.1.3 (b) of this Constitution.

9.2 ELECTIONS

9.2.1 All elections of Officers at all levels of the Party shall be won by a simple majority of votes cast.

9.2.2 All elections of officers shall be by secret ballot.

9.2.3 All elections shall be conducted at the Annual Congress of the concerned level of the Party while bye-elections may be conducted at extra ordinary meetings.

9.2.4 Only members who are not in default as to their financial obligations to the Party shall be eligible to vote and be voted for at elections.

9.2.5 All elections shall be organised by Electoral Panels. An Electoral Panel to conduct election at the next annual meeting of the concerned Congress shall be set up at every Annual Congress. An Electoral Panel shall work on an ad-hoc basis and shall commence its work not later than 4 months before the annual meeting of the Congress at which it is to conduct an election while it shall stand defunct on the completion of the election and the composition of a new electoral Panel.

9.2.6 The National and State Electoral Panel shall consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and three other members while the Local Government and Ward Electoral Panel shall consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and one other member. No Officer of the

party whether elected or appointed shall be eligible to be a member of an electoral Panel.

9.3. MEETINGS

9.3.1 Except as otherwise provided decisions at all meetings of the Party shall be reached either by general consensus or by a simple majority of votes.

9.3.2 All meetings shall, except otherwise provided in this Constitution, be summoned by the various Secretaries in consultation with or on the instruction of the respective Chairpersons of their individual organs.

9.3.3 Where it becomes impracticable for the National or State or Local Government Executive Committees to hold meetings, the National or State or Local Government Coordinating Council shall direct the day to day management of the affairs of the Party.

9.3.4 Where it becomes impracticable for the Ward Executive Committee to meet, the Local Government Executive committee shall direct the affairs of the party in the concerned ward.

9.3.5 Where it becomes impracticable to hold elections into National Offices at the Triennial Congress, National Coordinating Council shall meet within 2 months to elect among themselves the National Executive Council.

9.3.6 Except as otherwise provided the quorum at any meeting of the Party shall be one-third of the members entitled to attend the particular meeting.

9.3.7 Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution Notice of ordinary meetings of the Party other than a Congress shall be sent out at least 7 days before the meeting by the Secretary of the concerned Party organ provided that any default in this connection may be overlooked by a decision of two-thirds majority of those entitled to receive any such notice.

9.4. FINANCE

9.4.1 The Party shall raise funds through

(a) Membership fees

- (b) Donations and/or contributions from well-meaning individuals or bodies.
- (c) Proceeds from sale or auction of Party materials and publications; and
- (d) Income from investments.

9.5. AUDITORS

9.5.1 The Accounts of the Party shall be audited at least once a year by professional auditors appointed by the Party's National Congress at its annual Meeting. The Branch of the Party outside Nigeria shall submit semi-annual and annual financial statements.

9.6. FUND MANAGEMENT

9.6.1 The various levels of the Party shall maintain Bank accounts in institutions approved by the Executive bodies at each level.

9.6.2 The signatories to the Party's accounts shall be a combination of the Chairperson and Secretary or Financial Secretary.

9.7. SUB-RULES

9.7.1 The Organs of the Party at each level shall have powers to make sub-rules and bye-laws for the effective operation of the Party provided that where such sub-rules or bye-laws contravene any of the provisions of this Constitution they shall be null, void and of no effect.

9.8 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

9.8.1 Any elected officer of the Party may be removed from office whenever found to have committed any of the following offences:

- (a) Persistent refusal to carry out basic membership duties as outlined in this constitution;
- (b) Persistent refusal to carry out official duties attaching to his/her office as outlined in this Constitution;
- (c) Gross violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution;

(d) Conduct which in the opinion of the disciplinary body is likely to undermine the standing or tarnish the image of the Party in the eyes of the public;

(e) Anti-party activities.

9.8.2 The following procedure shall be adopted in removing an elected officer from office, that is:

(a) The National Coordinating Council in the case of a national officer or the State Coordinating Council in the case of a State officer or the Local Government Coordinating Council in the case of a Local Government officer shall set up a Disciplinary Committee to consider complaints against elected officers. The Ward Executive Council shall act as a Disciplinary Committee in the case of elected Ward Officers.

(b) The Disciplinary Committee shall within 1 week of receiving any complaint against any elected officer notify same in writing to invite the concerned officer to defend himself/herself. The concerned officer shall submit his/her defence in writing to the committee within 2 weeks of being notified failing which he/she shall be deemed to have no defence to the allegations and or to have admitted same.

(c) The Disciplinary Committee shall within 4 weeks after delivering the invitation to the concerned officer consider the allegations and the defence thereto (if any) and report its findings to the relevant Coordinating Council. The report shall in the case of a Ward officer be made by the Ward Executive to the Local Government Executive Council which shall for this purpose act as a Coordinating Council for Wards. The Disciplinary Committee may place the concerned officer on suspension with or without the continued enjoyment by the concerned official of his/her official emoluments pending the decision of the relevant Coordinating Council on its report.

(d) The concerned coordinating Council shall as soon as possible consider the report and may by a two-third majority of its members present and voting adopt a resolution removing the concerned officer from office and the concerned officer shall stand removed.

- (e) The Congress may however impose a lesser punishment as it deems appropriate.
- (f) The decision of the concerned coordinating Council imposing any punishment on an elected officer shall be final except the Congress reverses such decision.

9.9 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 9.9.1 Any of the provisions of this Constitution may be altered upon a written proposal submitted by at least two members to the National General Secretary at least three months before any meeting of the National executive councils to all levels of the Party organization Congress and circulated by him/her through the various as forming part of the agenda of the next meeting of the National Congress which may adopt the proposal by two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting.

**SCHEDULE
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PERSONS ASPIRING TO PUBLIC OFFICE
ON THE PLATFORM OF NCP**

I,..... being a person aspiring to or occupying public office on the platform of the National Conscience Party freely elect to state as follows:

- That I understand public office to be a position of public trust for rendering selfless service to the people and not a means for feathering my own interest in any possible manner whatsoever;
- That I accept that to be a true servant of the people I must live in similar circumstance as an average subject of governance;
- That I renounce every remuneration due to me as a public officer beyond the average entitlement of the average government worker, and will not covet such privileged remuneration or any other;
- I accept that what is good for the ordinary members of the public as provided by the government of which I am an official is also good enough for me. Accordingly, I undertake that my children or wards will attend public schools and that members of my family and I will attend public general hospital for our medical requirement;
- I accept that I will not seek private succour from the inefficiencies of sick public utilities, which I accept is my duty and that of my co-public officers to bring back to good health. Accordingly, I renounce for instance, the use of electricity generator for as long as I occupy public office. I renounce also the use of siren to escape traffic jam, it being part of my responsibility along with other officials of state to ensure free flow of traffic for all. I renounce all similar advantages which public officials are wont to appropriate for themselves at State

expense rather than finding solutions to the problems militating against the efficient operation of public utilities and services in the interest of all citizens, including myself as a public' officer.

- I accept that I am bound by the laws of the land as much as every other citizen not in public office;
- I fully agree with the Party's programme and I hold myself bound to the full and unadulterated implementation of it;
- I accept that this code of conduct is a contract between me and members of the public and that any infraction of the terms thereof shall form ground for my recall from office.

SIGNED BY ME THISDAY OF