

# **MANIFESTO and CONSTITUTION of**



**PEOPLES ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT & LIBERTY (PANDEL)**

## **MANIFESTO'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

We of the People's Alliance for National Development & Liberty (PANDEL),  
 Conscious of;  
 Our zeal to build a real democratic state founded on Justice, Equity and Fair play.  
 Realizing the need to;  
 Make fundamental break with past mistakes in order to realize the optimum potentials of the Country;  
 Building a qualitatively better society based on the principles of democracy, human rights and social justice under the rule of law;  
 Committed to;  
 Restructuring Nigeria in the spirit of true federalism and responsible tiers of government, so as to achieve a just and equitable society;  
 Resolving such fundamental issues in pursuit of proper devolution of powers between the three tiers of government;  
 Covenant as follows:

### **1. The Workability of the Nigerian Polity**

We affirm our belief in the unity of Nigeria under the Federal System of Government. We shall, therefore, continuously promote political tolerance, accommodation and compromise, religious harmony, as well as inter-ethnic and intra-ethnic accommodation and co-operation.

The Party shall also promote geo-political balancing as a fundamental principle of power sharing in the country, in line with the principle of federal character.

The Party shall uphold the principle of power rotation in our polity at all levels.

The Party shall uphold a power sharing ideal of 55/45 between MALE and FEMALE, NORTHERN and SOUTHERN PART of the Country, Adult (35 years – upwards) and Youth (18 years – 35 years).

The party shall enshrine in its constitution clear cut fundamental role for an ESTABLISHMENT COUNCIL that will defend at all times the founding ideas and ideals of the party. Members of the establishment council shall be fifteen (15) and can be deployed to serve at any level and in any organ of the party as the need arises. The establishment council shall elect a Chairman and the National Chairman of the Party shall serve as the secretary of the Council.

### **2. The Supremacy of The Constitution**

We affirm our belief in the supremacy of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the sovereignty of the Nigerian nation and its people. We hereby affirm our commitment to strict observance and enforcement of the provisions. As a political party, we shall conform to the spirit and the letter of the provisions of the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria and the constitution of Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL).

### **3. The Independence of the Judiciary and Operation of The Rule of Law**

We affirm our unchangeable commitment to an eventual independence status for the Judiciary at all levels in the Nigeria polity. Doctrine of the Rule of Law and Due Process shall be applicable in all manners, on all issues and regarding all persons or group of persons without prejudice, sentiment or bias where a Constitutional provision be it that of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or that of Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL). The entire National Executive Council of the party shall employ all means and weapon, civil and progressive to advocate and effect change of those provisions, under the guidance of the Establishment Council of The Party.

### **4. The Sanctity of Human Dignity**

We affirm belief in respect of fundamental human rights, as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution and International Protocols and Conventions. We are against all forms of discrimination on the basis of gender, religion, place of origin, or ethnicity, race, beliefs, etc. Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty will strive to protect the rights of vulnerable groups in society, including women, children, senior citizens, veterans, physically and medically challenged and minorities.

## **OUR BELIEFS**

We shall remain strongly committed to:

1. Democracy and good governance;
2. Freedom, human rights and human dignity;
3. Justice, equity, popular participation, inclusiveness and the rule of law;
4. Integrity, transparency and accountability in the conduct of public affairs;
5. Total change for Sustainable development through the creation of an enabling environment for private sector led economic development.

## **DIRECTION OF POLICY AND MEASURES**

### **1. Political Objective**

The political objective of Peoples Alliance for national Development and Liberty (PANDEL) is to:

- a. Seek political power for the purpose of protecting the territorial integrity of Nigeria and promoting the security, safety, welfare, and well-being of all Nigerians.
- b. Promote and establish political stability in Nigeria and foster national unity and integration while safeguarding our culture and values;
- c. Provide good governance that ensures probity and participatory democracy;
- d. Guarantee human rights and fundamental freedoms of all citizens and persons resident in Nigeria.
- e. Promote and nurture democratic ideals and traditions on a sustainable basis;
- f. Provide the political environment that is conducive to economic growth and national development through private initiative and free enterprise;

- g. Offer equal opportunities to hold the highest political, military, bureaucratic and judicial offices in the country to all citizens, and protect, defend and safeguard the interests of all including minority components of the populace.

## **2. Governance**

The party shall be committed to:

- i. The principle of participatory democracy total change and sustainable development.
- ii. The principles of social justice and equality of opportunities for all Citizens;
- iii. The promotion and defense of the Nigerian Federal System of government;
- iv. The principles of accountability and transparency in order to restore confidence in the institutions of government, discipline and leadership by example as basis for public life and personal integrity as an important moral value in the conduct of public affairs;
- v. Fostering the spirit of oneness among our people by treating all Nigerians fairly and equitably, regardless of their social, political or economic status; and regardless of whether they are domiciled in the state of their origin. The party is committed to seeing that children born in any state of the federation are automatically entitled to being bonafide indigenes of that state with all rights and responsibilities.
- vi. The preservation of Nigeria as a multi-religious state whilst guaranteeing freedom of religion based on fear of God and good conscience at all times.

## **3. Economy**

At the root of Nigeria's political and social problems is poverty and low access to economic opportunities. The improvement in the well-being of Nigerians is the ultimate objective of the People's Alliance for National Development and Liberty's economic policy, and making accessible to every Nigerian the basic needs of life. The focus would be to create a market-based economy driven by small and medium scale businesses and regulated by a reformed public sector.

At the very foundation of the above objective of the party is the pursuit of a strong, virile and diversified economy built to encourage De-urbanization and to stop rural urban migration through investment in modern agricultural methods. Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty's economic policy is centered on people and seeks to realize the Millennium Development Goals while aiming to:

- i. Develop a middle class driven by small business owners, professional class with access to credit.
- ii. Create easy access to transferable and hereditary property rights including parcels of land in urban and rural areas.
- iii. Protect the weak and poor through initiatives that is designed to integrate them in the economy.
- iv. Improve investment in physical and social infrastructure.

The PANDEL aims, altogether, at establishing the leading economy in Africa and one of the 20 leading and largest economies in the World by 2020; an economy that experiences rapid and sustained growth of not less than 20% per annum.

**4. The Judiciary and the Administration of Justice**

The Party (PANDEL) shall:

- i. At all times uphold and defend the Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria;
- ii. Uphold the principles of separation of powers as enshrined in the Constitution;
- iii. Uphold the Independence of the Judiciary;
- iv. Ensure the security of lives and property of all Nigerians

**5. FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLICY**

The party's foreign affairs policy will have the interest of Nigeria, Nigerians at the epicenter. It will honour all treaties already entered into and will only enter new ones on the basis of mutual respect and interest.

The Nigerians in the Diaspora in any part of the world would be well protected by our Embassies. Therefore the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be strengthened to engage effectively and efficiently.

The Party Constitution shall enshrine mechanism for the effective mobilization of the huge human resources available in Nigerians in the Diaspora towards propagating the letters of this manifesto.

**6. THE ARMED FORCES**

The party shall ensure that all veterans of our Armed Forces are well taken care of through proper registration and prompt payment of entitlement and pensions.

The Armed Forces will be fully returned to its era of high respectability and professionalism. All Veterans and retirees of the public service will be given a pride of place as senior citizens.

NATIONAL SECRETARY

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

The  
**CONSTITUTION**  
Of  
**PEOPLES ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT & LIBERTY  
(PANDEL)**

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## **The Constitution of People's Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL)**

### **PREAMBLE**

1. RECOGNIZING that many years of military dictatorship in Nigeria resulted in the gross erosion of fundamental human rights and the rule of law; recognizing the need to raise the nation to moral and intellectual dignity, recreate civil political institutions; reconcile and unite our various peoples and rekindle in ourselves the spirit of brotherhood, confront social decay, remedy existing evils in the moral, social, and political condition of the country and arouse ourselves to a desired state of consciousness to build a prosperous and lasting democracy.
  
2. In response to these challenges, leaders of like-minded political associations, aroused by a sense of duty to the nation, assembled in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja on the 9th day of May, 2014 and resolved:
  - a) to bring together all MALE & FEMALE; patriotic and like-minded Nigerians into a single formidable political party, capable of organizing and making productive, the labour and energy of the people.
  - b) to work together under the umbrella of the party for the speedy restoration of democracy, the achievement of national reconciliation, economic and social reconstruction and respect for human rights and the rule of law.
  - c) to create social-political conditions conducive to national peace and unity by ensuring fair and equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, conforming with the principles of power shift and power sharing by rotating key political offices amongst the diverse peoples of our country and devolving powers equitably between the Federal, State, and Local Governments in the spirit of federalism.
  - d) to establish under the law and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a moral social order which will result in the spiritual regeneration of the nation and to defend the sanctity of democracy through the firm enforcement of a strict code of conduct among the members of the party and political office holders; and
  - e) to mobilize like-minded Nigerians under the leadership of the party to build a nation responsive to the aspirations of its people, able to satisfy the just hopes and aspirations of the black people of the world and to gain the confidence of the nations.

NOW THEREFORE WE, MEMBERS OF THE People's Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL). For the purpose of effective administration and the promotion of the ideals and objectives of our party DO HEREBY ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES the following Constitution:

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **THE NAME OF THE PARTY**

The name of the Party shall be People's Alliance for National Development and Liberty "hereinafter in this Constitution referred as "The Party" and with the abbreviation "PANDEL"

**ARTICLE 2**  
**SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Constitution shall be supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members and organs of the party.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**MOTTO AND SLOGAN**

The motto of the PARTY SHALL BE “hope for our nation” and the slogan of the party shall be “PANDEL-PROGRESS! PANDEL - PROGRESS!! PANDEL – FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS!!! demonstrated by raising and clenching right fist.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**FLAG/EMBLEM**

The Flag/Emblem of the Party shall be a pair of eye glasses on a white background in the middle of Nigerian map with the name of the Party clearly written below. The eye glasses in the logo is for clear vision to see, scrutinize and address our national problems.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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

**ARTICLE 6**  
**THE CHARACTER AND ETHICS OF THE PARTY**

- 6.1 The party shall be a democratic organization and shall pursue its objectives without regard to race, religion, creed, ethnic affiliation, gender or age.
- 6.2 The policies and programmes of the party shall be determined by its membership and the leadership of the party shall be accountable to the party.
- 6.3 The party shall contest all elections in Nigeria and shall, for that purpose draw its support from all sections of the society.
- 6.4 The party, while striving for maximum unity of purpose shall respect the linguistic, cultural and religious diversity of its members.
- 6.5 The party shall support the emancipation and participation of women by encouraging their representation at all levels.
- 6.6 The party shall respect freedom of expression and free exchange of ideas and information without undermining the authority and integrity of the party.
- 6.7 In nomination for party offices, the formula of 55/45 % shall be enforced between males and females.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY**

7.1 The Party shall:

- a) have a manifesto;
- b) subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the manifesto of the party shall be implemented by all organs of the party and governments elected under the platform of the party.
- c) The Party shall strive to:
  - i) Promote sustainable development through the provision of sound education, basic health care, food security, rapid industrial growth, adequate housing, full employment and the improvement of infrastructure and basic services.
  - ii) promote federalism and an equitable revenue sharing formula;
  - iii) promote the security of life, and property, and enhance family values;
  - iv) promote self-respect, self-reliance and human dignity;
  - v) uphold the integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as one united indivisible political entity;
  - vi) promote national integration and the peaceful co-existence of the diverse communities of our country;
  - vii) promote an egalitarian society founded on freedom, equality and justice.
  - viii) uphold the independence of the judiciary and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - ix) promote learning and research in science and technology and the arts;
  - x) assist in the just resolution of local and international disputes;
  - xi) support the struggle for the rights of children and the disabled;
  - xii) advance the political, social, educational and economic interests of its members and act as the channel of communication between them, the government and other political parties or associations.

7.2 The Party shall pursue these objectives by:

- (a) ensuring that the programmes of the Party, as contained in its manifesto, conform with the fundamental objectives and directive principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (b) promoting mutual respect for and understanding of the religious and cultural diversity of Nigeria.
- (c) in pursuance of the principle of equity, justice and fairness, the party shall adhere to the policy of rotation and zoning of party and public elective offices and it shall be enforced by the appropriate executive committee at all levels.
- (d) striving towards African unity and fostering greater understanding and cohesion among all peoples of African descent.
- (e) co-operating with African and other nationalist movements and organizations working for the eradication of imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism.

- (f) co-operating with member nations in promoting the aims of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU), the Commonwealth of Nations, the United Nations Organizations (UNO) and other international and regional groups; and
- (g) Undertaking such other activities as, in the opinion of the Party, may aid the attainment of the objectives of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 8.1 Membership of the Party shall be open to all Nigerians who:
  - (a) are at least 18 years of age, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, gender, social or economic status;
  - (b) accept the principles, policies and Programmes of the Party; and
  - (c) who undertake to abide by the Constitution of the Party.
- 8.2 A register of members shall be maintained at the Ward Secretariat of the party and the register so maintained shall not be removed from the Ward Secretariat, but information contained therein shall be forwarded from time to time to the National Secretariat through the L.G.A, State Secretariats
- 8.3 Membership cards and registers shall be classified as party security documents.
- 8.4 A prospective member shall:
  - (a) Register at his or her Ward of origin or where he or she ordinarily resides or carries on business; and
  - (b) the prescribed registration and other fees before admission into the party, otherwise loses all rights of membership.
- 8.5 Application for membership shall be considered by the Ward Executive Committee, which shall have power to accept or refuse any application for membership. Provided that such acceptance or refusal shall be subject to review by the next higher organ of the party and then the next, and the next, to the N.E.C.
- 8.6 The membership register shall be maintained at the Ward and authenticated by being signed by the Ward Chairman and the Ward Secretary, while the fees section countersigned by the ward financial secretary.
- 8.7 A membership card shall be issued to a registered member of the Party upon which shall bear the photograph of the member.
- 8.8 Membership cards shall be produced by the National Executive Committee and authenticated by the National Chairman and National Secretary.
- 8.9 Persons who desire to rejoin the party after leaving it shall, unless exempted by the National Working Committee, be placed on probation for a period of time not less than a year.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 9.1 A party member shall:
  - (a) Belong to and take active part in the activities of his or her ward;

- (b) Take all necessary steps to understand, propagate and execute the aims and objectives of the party;
- (c) Endeavour to acquaint himself or herself with the social, cultural, political and economic problems of the country;
- (d) Combat propaganda detrimental to the party and defend the policies and programmes of the party;
- (e) Oppose ethnicity, religious and political intolerance or any other form of discrimination.
- (f) Observe discipline, behave honestly and carry out loyally all decisions of the majority and decisions of higher organs of the party;
- (g) Refrain from publishing or distributing to the media, any article which purports to be the view of any faction or tendency within the party (without due authorization);
- (h) Ensure that he is registered as a voter in the constituency where he resides;
- (i) Pay such fees, levies and dues as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Convention or by any other organ of the party authorized to do so;
- (j) Subject to the provision of this constitution, be eligible to vote and be voted for at party meetings or elections.
- (k) Be loyal to the party and not do anything that is inconsistent with this constitution.
- (l) Not divulge the proceedings and decisions of the party unless expressly authorized.

**In the case of**

- (m) All public officers elected or appointed on the platform of the party shall be guided by the manifesto, rules and decisions of the party and shall remain a member of the party. Decamping from the party after election shall amount to automatic handover to the deputy. Should the elected officer and his deputy decamp from the party, the Board of Trustee of the Party appoints a successor.
- (n) Not bring to public attention disagreements and conflicts within the party unless expressly authorized to do so.
- (o) Not publicly make critical comments about the policies of any government elected on the platform of the party.
- (p) Not align with other parties or groups to undermine the party or any of its elected governments.
- (q) Not engage in violent conduct or acts capable of inciting violence at any of its gatherings.

## **9.2 Obligations of the Party to its members**

- (i) The party shall create opportunities for members to serve;
- (ii) The party shall adopt measures that encourage volunteer services;
- (iii) The party shall put in place deliberate measures aimed at strengthening the aspirations of members through services;
- (iv) The party shall encourage regular gathering and social activities aimed at developing familiar bonds among members.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

**10 (a) Membership Registration**

- (i) Members shall pay monthly subscription fees which must be reflected on their membership cards. Where a member consistently fails to pay his or her subscription for six months such membership would be deemed to have lapsed; payment of all dues are to be made at the ward level.
- (ii) Membership register shall be computerized to ensure control and avoid fraud.
- (iii) Procedure and processes of keeping membership records shall be standardized such that there is uniform way of keeping and preserving records at all levels of the party;
- (iv) Membership cards and registers should be classified as party security documents;
- (v) All ward registers shall be closed one month to the congresses.
- (vi) Party members should ensure that they verify their names before the closure of ward registers. Authentication and recertification by the Ward Chairmen and Secretaries should take place before nomination processes begin.
- (vii) A Computer print out of all such authenticated and recertified members register must be released by the National Secretariat endorsed by the NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND NATIONAL SECRETARY, 10 WORKING DAYS before an elective exercise.

**10 (b) Loss of Membership**

- (i) Without prejudice to the provision of Article 9 of this constitution, any member who fails to renew his/her membership by payment of the annual subscription fees within 6 months after due date shall cease to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership and if in default for upward of 12 months shall cease to be a member;
- (ii) Any member who loses his membership on account of failure to pay his or her dues or to meet any other financial obligations shall resume membership only on the payment of all outstanding dues and penalties.
- (iii) Any party member who loses his membership for reasons other than nonpayment of annual subscription may be readmitted on the recommendation of his State chapter of the party made to the National Working Committee, which is subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee.

**10 (c) Status of Returnee Members**

Decampees who return to the party should lose their seniority and privileges conferred by previous seniority.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**PARTY ORGANIZATION**

- 11.1 The party shall be organized and administered at the following levels: (i) Ward (ii) Local Government Area (LGA); (iii) Senatorial District; (iv) State; (v) Zonal, and (vi) National
- 11.2 For the purpose of elections, there shall be informal units for mobilization such as: (a) the State House of Assembly Constituency (b) the Federal Constituency; and (c) the Senatorial Constituency

- 11.3 There shall be a Party secretariat at all levels of the Party.
- 11.4 For the purpose of the organization of the party, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall be deemed to be a State.
- 11.5 For the purpose of fulfilling the expectation of the MANIFESTO of the Party. An Establishment council shall exist at the National level of the party. The council shall comprise the proponents of the ideals of the party at inception and later strong beliefs of the PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LIBERTY (PANDEL) IDEA. They shall be in place to silently ensure that all organs at all levels of the party adhere to the letters of the Manifesto and spirit of the party constitution, as developed and drafted by them. Members of the council shall be 14 known individuals in the ratio of 7 males and 7 females and shall recruit individual of high Integrity and string commitment to positive CHANGE to serve as its CHANCELLOR every 2 years chairing meetings and speaking on behalf of the council both the male and female side of the council shall take turns in nominating the CHANCELLOR Incase of council membership vacancy(s) 10 members of the council shall agree to a replacement without upsetting the balance in the council. So also 10 members shall agree to decisions including, disciplinary measures. Members of this council can serve in any organ or at any level of the party as they so choose and so acceptable to the normal procedure of taking up of such responsibility in the party constitution.

## ARTICLE 12

### THE ORGANS OF THE PARTY ORGANS

- 12.1 The organs of the party shall consist of the following:
- (a) The Ward Executive Committee
  - (b) The Ward Working Committee
  - (c) The Ward Congress
  - (d) The Local Government Executive Committee
  - (e) The Local Government Working Committee
  - (f) The Local Government Area Congress
  - (g) The Senatorial District executive Committee
  - (h) The Senatorial Caucus
  - (i) The State Working Committee
  - (j) The State Caucus
  - (k) The State Executive Committee
  - (l) The State Board of Trustees
  - (m) The State Congress
  - (n) The Zonal Working Committee
  - (o) The Zonal Congress
  - (p) THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - (q) The National Working Committee
  - (r) The National Caucus
  - (s) The National Board of Trustees
  - (t) The National Convention

### **THE WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 12.2 There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall consist of:
- (a) The Chairman
  - (b) The Deputy Chairman
  - (c) The elected Chairman of the Local Government Council, the elected Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Council and the elected Councilor of the Ward who are members of the party.
  - (d) The Secretary
  - (e) The Assistant Secretary
  - (f) The Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
  - (g) The Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary
  - (h) The Organizing Secretary, Assistant Organizing secretary
  - (i) The Publicity Secretary, Assistant Public Secretary
  - (j) The Woman Leader, Assistant Woman Leader
  - (k) The Welfare Officer, Assistant Welfare Officer
  - (l) The Youth Leader, Assistant Youth Leader
  - (m) Five other members elected at the Ward Congress, two of whom shall be women.
  - (n) The members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the party from the Ward.
  - (o) The members of the National and state Boards of Trustees from the Ward.
  - (p) The members of the National and State Assemblies from the ward, who are members of the party.
  - (q) The Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
  - (r) The Auditor, who shall be an accounting practitioners
  - (s) Political office holders from the Ward, who are members of the Party, that is:
    - i. the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
    - ii. the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
    - iii. the State Governor and Deputy Governor

**12.3 FUNCTIONS OF THE WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (a) raise funds for the administration of the party at the ward level
- (b) engage in membership drive for the party
- (c) draw up strategies for political campaigns
- (d) mobilize voters for the party
- (e) implement the decisions of the Ward Congress and other organs of the party
- (f) receive the auditor's report
- (g) prepare the agenda for the Ward Congress; and
- (h) such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party.

**12.4 MEETINGS OF THE WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WEC)**

- a. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.

- b. The meetings of the Ward Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Ward Chairman and an extra-ordinary meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall be held if requested by at least two-third of the members of the Ward Executive committee or if requested by one-third of the registered members of the Ward and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- c. The quorum at Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the Ward Executive Committee.

## **12.5 WARD WORKING COMMITTEE**

The Ward working committee shall undertake the day to day administration of the party at the ward level and report to the W.E.C. it shall prepare the Agenda for the Ward Executive council meetings.

## **THE WARD CONGRESS**

### **Composition of the Ward Congress**

- 12.6 There shall be a Ward Congress which shall consist of all elected, political office holders and registered members of the party. Functions of the Ward Congress
- 12.7 **The Functions of the Ward Congress shall be to:**
  - (a) receive reports of officers of the Ward (b) receive Auditors reports (c) approve the budget of the Ward (d) elect members of the Ward Executive Committee (e) elect Ward delegates to the Party Congress (f) conduct primaries for the Ward elections (g) carry out such other functions as may be in the interest of the party
- 12.8 Meetings of the Ward Congress
  - a. The Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive committee at least once a year and it shall alternate with the Ward Conference which shall hold bi-annually.
  - b. The quorum of the Ward Congress shall be one-third of the registered members of the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the Ward Congress.
  - c. A special Ward Congress shall hold if requested by two-third of the members of the Ward Congress and such Congress shall hold within Seven (7) days of the request.

## **12.9 The Local Government Executive Committee**

### **Composition of the Local Government Executive Committee**

There shall be a Local Government Executive Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) The Chairman
- (b) The Deputy Chairman
- (c) All Ward Chairmen
- (d) The elected local government Council Chairman and Deputy Chairman, who are members of the party.
- (e) The Treasurer, The Assistant Treasurer
- (f) The Secretary
- (g) The Assistant Secretary
- (h) The Financial Secretary, The Assistant Financial Secretary
- (i) The Publicity Secretary
- (j) The Assistant Publicity Secretary

- (k) The Organizing Secretary, Assistant Organizing Secretary
- (l) The Welfare Officer, Assistant Welfare Officer
- (m) The Auditor, who shall be an accounting practitioner
- (n) The Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
- (o) Five other ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be Women (p) The Woman Leader, The Assistant Woman Leader
- (p) The Youth Leader, The Assistant Youth Leader
- (q) The members of the National, Zonal and State Executive committees from the Local Government Area.
- (r) The members of the National Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area
- (s) The members of the National and State Assemblies from the Local Government Area who are members of the party.
- (t) Political office holders from the Local Government Area, who are members of the party, that is:
  - i. The president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - ii. The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
  - iii. State Governor and Deputy Governor

#### **12.10 FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The functions of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area;
- (b) receive and implement reports from the constituent wards on:
  - i. membership
  - ii. fund raising
  - iii. strategies for political campaigns and electoral success, and
  - iv. mobilization of voters; and
- (c) provide strategies for effective communication between the Wards and the local government area
- (d) implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other organs of the party as may be authorized by the party;
- (e) employ all Secretarial staff for the Local Government branch of the party and prescribe their conditions of service.
- (f) prepare the agenda for the Local Government Congress.

#### **12.11 Meetings of the Local Government Executive Committee.**

- a. The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a month.
- b. The meetings of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be summoned by the Chairman and an extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Local Government Executive Committee and such a meeting shall be held within seven (7)days of the request.
- c. The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Local Government Executive Committee.

### **12.12 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA WORKING COMMITTEE (SEE WARD)**

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

- (a) the Local Government Chairman of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee.
- (b) all National, Zonal and State Executive Committee members of the Party from the Local Government Area
- (c) the elected Local Government Council Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Supervisors and Councilors, who are members of the party.
- (d) all members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Local Government Area, who are members of the party.
- (e) members of the Board of Trustees from the Local Government Area.
- (f) all members of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area.
- (g) twenty five delegates from each Ward of the Local Government Area elected at the Ward Congress, at least five of whom shall be women and who shall cease to function at the conclusion of Congress for which they were elected.
- (h) all other political Office holders from the Local Government Area, who are members of the party, that is:
  - i. the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - ii. the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - iii. the State Governor and his or her Deputy.

### **12.13 Functions of the Local Government Area Congress**

The functions of the Local Government Area Congress shall be to:

- (a) elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the party;
- (b) elect National and State Assemblies candidates of the party;
- (c.) elect Local Government Party delegates to the National Convention;
- (d) approve the budget for the administration of the Party at the Local Government level. (e) receive the Auditor's Report.

### **12.14 Meeting of the Local Government Area Congress**

- a. The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held at least once a year and shall alternate with the Local Government Area Conference which shall hold bi-annually.
- b. The quorum of the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress. Provided that not less than two-third of all the Wards in the Local Government Area are represented and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Local government Area Congress.

- 12.15 The Chairman of the Local Government Committee shall summon the Local Government Area Congress and an extra-ordinary Local Government Area Congress shall hold if requested for by at least two-third of the Chairmen of the Wards constituting the Local Government Area;

## **12.16 SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SENATE**

Composition of the Senatorial District Executive Committee:

There shall be a Senatorial District Executive Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) the State Vice Chairman from the Senatorial District, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Vice President, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (c) the State Governor and Deputy Governor, who are members of the party from the Senatorial District;
- (d) the members of the Board of Trustees from the Senatorial District;
- (e) the members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (f) the Local Government Area Party Chairmen from the Senatorial District;
- (g) Secretaries and Treasurers of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (h) the elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen from the Senatorial District, who are members of the party;
- (i) the Senatorial Woman Leader elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- (o) the Senatorial Welfare Officer elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- (j) the Senatorial Youth Leader elected by the Senatorial District Executive committee; (q) the Assistant State Secretary of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (k) the State Assistant Organizing Secretary of the party from the Senatorial District;
- (l) five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee, at least two of whom shall be women;
- (m) members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party;
- (n) the elected Local Government Council Councilors from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party.

## **12.17 Functions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee**

The functions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) identify and resolve social, political and economic issues of concern to the Senatorial District;
- (b) co-ordinate the policies, programmes and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
- (c) liaise with the Local Government Areas within the Senatorial district and State headquarters;
- (d) undertake general administration of the party in the Senatorial District and implement the decisions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee in the Senatorial District;
- (e) prepare the annual budget of the Party in the Senatorial District, and;
- (f) receive the Auditor's report.

**12.18 Meetings of the Senatorial District Executive Committee**

- a. The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall meet monthly and report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meeting.
- b. In the event of a conflict between the decisions of the State Executive Committee and those of the Senatorial District Executive Committee, the decisions of the State Executive Committee shall prevail;
- c. The Assistant State Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Secretary of the Senatorial District Executive Committee, while the Assistant State Organizing Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Senatorial District Organizing Secretary.
- d. The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the Senatorial District Executive Committee.

**12.19 THE STATE WORKING COMMITTEE**

Composition of the State Working Committee

There shall be a State Working Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) The State Chairman
- (b) The State Deputy Chairman
- (c.) The State Secretary
- (d) The State Treasurer
- (e) The State Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner
- (f) The State Financial Secretary
- (g) The State Publicity Secretary
- (h) State Auditor who shall be an accounting practitioner
- (i) The State Organizing Secretary
- (j) The State Welfare Officer
- (k) The State Woman Leader
- (l) The State Youth Leader
- (m) The Senatorial Chairmen

**12.20 Functions of the State Working Committee**

The State Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the day-to-day administration of the Party in the State and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee; and
- (b) Prepare Agenda for the meeting of the state executive committee and
- (c) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State Executive Committee.  
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**12.21 Meetings of the State Working Committee**

The State Working Committee shall meet at least twice a month at the instance of the Chairman and an extra-ordinary meeting of the State Working Committee shall be held if requested by two-third of the

members of the Committee and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request. The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee a simple majority shall pass any motion of the State Working committee.

## **THE STATE CAUCUS**

### **12.22 The Composition of the State Caucus**

There shall be a State Party Caucus in each state of the Federation which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) the State Chairman of the Party, who shall be the Chairman
- (b) the State Deputy Chairman
- (c.) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party
- (d) the Governor and Deputy Governor, who are members of the party
- (e) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the State House of Assembly, who are members of the party.
- (f) the Senate President and his Deputy, the Senate Leader and his Deputy, the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives and his Deputy, Majority Leader and his Deputy who are members of the party.
- (g) The members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees of the Party from the State.
- (h) The members of the National Board of Trustees from the state.
- (i) The members of the State Board of Trustees
- (j) The State Secretary, State Party Treasurer, State Organizing and publicity secretary
- (k) The State woman leader
- (l) The State Welfare Officer
- (m) The State Youth Leader.
- (n) The State Legal Adviser.
- (o) The members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party from the State;

### **12.23 FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE CAUCUS**

- a. The State Caucus shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the Chairman and an extra-ordinary meeting of the State Caucus shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Caucus and such a meeting shall be held within seven (7) days of the request.
- b. The quorum of the State Caucus shall be one-third of the members of the Caucus drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the State Caucus.

### **12.24 THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Composition of the State Executive committee

There shall be a State Executive Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) the State Chairman
- (b) the Deputy State Chairman

- (c) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party.
- (d) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Whip in the State House of Assembly, if members of the party.
- (e) the members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party from the State.
- (f) the Governor and Deputy Governor of the State, if members of the party.
- (g) all National and Zonal Executive Committee members of the party from the state.
- (h) the members of the Board of Trustees from the state.
- (i) the three State Vice Chairmen
- (j) all elected Local Government Executive chairmen All local Government Area Party Chairman
- (k) the State Secretary.
- (l) the three State Assistant Secretaries.
- (m) the State Financial Secretary.
- (n) the State Treasurer Assistant Treasurer
- (o) the State Assistant Financial Secretary
- (p) the State Publicity Secretary.
- (q) the State Assistant Publicity Secretary.
- (r) the State Organizing Secretary
- (s) the State Welfare Officer
- (t) the State Assistant Welfare Officer
- (u) the three State Assistant Organizing Secretaries.
- (v) the State Legal Adviser and the State Assistant Legal Adviser; who shall be legal practitioners.
- (w) the State Auditor and An Assistant State Auditor who shall be an accounting practitioner
- (x) all elected Local Government Council Chairmen and their Deputies who are members of the party.
- (y) two other members, one of whom shall be a woman, elected by the State Congress from each of the three Senatorial Districts.
- (z) the State Woman Leader
- (aa) Assistant State Woman Leader
- (bb) The State Youth Leader.
- (cc) The Assistant State Youth Leader

## **12.25 Functions of the State Executive Committee**

The functions of the State Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the State.
- (b) Implement the decisions of the State Congress or directives of the National Committee or the National Convention.
- (c.) prepare the annual budget of the State Branch of the party; and
- (d) prepare the agenda for the State Congress. The State Executive Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman at least once in every quarter and extra-ordinary meeting of

the State Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the State Executive committee. The quorum of the State Executive committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the State Executive Committee.

## **12.26 THE STATE CONGRESS**

### The Composition of the State Congress

There shall be a State Congress which shall consist of:

- (a) the State Chairman
- (b) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party.
- (c) Governor, Deputy Governor and gubernatorial candidates.
- (d) the members of the National Board of Trustees from the state.
- (e) the members of the State Executive Committee. Members of the state board of trustees
- (f) all the members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees from the state.
- (g) the members of the National Assembly from the State and the members of the State House of Assembly, who are members of the party.
- (h) all elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the party.
- (i) all Local Government Party Secretaries and Treasurers. All local government organizing and publicity secretaries
- (j) all Local Government Woman and Youth Leaders.
- (k) twenty-five delegates per Ward elected at Ward Congress at least five of whom shall be women, who shall cease to function at the conclusion of the Congresses for which they were elected.

## **12.27 Functions of the State Congress**

The functions of the State Congress shall be to:

- (a) approve the budget of the State Branch of the party.
- (b) elect officers of the State Executive Committee.
- (c) elect governorship candidate of the party.
- (d) receive reports from officers of the party; and
- (e) receive the Auditor's report.

## **12.28 Meeting of the State Congress**

- a. The State Congress shall meet once in every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee. Provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.
- b. The quorum of the State Congress shall be two-third of the members drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the State Congress.

**12.29 State Assembly Congress**

All the criteria adopted for local government congress shall apply to the State Assembly Congress.

**12.30 Functions of the State Assembly Congress:** To elect state House of Assembly candidate of the party.

**12.31 Congress for Federal House of Representatives**

All the criteria adopted for Local Government Area Congress shall apply to the House of Representatives Congress.

**12.32 Functions of the Federal House of Representatives Congress:** To elect the House of Representatives candidate of the party.

**12.33 Senate Congress**

All the criteria adopted for Local Government Area Congress shall apply to the Senate Congress.

**12.34 Functions of the Senate Congress:** To elect the senate candidate of the party.

**12.35 ZONAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

Composition of the Zonal Working Committee

There shall be a Zonal Working Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) the Zonal Chairman the Zonal Deputy Chairman
- (b) the Zonal Secretary
- (c) the Zonal Treasurer
- (d) the Zonal Financial Secretary
- (e) the Zonal Organizing Secretary
- (f) the Zonal Welfare Officer
- (g) the Zonal Legal Adviser; who shall be a legal practitioner
- (h) the Zonal Publicity Secretary
- (i) the Zonal Auditor who shall be an accounting Practitioner
- (j) the Zonal Woman Leader; and
- (k) the Zonal Youth Leader

**12.36 Functions of the Zonal Working Committee**

The Zonal Working Committee shall:

- (a) undertake the administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee;
- (b) liaise with the National Secretariat and the State Chapters in the zone;
- (c) prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the Zonal Executive Committee; and
- (d) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.

**12.37 Meetings of the Zonal Working Committee**

The Zonal Working Committee shall meet at least once in every fortnight and its quorum shall be two-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Zonal Working Committee.

### **12.38 The Zonal Executive Committee**

Composition of the Zonal Executive Committee

The Zonal Executive Committee shall consist of;

- (a) the Zonal Chairman; the Zonal Deputy Chairman
- (b) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; if members of the party;
- (c) the members of the National Assembly from the Zone who are members of the party.
- (d) the State Governors and Deputy Governors from the Zone, if members of the party.
- (e) the members of the National Executive Committee from the Zone.
- (f) the members of the Board of Trustees of the party from the Zone.
- (g) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Whip in the State Houses of Assembly in the Zone, who are members of the party;
- (h) the Zonal Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Committee;
- (i) the State Chairmen, State Secretaries and Treasurers of the party from the Zone; State Organising, Publicity secretaries and Woman, Youth Leaders
- (j) the Zonal Treasurer;
- (k) the Zonal Financial Secretary;
- (l) the Zonal Publicity Secretary;
- (m) the Zonal Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner;
- (n) the Zonal Women Leader
- (o) the Zonal Youth Leader;
- (p) the Zonal Organizing Secretary
- (q) the Zonal Welfare Officer
- (r) the Assistant Zonal Welfare Officer
- (s) the Zonal Auditor
- (t) one ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

### **12.39 Functions of the Zonal Executive Committee**

The functions of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be to:

- (a) harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities of the party within the zone;
- (b) establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone;
- (c) prepare agenda for and summon meetings of the Zonal Congress;
- (d) prepare reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress;
- (e) carry out any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

### **12.40 Meeting of the Zonal Executive Committee**

- (a) The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Vice Chairman provided that two-third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra-ordinary meeting.
- (b) The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one-third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the Zonal Executive Committee.

#### **12.41 THE ZONAL CONGRESS**

Composition of the Zonal Congress

The Zonal Congress shall consist of all members of the Zonal Working Committee, the Zonal Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee and all delegates to the National Convention from all the States in the Zone.

#### **12.42 FUNCTIONS OF THE ZONAL CONGRESS**

The functions of the Zonal Congress shall be to:

- (a) approve the budget of the Party in the zone;
- (b) elect officers of the Zonal Working Committee;
- (c) receive the reports of officers of the party in the zone; and
- (d) receive the Auditor's report

#### **12.43 MEETINGS OF THE ZONAL CONGRESS**

- a. The Zonal Congress shall meet every two years at the instance of the National Vice Chairman from the Zone and an extra-ordinary meeting of the Zonal Congress shall be held if requested for, by at least two-third of the members of the State Executive Committees.
- b. The quorum of the Zonal Congress shall be two-third of the members of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the Zonal Congress.

#### **12.44 The National Working Committee**

Composition of the National Working Committee

There shall be a National Working Committee of the party which shall consist of:

- (a) the National Chairman
- (b) the Deputy National Chairmen (North and South)
- (c) the National Secretary
- (d) the National Treasurer
- (e) the National Financial Secretary
- (f) the National Organizing Secretary
- (g) the National Publicity Secretary
- (h) the National Welfare Officer
- (i) the National Auditor
- (j) the National Legal Adviser
- (k) the National Woman Leader
- (l) the National Youth Leader.

#### **12.45 Functions of the National Working Committee**

The National Working Committee shall:

- (a) be responsible for the day to day administration of the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee.
- (b) in case of emergency, act on behalf of the National Executive Committee subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee.

(c) perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

#### **12.46 Meeting of the National Working Committee:**

- (a) The National Working Committee shall meet at least once every fortnight at the instance of the Chairman or at the instance of two-third of the members.
- (b) The quorum of the National Working Committee be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the Zones in the country and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the National Working Committee.
- (c) The National Vice Chairman shall attend the meeting of the NWC once in two months to brief it on the operations of the zones.

#### **12.47 THE NATIONAL CAUCUS**

##### **Composition of the National Caucus**

There shall be a National Caucus of the party which shall consist of:

- (a) the National Chairman, who shall be the Chairman.
- (b) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party.
- (c) three Federal Ministers, who are members of the party, nominated by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria one of whom shall be the Attorney General of the Federation.
- (d) the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, if a member of the party.
- (e) the Special Advisers to the President on Political and National Assembly matters, who are members of the party.
- (f) 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.
- (g) the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the party in the House of Representatives, who are members of the party. All members of the National Board of Trustees
- (h) the Chairman and Secretary of the State Board of Trustees and one member drawn from each of the six geo-political zones.
- (i) the two Deputy National Chairmen.
- (j) the National Secretary of the Party, who shall be the Secretary of the National Caucus, the Assistant National Secretary who shall assist the secretary.
- (k) the National Legal Adviser and the National Treasurer, the national Auditor, the National organizing and Publicity Secretary
- (l) the National Woman Leader and the National Youth Leader.
- (m) the National Security Adviser, if a member of the party.

#### **12.48 Functions of the National Caucus**

- (a) The National Caucus shall harmonize the relationship between the Executive and legislative arms of government and coordinate their activities and those of the party.
- (b) Consider, review and advise on policies and programmes of government.

#### **12.49 Meetings of the National Caucus**

The quorum of the National Caucus shall be two-third of its eligible membership. The National Chairman shall, in consultation with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if a member of the party summon the meeting of the National Caucus, to consider important issues affecting the party and the nation and an extra-ordinary meeting of the National Caucus shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Caucus and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the National Caucus.

#### **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (N.E.C.)**

Composition of the National Executive Committee

**12.50 There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Party which shall consist of:**

- (a) the National Chairman.
- (b) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party.
- (c) Secretary Board of Trustees.
- (d) The President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Senate Leader and Deputy Senate Leader, Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip, two Senators from each of the geo-political zones who are members of the party.
- (e) the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the House of Representatives, three members from the House of Representatives from each geo-political zone, who are members of the party.
- (f) all the State Governors, who are members of the party.
- (g) the 2 Deputy National Chairmen.
- (h) All National Vice Chairmen
- (i) the National Secretary and the Deputy National Secretary.
- (j) the National Treasurer and the Deputy National Treasurer.
- (k) the National Financial Secretary and the Deputy National Financial Secretary.
- (l) the National Organizing Secretary and the Deputy National Organizing Secretary.
- (m) the National Publicity Secretary and the Deputy National Publicity Secretary.
- (n) the National Welfare Officer and the Deputy National Welfare Officer.
- (o) the National Legal Adviser and the Deputy National Legal Adviser.
- (p) the National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor.
- (q) the National Woman Leader and the Deputy National Woman Leader.
- (r) State Party Chairmen.
- (s) the National Youth Leader and the Deputy National Youth Leader; and
- (t) two other ex-officio members of the party, one from the two parts of the country.

**12.51 The National Executive Committee shall:**

- (a) convene the National Convention and appoint a Convention Organizing Committee which shall circulate Convention information in advance and ensure that the concerns of the membership are reflected on the Agenda.
- (b) carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention.

- (c) supervise and direct the work of the party and all its organs including the National, Zonal, State and Local Government organs.
- (d) ensure that all the organs of the party function democratically and effectively.
- (e) where necessary, suspend or dissolve a State Executive Committee and such suspension or dissolution of a State Executive Committee shall not exceed three months.
- (f) prepare reports and budgets for approval by the National Convention.
- (g) initiate policies and programmes for approval by the National Convention.
- (h) consider appeals and other matters referred to it by the zones or states of the Federation.
- (i) make rules for party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- (j) make party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all party offices at every level and regulate procedure for selecting the party candidates for elective offices.
- (k) the conditions of service of the employees of the party in accordance with the Establishment Manual.
- (l) make standing orders for approval by the National Convention.
- (m) deal with any other matters referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees.
- (n) establish departments and set up ad-hoc or standing committees of the party.
- (o) manage and control all the assets and property of the party wherever they may be.
- (p) in consultation with the Board of Trustees, appoint eminent party leaders to the position of member Emeritus and persons so appointed shall have the right to attend all the meetings of the organs of the party.
- (q) examine the actions, policies, programmes and legislations proposed by the federal or state governments produced by the party and take measures to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles, policies, programmes, objectives and manifesto of the party and make necessary recommendations or take any appropriate actions.
- (r) raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party.
- (s) approve the minimum rates of annual subscription and other levies payable by members of the party.
- (t) confer such honours as may aid the realization of the objectives of the party.

12.52 The decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.

#### **Meeting of the National Executive Committee (N.E.C.)**

- 12.53 The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every Four (4) month at the instance of the Chairman or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting and an emergency meeting be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.
- 12.54 The quorum of the National Executive committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the zones in the federation and a simple majority shall pass any motion of the National Executive Committee.

## **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Composition of the Board of Trustees**

A person shall be qualified for election/appointment into the Board of Trustees if:

- (a) he is a registered card carrying member of the party for not less than 2 years consecutively.
- (b) he has been paying his annual subscription fees regularly.
- (c) he has attained the age of forty-five years and
- (d) is a person of integrity.
- (e) all past and serving Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who held or hold the respective posts as members of the party and who are still members of the party.
- (f) all past and serving National Chairmen and National Secretaries of the party, who are still members of the party.
- (g) all past and serving Presidents of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives who are still members of the party.
- (h) one woman, one youth selected from each of the six geo-political zones.
- (i) three elected members at least one of whom shall be a woman from each of the six geo-political zones among these who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party
- (j) any person found suitable by the Board, and sponsored by 2/3 of its membership
- (k) so far as membership of the Board of Trustees shall reflect the Federal character of Nigeria, such that not more than one member shall represent a senatorial zone without taking into consideration. e, f, g, h above.

**12.55 The Board of Trustees shall:**

- (a) Elect a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst its members; and
- (b) the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall be an automatic member of the National Executive Committee.
- (c) Regulate its own proceedings.

### **Meetings of the Board of Trustees**

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

### **Functions of the Board of Trustees**

- 12.58 The Board of Trustees shall:
  - (a) ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officer of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms.

- (b) ensure high morale of members of the party and that the party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and is in good political health.
- (c) harmonize, co-ordinate, review and advise on policies, programmes and activities of the party at the national level.
- (d) coordinate the sourcing of party funds.
- (e) be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets.
- (f) mediate disputes between the Executive and Legislative arms of Government.
- (g) offer advice on party matters to the National Executive Committee of the party.
- (h) attend any meetings of any other organs of the party, except the National Caucus.
- (i) give advice on any party matter to the National Executive Committee of the party; and
- (j) undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.

**12.59 A member of the Board of Trustees shall:**

- (a) be removed from office by a resolution of the National Convention on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity or misconduct; or
- (b) resign his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the party.
- (c) without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, a member of the Board of Trustees shall lose his or her membership of the Board if: (i). he is expelled from the party. (ii). he is removed from office, appointive or elective, which made him automatic member of the Board of Trustees under this constitution.

12.60 Fresh selection shall be made to fill any vacancies in the Board of Trustees where applicable.

12.61 The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceedings and shall draw up a code of conduct for its members.

## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Composition of the National Convention

- 12.62 There shall be a National Convention of the party which shall consist of:
- (a) the National Chairman of the party and other members of the National Executive Committee.
  - (b) the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party.
  - (c) all members of the National Assembly, who are members of the party.
  - (d) all Governors and Deputy Governors, who are members of the party.
  - (e) all gubernatorial candidates of the party shall be automatic delegates to the convention.
  - (f) all the members of the State House of Assembly, who are members of the party.
  - (g) the members of the Board of Trustees
  - (h) all members of the Zonal Working Committee and State Party Chairmen and Secretaries including those of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.
  - (i) all Women and Youth Leaders, including those of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

- (j) all party Chairmen of the Local Government Areas.
- (k) one national delegate elected from the local government area congress.
- (l) all elected Local Government Council Chairmen, who are members of the party.

#### **Functions of the National Convention**

- 12.63 The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the party, within the limits prescribed in this Constitution and it shall be the principal representative, policy making and administering body of the party and except in the exercise of the functions granted only to other bodies as specified in this Constitution or in the regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, the National convention shall have supremacy in all matters pertaining to the party and all officers and organs of the party shall be bound in the exercise of their functions by the decisions of the National Convention.
- 12.64 The policies of the party derived from the resolutions of the National Convention shall be amended or revoked only by a subsequent resolution of the National Convention.
- 12.65 The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to:
  - (a) formulate policies and programmes for the party.
  - (b) elect or remove the National Officers of the party.
  - (c) elect the Presidential candidate of the party.
  - (d) demand and receive reports from the National Executive committee and from any other committees or organs of the party and take appropriate action on such reports.
  - (e) appoint such committees as it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit.
  - (f) examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether federal, state or local government council and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programmes of the party.
  - (g) at all elections, secure the return of as many party candidates as possible in a manner consonant with the laws of the land.
  - (h) consider reports from the states and local government branches of the party and take such decisions and actions as may be necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the party.
  - (i) raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party.
  - (j) exercise control and take disciplinary action against all officers and members of the party.
  - (k) determine the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee.
  - (l) review and amend the constitution of the party, from time to time, as the need arises and the power of the National Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution shall not be delegated.
  - (m) delegate any of its powers, except the power to amend the constitution, to the National Executive Committee or to any other organ of the party.
  - (n) take such other actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party.
  - (o) appoint external Auditors to audit the party's accounts.

- (p) determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the National Secretariat of the party.
- (q) review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any of the constituent bodies, units or officials of the party.
- (r) exercise such other powers and authority not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution as shall aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party.

#### **12.66 Meetings of the National Convention**

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

### **ARTICLE 13**

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

National Officers shall be men and women of integrity and demonstrable competence.

##### **NATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

- 13.1 There shall be a National Chairman who shall be the Chief Executive of the party. His functions shall be to:
- (a) Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee of the party.
  - (b) Provide firm and effective leadership and direct the activities of the party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee.
  - (c) Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programmes of the party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee outlining the policies, programmes and activities of the party.
  - (d) Assign specific functions to any member or officer of the party.
  - (e) Delegate his powers to the Deputy National Chairman or any of the National Vice Chairmen.
  - (f) Casting votes if and when necessary.

- (g) Present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the party and the political situation generally.
- (h) Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things as shall promote the growth and welfare of the party.
- (i) To approve all instruments of external communication inclusive of that to INEC

### **THE 2 DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMEN**

- 13.2 There shall be 2 Deputy National Chairmen who shall come from the Northern and Southern parts of the country,
- 13.3 The Deputy National Chairmen shall be assigned specific functions by the National Chairman and shall also perform such other party functions as may be assigned from time to time.

### **NATIONAL SECRETARY**

- 13.4 There shall be a National Secretary who shall be the Chief Administrative and Accounting Officer of the party, whose functions shall be to:
  - (a) supervise the day-to-day activities of the party under the directive of the National Chairman.
  - (b) 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; as may be directed by the National Chairman.
  - (c) keep or cause to be kept all records of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee, as well as other records of the party.
  - (d) render a written annual report of the activities of the party to NEC, and National Convention.
  - (e) ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, National Executive Committee, National Caucus and the National Working Committee and ensure that all units of the party carry out their duties promptly and efficiently.
  - (f) consult the National Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his or her office, Particularly in respect of external communication.
  - (g) carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him or her, from time-to-time by the National Convention, National Caucus, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee and the National Chairman.
  - (h) The National Secretary of the party shall be the custodian of the common seal of the party.

#### **13.5 The Assistant National Secretary**

There shall be one Assistant National Secretary who shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties and shall act for him or her in his or her absence or wherever so directed.

### **13.6 THE NATIONAL TREASURER**

There shall be a National Treasurer who shall be an Accountant and has a track record of prudence whose functions shall be to:

- (a) receive and promptly pay into the party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party and keep all cheque books and other banking documents of the party.
- (b) ensure prudent management of the party's funds.
- (c) ensure that all funds received by the party are paid into the party's accounts immediately and if for any reason that is not possible, the fund shall be paid within 48 hours after collection; and
- (d) prepare and submit a yearly statement of account and periodic reports to the National Executive Committee.

### **13.7 The Assistant National Treasurer**

There shall be an asst. National Treasurer who shall assist the National Treasurer in the discharge of his or her duties.

## **THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

13.8 There shall be a National Financial Secretary whose functions shall be to:

- (a) collect and keep records of all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid or made to the party.
- (b) prepare and submit proposals for raising funds for the party for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.
- (c) undertake strict supervision of budgeting, budgetary control and financial reporting.
- (d) protect the assets of the party and institute operating procedures through internal control; and establish and co-ordinate policies for the investment of funds to generate income for the party.

13.9 Assistant National Financial Secretary There shall be an assist. National Financial Secretary who shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties.

## **THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

13.10 There shall be a National Organizing Secretary whose functions shall be to:

- (a) initiate programmes for the general mobilization of the members of the party and the recruitment of new members.
- (b) appraise the problems of the party and proffer solutions to such problems.
- (c) harmonize all information and devise appropriate strategy for winning elections.
- (d) coordinate all field activities of the party.
- (e) organize seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programmes for the attainment of the party's objectives.
- (f) liaise with the National Woman and Youth Leaders for the harmonization of the programmes for the attainment of the party's success at all elections.

**The Assistant National Organizing Secretary**

- 13.11 There shall be an Assist. National Organizing Secretary who shall assist the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties

**THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY**

- 13.12 There shall be a National Publicity Secretary whose functions shall be to:
- (a) coordinate all information and public relations of the party.
  - (b) be the chief image maker of the party.
  - (c) cause to be publicized, the policies and programmes of the party in line with the aims and objectives of the party.

**The Assistant National Publicity Secretary.**

- 13.13 There shall be an assist. National Publicity Secretary who shall assist the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties.

**THE NATIONAL AUDITOR**

- 13.14 There shall be a National Auditor of the party, who shall be an Accountant and whose functions shall be to:
- (a) audit the books of account of the party annually and report to the National Executive Committee.
  - (b) present the audited account of the party to the National Convention; and
  - (c) carry out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

**The Assistant National Auditor**

- 13.15 There shall be an assist. National Auditor who shall be an Accountant shall deputize for the National Auditor in the discharge of his or her duties.

**THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER**

- (a) advise the party on all legal matters.
- (b) conduct all litigation and prosecute and defend actions on behalf of the party, including its organs and officials in so far as the subject of the litigation affects the interest of the party.
- (c) interpret the laws, regulations and constitution of the party in the event of any ambiguities.

**Assistant National Legal Adviser**

- 13.17 There shall be an Assist. National Legal Adviser who shall be a lawyer of not less than 10 years post call shall deputize for the National Legal Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties.

**THE NATIONAL WOMAN LEADER**

- 13.18 There shall be a National Woman Leader, who shall be responsible for:
- (a) mobilizing and organizing women.

- (b) initiating and implementing strategic programmes and policies aimed at endearing the party to Nigerian women; and
- (c) coordinating the activities of the Zonal and State Woman Leaders.

#### **Assistant National Woman Leader**

- 13.19 There shall be an Assist. National Woman Leader who shall deputize for the National Woman Leader in the discharge of his or her duties.

#### **THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER**

- 13.20 There shall be a National Youth Leader, whose functions shall be:
- (a) mobilizing the youth for the attainment of the objectives of the party.
  - (b) initiating and implementing strategic programmes and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth.
  - (c) coordinating the activities of the Zonal and State Youth Leaders.

#### **The Assistant National Youth Leader**

- 13.21 There shall be an Assist. National Youth Leader who shall deputize for the National Youth Leader in the discharge of his or her duties.

#### **OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS**

- 13.22 Subject to the provisions of this constitution, all other officers at the zonal, state, local government area and ward levels shall have the same powers and functions as their corresponding National officers, except where this constitution states otherwise.
- 13.23 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 appropriate.

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 12.24 Without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution, the principle of Federal Character shall be observed in the appointment or election of members of the Executive Committees at all levels of the party. And 50/50 Sharing formula between Males and Females Strictly adhered to.  
Removal or Resignation of a National Officer
- 13.25 If a National Officer of the party is removed or resigns from office, he or she shall immediately hand over to the National Secretary, all records, files and other properties of the party in his or her possession and in the case of National Secretary, he or she shall hand over to the National Chairman. This provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to all other levels of the party.

#### **ARTICLE 14 TENURE OF OFFICE**

- 14.1 All National, Zonal, State, Local Government Area, and Ward Officers of the party, shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election at the National Convention or appropriate Congress for a further term of four years.

- 14.2 A vote of confidence may be moved on any member of the Executive Committee of the party at any level at any National Convention or Congress of the party two years into the tenure of such member of the Executive Committee and where such a vote fails the Executive Committee member shall be replaced at that National Convention or Congress. Provided that two months notice of such motion shall be given to the Secretary at the appropriate level who shall circulate it to the relevant chapters one month before the National Convention or Congress.
- 14.3 The vote of confidence shall be defeated by a simple majority of the members of the party at the Convention or Congress sitting and voting.
- 14.4 Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be effective within the period stipulated in the guideline issued for such elective office by the National Executive Committee of the party.
- 14.5 Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the party, the Committee shall appoint a substitute from the zone where the officer originated pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES**

- 15.1 Subject to the provisions of this constitution, any member holding any office in the party at any level shall be deemed to have resigned that office, if he or she assumes any of the following offices:
  - (a) President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
  - (b) Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
  - (c) Federal Minister; or
  - (d) Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; or
  - (e) Membership of the National and State Assemblies.
  - (f) Ambassador; or
  - (g) Governor and Deputy Governor of a state.
  - (h) Commissioner, Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of a State; or
  - (i) Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Councilor of a Local Government Council; or
  - (j) Any full time employment or appointment in the public service of the federation, state or local government “if” the government at the center (Federal level) is formed by our great party.

## **ARTICLE 16**

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

- 16.1 The National Convention, the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Congresses shall meet to elect the officers of the party at the various levels of the party structure as specified in

this constitution except in the Federal Capital Territory where officers of the party shall be elected based on geo-political zones.

- 16.2 Every registered member of the party who has satisfied the requirements for nomination and election under this Constitution, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law, rules or regulations in force shall be eligible to contest for any of the offices of the party. Provided that officers of the party shall also be eligible to re-contest for any office as long as they conform to the provisions of the party guidelines.
- 16.3 The guidelines for elections to any office of the party shall be approved by the National Executive Committee of the party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 16.4 No member of the party shall be qualified for nomination or election or appointment into any of the offices of the party, unless he or she has been a registered member for at least 18 months, and is of good financial standing in the party, except there is a waiver by the appropriate executive committee.

## ARTICLE 17

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

- 17.1 The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, formulate guidelines and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels and shall be the final authority for resolving all disputes relating to the choice of candidates for the party for any elections and for confirming the names or list of names of candidates for the party for any elective public office in the federation.
- 17.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall regulate the procedure for selecting the party's candidates for elective offices in the following manner:
  - (a) in the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the primary shall be held at the National Convention of the party specially convened for that purpose.
  - (b) in the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Governorship of a state, the primary shall be held at the State Congress of the party specially convened for that purpose; and
  - (c) in the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Local Government Council Chairman and House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the local government constituency headquarters.
  - (d) In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of member of the House of Representatives, the primaries shall be held at the constituency headquarters.
  - (e) In the conduct of primaries for the party's candidate for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at Senatorial Constituency headquarters.
  - (f) Congress for the election of ward officers, councillorship candidates and the 25 delegates shall be by direct primaries, in which all card carrying members of the party at ward level shall participate.
  - (g) There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to stand for election into any party or public office unless the appropriate executive

committee rules to the contrary. Where appropriate committee rules, it must be approved by the immediate higher executive committee save NEC is final authority.

- (h) There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to be considered for political appointment. This is however, without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
- (i) Candidates for party positions must possess a minimum of secondary school certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest except waived by the executive committee concerned. The demand for literacy as a qualification should not be compulsory at the ward level.

## ARTICLE 18

### PARTY FUNDING

**18.1** There shall be established and maintained for the party a fund into which shall be paid all:

- (a) subscription, fees, and levies from membership of the party.
- (b) proceeds from investments made by the party.
- (c) Subventions and donations.
- (d) gifts and grants by individuals or groups of individuals as authorized by law.
- (e) loans approved by the National Executive Committee.
- (f) such other moneys as may be lawfully received by the party.

**18.2 Subscription fees and levies from members of the party.**

- (a) Annual Membership Subscriptions

An annual membership subscription fee of N1200 (i.e. N100 a month) shall be paid by all members. The annual subscription fee must be paid as at when due.

- (b) Subventions and Donations

Numerous individuals and friends of the party that enjoy patronage from the party at national, State and Local Government levels shall be encouraged to make donations annually to the party. The donations should be consistent with any law that may exist.

- (c) Proceeds from Sales of Nomination Forms

Money generated from the sale of nomination forms shall form part of the party finances.

- (d) National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner

The National Finance Committee should be mandated to organize a National Chairman's Fund Raising Dinner annually. Participants i.e., friends of the party and party members) will pay for the dinner according to the seating arrangement among other criteria, to be worked out by the committee charge with the organization of such dinner.

- (e) Business ventures

National Finance Committee to establish viable business ventures that do not violate any sections of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

- (f) Proceeds from Investments

To ensure the broadening and sustainability of the party's revenue base, the national Finance Committee shall invest in long term ventures. Such investments can be made in blue chip companies, Industries and real estate business.

(h) Borrowing

While the party should be given the leverage to raise money through borrowing, it is only when it is absolutely necessary that borrowing be undertaken. Such action must be fully authorized by the appropriate executive Committee in session, and the exercise must follow due process.

**18.3 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARTY FINANCES**

- To ensure accountability and transparency in the management of party finances.
- i. The National executive Committee should design Standard Financial regulations that must govern the management of party finances at all levels.
- ii. Finance Committee at all levels must include the Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Auditor who must be involved in the actual management of party finances (i.e. the Committee will originate budgets, effect disbursement and ensure accountability).
- 18.4 At the National level, the President, if a member of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as affecting membership dues in respect of all federal political appointees, while the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the Leaders of the National Assembly, if members of the party or the Leader of the party in the senate or House of Representatives shall ensure compliance with the provisions of the Constitution by all members of the party in the national Assembly.
- 18.5 At the Zonal level all provisions applicable at the National level shall apply.
- 18.6 At the State level, the Governor, if a member of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as relating to membership dues in respect of all State political appointees, while the Speaker of the State House of Assembly, if a member of the party or the leader of the party in the State House of Assembly shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Constitution by all members of the party in the State House of Assembly.
- 18.7 At the local government level, the Chairman of the local government council, if a member of the party, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as relating to membership dues in respect of all local government council political appointees, while the leader of the Local Government Legislative House shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution by all members of the party in the local government legislative house.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**BANK ACCOUNTS**

- 19.1 The party shall maintain a Bank Account at the city or town where its headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilized.
- 19.2 The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall decide the banks to be used in keeping the account.
- 19.3 The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers, as the case may be.
  - (a) The National Chairman or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels.

- (b) The National Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State local government and ward levels.
- (c) The National Treasurer or his or her counterpart at zonal, state, local government and ward levels.

Provided that withdrawals from or debit instructions on the account shall be valid only if authorized by the National Chairman or his or her counterpart and any of the other two signatories, that is, the National Secretary or treasurer of the party.

In a case of controversies, the national headquarters may set up an interim authorized signatory to such account. They shall run the party as regards financial issues pending the resolution of the controversy. Their tenure shall not be more than three months from the date of their appointment. If the problem persists, the national headquarters may renew such appointment.

## **ARTICLES 20**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

- 20.1 The National Committee shall appoint a competent firm of accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at the National Convention.
- 20.2 The Zonal, State and the Local Government Executive Committees shall, similarly, appoints a competent firm of Accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at their respective congresses (and a certified true copy be sent to the National Headquarters of the Party).

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENT**

#### **Offences**

- 21.1 Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the party shall have power to discipline any member who:
  - (a) Commits breach of the party constitution, and or Manifesto;
  - (b) Says or does anything likely to bring the party into disrepute, hatred or contempt;
  - (c) Disobeys or neglects to carry out lawful directives of the party or any organ or officer of the party;
  - (d) Engages in dishonest practices, defrauds the party, its members or officials;
  - (e) Is persistently absent from meetings or other official duties;
  - (f) Engages in anti-party activities;
  - (g) Engages in disorderly conduct at meeting or rallies or at any party function;
  - (h) Engages in any conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or is likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party;
  - (i) Engages in unauthorized publicity of disputes within the party or creates a parallel party organ at any level;
  - (j) Promotes factions or belongs to any group under the guise of the party and by whatever name called, not being one provided for in this constitution.

- (k) Organizes, retains, trains, equips or encourages the organization, retention, training, equipping of any member or group of members for the purpose of employing violence or coercion or any form of intimidation whatsoever;
- (l) Resorts to court action or litigation on any disputes or on any matter whatsoever concerning rights, obligations and duties of any member of the party without first availing himself or herself of the remedies provided by the party under this constitution;
- (m) Fails, refuses or neglects to treat a petition, complaints or appeal timorously.

## **21.2 REMEDIES**

- i. If any member of the party is aggrieved, he or she report to the appropriate authority.
- ii. If he or she is not satisfied, an appeal shall lie with the next higher party authority.
- iii. All appeals must be dealt with timorously but not later than 2 weeks.
- iv. The NEC of the party shall be the final arbiter.

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

An Alternative Dispute resolution Department heads by the director ADR, shall look into all offences and possible remedies before disciplinary actions are taken against the offender if it cannot be handled at its level.

### **Disciplinary Procedure**

- 21.3 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution there shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the party at every level consisting of seven members with proven integrity, one of whom shall have a Legal background at that level and appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee of the party.
- 21.4 The Working Committee at any level of the party may after preliminary hearings, suspend a member from the party for a period not exceeding one month during which period the member so suspended shall not lose his or her right to contest any election but shall be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.
- 21.5 Where an allegation is made against a member of the party, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations made against him or her and the place and time of hearing the case against him or her.
- 21.6 A member who appears before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given opportunity to present him or her case orally or in writing either in person or through a counsel of his or her choice and shall be allowed to call witnesses. A decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges against him or her or been given any opportunity of defending himself or herself shall be null and void.

### **Punishments**

- 21.7 Any member of the party who commits any of the offences listed in Article 21.A of this Constitution shall be liable to any of or a combination of the following penalties:
  - a) Reprimand;
  - b) Censure;

- c) Fine;
  - d) Suspension with a fine ;
  - e) Debarment from office;
  - f) Removal from office;
  - g) Expulsion from the party;
- 21.8 Subject to the provisions of Article 21, the Executive Committee, at any level of the party, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against any member at that level;
- 21.9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution relating to discipline, no Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as any relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee, public office holder, i.e. Ministers, Ambassadors, Special Advisers, Deputy Governors, or member of any of the legislative houses.
- 21.10 No Disciplinary Committee at any level except the National Disciplinary Committee shall impose any punishment provided under Article 21.7 of the constitution arising from any disciplinary decision on any person named in sub-section 21.9 of this constitution.  
Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall preclude or invalidate any complaint submitted through the National Working Committee concerning any person whosoever.
- 21.11 For other categories of Executive Committee members, public office holders, and other party members, the appropriate Executive Committees shall initiate and take necessary disciplinary action.
- 21.12 Notwithstanding any provision in this constitution the National Executive Committee shall have power to expel any member of the party for acts of indiscipline or misconduct which brings the party into disrepute.

### **APPEAL**

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

### **ARTICLE 22**

#### **PARTY'S TRAINING ACADEMY (P.T.A.)**

- 22.1 There shall be an institution to be known as Party's training Academy which shall be the brain box of the Peoples Alliance for National Development & Liberty.
- a) The PTA shall have a Board of Governors whose chairman and members shall have a Board of Governors whose chairman and members shall be appointed by NEC.
  - b) The PTA shall organize seminars and workshops for training in governance, party organization and administration.

- c) All the activities of the Party's Training Academy shall be in accordance with the Charter of the PTA to be drafted by the NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE AND ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- d) There shall be a Director general of the PTA whose functions shall be the management of the Academy.
- e) The Tenure of the office of the Director General shall be for a single term of Six years.
- f) The financial regulation of PANDEL shall be applicable to the Party's Training Academy.

**ARTICLE 23**  
**CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY**

- 23.1 The party shall be a body cooperate with perpetual succession and can sue or be sued in its corporate name with power to acquire, hold and alienate property, enter into agreements and to do all things necessary to carry out its aims and objectives and defends its members, property and reputation.
- 23.2 Only National Officers of the party shall have the authority to create any legal relationship binding on the party.

**ARTICLE 24**  
**COMMON SEAL**

- 24.1 There shall be a common seal of the party, which shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the party.

**ARTICLE 25**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

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

**ARTICLE 26**  
**AMENDMENTS**

- 26.1 The party shall have the power to amend this constitution, save that no amendment of the constitution shall be valid unless made by a motion passed by two-third majority of members present and voting at the National Convention.
- 26.2 The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National Convention and the notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment.
- 26.3 The Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State branches of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National Convention.

**ARTICLE 27**  
**INTERPRETATION**

- 27.1 Any question as to the meaning of any section of this constitution or the Schedule hereto shall be referred to the National executive Committee whose interpretation of the same shall be final.
- 27.2 In this constitution:
  - a) "funds include valuable properties;
  - b) "Party" means people Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL).
  - c) "month" means calendar month;
  - d) where computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number;
  - e) "Youth" means a member between the ages of 18 and 60 years.
  - f) "Congress" – a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and consult elections.
  - g) "National Convention"- The largest meeting of (PANDEL) at national level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratifies and Presidential candidates and National Officers are elected.
  - h) "Delegates" – Are elected or nominated representatives of the party at any level of the structure of the party.
  - i) "national" – This refers to Federal levels as contained in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1990.
  - j) "Zonal" – This refers to each of the geo-political entities viz North East, North central, North West, South East, South West, South South.
  - k) "State" – This refers to geographical entity as defined in the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
  - l) "Local Government Area" – This refers to the Local Government Area as defined by S.7 and particularly schedule 2 of the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
  - m) "Ward" – This refer to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, ..... do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL) and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitutions of the People Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL) and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. So help me God.

**SCHEDULES 11**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

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

**SCHEDULE III**  
**PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS**

1. Language to be used at meetings  
The proceedings of the meetings of the party at all levels shall be in the English language or any Nigerian language understood by a majority of members of the party at respective levels.
2. All the meetings of the party shall be chaired by the Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairman at the relevant level and in the event of the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, members present shall elect a member from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.
3. The rules and regulations governing the conduct of any meetings of the party shall be as approved, from time to time, by the National Executive Committee of the party.

**SCHEDULE IV**  
**STAFF RULES**

- 23.1 Employees of the party shall be subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, Zonal, State, Local Government area and ward secretariat of the party and appeals on matters of the discipline and routine administration matters shall lie with the Secretary at the various levels, in compliance with the establishment manual.  
All employees of the party shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, the rules and regulations of the party and other authorized organs of the party.
- 23.2 A person who seeks and obtains employment in the party shall be deemed to be a member of the party
- 23.3 Any employee of the party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or take part in subversive activities against the party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his or her post.

- 23.4 Erring employees shall be afforded ample opportunity to defend themselves before disciplinary action is taken against them.
- 23.5 No employee of the party shall seek nomination to enable him or her contest any election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one month to the date of the election.
- 23.6 The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees of the party shall be determined as follows:
  - a) For employees of the party at the State level, by the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee.
  - b) For employees of the party at the State level, by the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee.
  - c) For employees of the party at the ward level, by the Local Government Area Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Executive Committees.

#### **DECLARATION**

We hereby declare that this Constitution of the Peoples Alliance for National Development and Liberty (PANDEL) was amended and ratified by the National Executive Council (NEC) of the Party held in Abuja on the 15th day of August, 2014.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2014.



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National Secretary



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National Chairman