

**PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC  
CHANGE**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Preamble:**

We the members of the PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE, (PDC) believing in a sovereign united, indivisible, great. and democratic Federal Republic of Nigeria under od, having firmly, conscientiously, and solemnly resolved to uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and being irrevocably committed to equity fairness, freedom, social justice, peace, progress and collective prosperity of Nigeria, do hereby give unto ourselves this Constitution for the purpose of seeking to provide effective governance of our Party and for the promotion of our lofty ideals, aims and objectives.

**ARTICLE 1****SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal of Nigeria or any other Acts of the National Assembly and/or Laws of the State Houses of Assembly and/or any other law, by whatever name referred, for the time being in force in the Federal Republic of' Nigeria the provisions of this Constitution shall be supreme over any other rules and or regulations of the Party.

**ARTICLE 2****NAME:**

There shall be a Political Party, called, addressed and known as PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (PDC) hereinafter referred to as "the Party."

**ARTICLE 3****MOTTO:**

The Motto of the Party shall be LET THE FUTURE BEGIN NOW

**ARTICLE 4****LOGO:**

The Logo of the Party contains the photographs of a pregnant woman, carrying a girl-child on her back, holding the hand of her school-boy son walking along with her, and her husband, all 4 of them on an ORANGE-COLOURED background.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **PARTY FLAG:**

The flag of the PDC shall be in the colour of DEEP-ORANGE, with or without the logo embossed

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **SLOGAN: PDC Power**

### **Power Let the Future Begin**

Provided that local slogan adaptations and variant may be permissible for better mobilization.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **SECRETARIAT:**

The registered office of the Party shall be located at Abuja the Federal Capital of Nigeria, with offices in every State Capital and Local Government Headquarter.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **POLICIES, PROGRAMMES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

The policies, programmes, aims and objectives of the Party shall be in consonance with the provisions in the Manifesto and shall be paramountly to secure at all times, good governance for all the citizens of Nigeria, through provision of dividends of democracy, safety, security, equal opportunities, and especially focus on the family unit as a foundation for better living, and, respect for the rule of law, and all aspects of the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy as provided under the Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **9.1 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria irrespective of place of origin or ethnic grouping. To be a member of the Party a person shall fulfill all of the following conditions.

- i. The person shall be a Nigerian citizen and has attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- ii. The person shall lawfully possess a membership card;

- iii. The person shall be registered as a member of the Party at the ward level of his Local Government Area of his residence or origin or any other place approved for this purpose by the Party.
- iv. The person shall not be a member of any other political party;
- v. The person shall pay the prescribed registration fee; The person accepts the aims, objectives, principles, fundamental, values, policies and programmes of the Party.
- vi. The person shall not suffer from any disqualifying- impediments as stipulated in the Constitution of Nigeria, such as bankruptcy, conviction for fraud, etc.
- vii. Application for membership shall be made on individual basis.

## **9.2 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

- i. Any eligible person who desires to be a member of PDC shall register in the electoral ward of his origin or where he is resident or any place approved by the Party for this purpose and be issued a membership card or identification and authentication as Party member,
- ii. The Party shall in every electoral ward keep a register of its membership
- iii. Copy of the Register of members in every ward, LGA, and State, shall be deposited with the Local Government and State Secretariats of the Party respectively for collation and record purpose.
- iv. A copy of the collated Register of members in each state and FCT shall be deposited with the National Secretariat for compilation into a single National Register of members.

## **9.3 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM MEMBERSHIP**

- (i) Every member shall pay such fees and levies as may from time to time be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party or any other body authorized to do so by the National Executive or the National Convention of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **FEDERAL CHARACTER, ZONING AND ROTATION OF OFFICERS:**

The principles of Federal Character as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Federal Character Commission Act

and of zoning and rotation of officers as requested by the Electoral Act shall strictly adhered to at all levels of the Party's Organization and Administration, including selection and nomination of candidates for all levels of elections.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES**

The Party shall operate at the following levels (in ascending order), Namely, Ward, Local Government Area (LGA), State (including the FCT), Zonal, National and each of these levels of the Party organization shall have a functioning Party Secretariat.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **2.1 ORGANS**

The following shall constitute the organs of the Party:-

- (i) The National Convention;
- (ii) The National Executive Committee;
- (iii) The Board of Trustees
- (iv) The Zonal Congress
- (v) The State Congress;
- (vi) The State Working Committee;
- (vii) The Local Government Area Congress;
- (viii) The Local Government Area Executive Committee;
- (ix) The Ward Congress and
- (x) The Ward Executive Committee.

### **12.2 COM POSITION OF ORGANS**

The Party organs listed above shall be composed as follows:

#### **THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- (i) All National Executive Committee members of the Party
- (ii) All members of the State Executive Committee, including
- (iii) The President and Vice President if produced by the Party FCT
- (iv) Governors and Deputy Governors if produced by the Party
- (v) Ministers and Advisers appointed from the party;
- (vi) Members of the National Assembly produced by the Party
- (vii) Local Government Council Chairman produced by the Party

- (viii) The State Secretaries of the Party;
- (ix) 5 delegates from each Local Government Area including Area Council in the FCT.
- (x) 5 Members of the Board of Trustees
- (xi) All members of the State House of Assembly produced by The Party.

### **12.3 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (i) National Chairman;
- (ii) 2 Deputy National Chairmen (one for the North (11) and one for the South (11));
- (iii) 6 National Vice Chairmen (representing (1) zones);
- (iv) National Secretary;
- (v) Deputy National Secretary
- (vi) National Publicity Secretary
- (vii) Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- (viii) National Treasurer
- (ix) Deputy National Treasurer;
- (x) National Organizing Secretary
- (xi) National Financial Secretaries
- (xii) Deputy National Financial Secretaries
- (xiii) National Legal Adviser
- (xiv) Deputy National Legal Adviser:
- (xv) National Auditor;
- (xvi) Deputy Welfare Officer;
- (xvii) Deputy National Auditor
- (xviii) State Chairmen of the Party
- (xix) National Women Leader
- (xx) Deputy National Women Leaders
- (xxi) National Youth Leader;
- (xxii) Deputy National Youth Leader;
- (xxiii) State Governor/SP/0th/1cb/Yt Party:
- (xxiv) Ministers and Special Advisers if produced by the Party
- (xxv) President and Vice President of the Country produced by the party;
- (xxvi) 18 Ex-Officio (three from each Zone);
- (xxvii) The Chairman of the Party in Abuja. (The FCT);

- (xxviii) President and Deputy President of the Senate, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House produced by the Party;
- (xxix) The PDC Senate Leader, Deputy Senate leader, Whip and Deputy Whip in the Senate;
- (xxx) The PDC House leader, Deputy leader, Whip and Deputy Whip in the House of Representatives;
- (xxxi) All Senators produced by the Party; (xxix) One members of the House of Representatives, each from the 36 States of the Federation and the FCT.
- (xxxii) One speaker or a leader in the House of Assembly to represent each geopolitical zone.

#### **12.4 ZONAL COMMITTEE**

- (i) National Vice Chairman
- (ii) State Chairmen:
- (iii) Governors (Produced by the Party);
- (iv) Speakers/Minority Leaders;
- (v) Majority Leaders;
- (vi) State Chairman:
- (vii) Two Members to represent each State in the Zone;
- (viii) A Woman Leader from each State;
- (ix) A Youth Leader in each State; and
- (x) Ministers and Special Advisers from the zone appointed from the Party as Ex-Officio members.

#### **12.5 STATE CONGRESS.**

- (i) Members of the State Executive Committee of the Party;
- (ii) Members of the National Executive Committee from the State;
- (iii) The Governor and Deputy produced by the Party:
- (iv) Members of the National of Assembly produced by the Party;
- (v) Members or the House of Assembly produced by the Party;
- (vi) Chairmen and Secretaries of the Party in Local
- (vii) Government Areas of the State.
- (viii) Local Government Council Chairmen and their
- (ix) Deputies produced by the Party;

- (x) Federal Ministers, Advisers and State Commissioners from the State appointed from the Party; and
- (xi) Two representatives nominated from each Ward by the Ward Executive.

#### **12.6 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- (i) State Chairman;
- (ii) State Deputy Chairman;
- (iii) Three State Vice Chairmen;
- (iv) State Secretary;
- (v) Three State Assistant Secretaries;
- (vi) State Treasurer;
- (vii) State Assistant Treasurer;
- (viii) State Financial Secretary;
- (ix) State Assistant Financial Secretary;
- (x) Publicity Secretary;
- (xi) Assistant Publicity Secretary;
- (xii) Legal Adviser;
- (xiii) Assistant Legal Adviser;
- (xiv) Welfare officer;
- (xv) Assistant Welfare Officer;
- (xvi) State Organizing Secretary
- (xvii) Assistant State Organizing Secretary
- (xviii) The State Auditor;
- (xix) National Executive Committee Members of the Party from the State;
- (xx) The Governor and Deputy Governor produced by the Party;
- (xxi) All members of the Senate and House of Representatives produced by the Party from the State;
- (xxii) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker and Majority Leader (where the Party is in control) or the Minority Leader and Chief Whip (where the Party is not in control);
- (xxiii) Members of the House of Assembly produced by the Party;
- (xxiv) The Chairman of the Party in each Local Government Area;
- (xxv) The Women Leader;
- (xxvi) The Youth Leader and
- (xxvii) Three Ex-Officio Members.



### **12.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS:**

- (i) Local Government Area Executive Committee Members of the Party;
- (ii) National and State congress members of the Party from the Local Government Area;
- (iii) Councilors produced by the Party;
- (iv) Ten representatives elected from each Ward.

### **12.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (i) Local Government Area Executive Members of the Party;
- (ii) Two Vice Chairmen of the Local Government
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Assistant Secretary;
- (v) Treasurer;
- (vi) Assistant Treasurer;
- (vii) Financial Secretary
- (viii) Assistant Financial Secretary
- (ix) Auditor;
- (x) Publicity Secretary;
- (xi) Assistant publicity Secretary;
- (xii) Legal Adviser;
- (xiii) Assistant Legal Adviser:
- (xiv) Welfare Officer
- (xv) Assistant Welfare Officer;
- (xvi) Ward Chairmen of the Party;
- (xvii) Members of the National and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Local Government Area;
- (xviii) The Chairman and vice Chairman of the Local Government of the LGA if produced by the Party;
- (xix) The Women Leader; and
- (xx) The Youth Leader.

### **12.9 WARD CONGRESS**

All members of the Party in the Ward

### **12.10 WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- (i) Chairman;

- (ii) Vice Chairman
- (iii) Secretary;
- (iv) Assistant Secretary
- (v) Treasurer
- (vi) Assistant Treasurer
- (vii) Financial Secretary
- (viii) Assistant Financial Secretary;
- (ix) Publicity Secretary;
- (x) Assistant Publicity Secretary;
- (xi) Legal Adviser;
- (xii) Assistant Legal Adviser:
- (xiii) Welfare Officer;
- (xiv) National, State and Local government Area Executive Committee members of the Party from the Ward;
- (xv) The Ex-Officio members
- (xvi) The Women Leader; and
- (xvii) The Youth Leader.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the State Congress of the Party may authorize the establishment of any tier of the Party organization within the State to suit local and circumstances

## **ARTICLE 13: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **13.1 COMPOSITION**

There shall be a Board made up of:-

- (i) The National Chairman of the Party
- (ii) President and the Vice President if members of the Party
- (iii) The Senate President and deputy Senate President if members of the Party
- (iv) The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker if members of the Party
- (v) The National Secretary
- (vi) One member from each of the thirty-six States and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja
- (vii) The Senate Leader and the House Leader if members of the Party
- (viii) Former National Chairmen of the Party and immediate former National Secretaries of the party and all former Presidents if they retain continuous membership of the party.

- (ix) Any Member of the party that may be deemed fit by the National Working Committee subject to ratification by National Executive Committee Not more than five persons may be appointed at one time.

### **13.2 MODE OF APPOINTMENT/REMOVAL**

- (i) Members of the Board of Trustees specified in paragraph 13.1 (vi) of this article shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the State they are Representing.
- (ii) A member of Board of trustee in 13.2(i) above may be removed from Office on the recommendation of State Executive Committee represents to the National Working Committee for final ratification by National Executive Committee.
- (iii) In the event of death or resignation or removal of a Trustee from office another person shall be nominated from the same state to replace the former member.

### **13.3 GENERAL PROVISION:**

- (i) The Board of Trustees shall have a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman who shall be elected from amongst the members of the Board.
- (ii) National Secretary of the party shall be the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
- (iii) The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall take and keep records of all the meetings and activities of the Board.
- (iv) A member of the Board of Trustees appointed under Article 13.1 (vi) & (ix) shall hold office for four (4) years and may be eligible for a second term only.
- (v) The Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall assist and advise the Chairman and to act on behalf of the latter in his absence.

### **13.4 FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

- (i) The Board of Trustee shall hold all the properties of the Party in trust for the Party and shall serve as custodian of such assets.
- (ii) The Board of Trustee shall be the embodiment of the conscience, soul and sanctity of the Party, and shall be the mirror of the highest standard of morality in the Party and shall intervene in all disputes and crisis in the Party to ensure its stability at all times.

- (iii) The Board of Trustee shall subject to this constitution regulate its own proceedings, as it may consider appropriate. The Board of Trustee shall advise as and when necessary on policies, programmes and activities of the Party nationwide
- (iv) The Seal of the Board of Trustees of the Party shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary to the Board of Trustee.
- (v) The National Secretary of the Party shall prepare an inventory of all the assets, properties moveable and immovable, real and personal belongings to the Party and shall deposit a copy of the said inventory with the Board of Trustee on the first quarter of the following year.
- (vi) The Board of Trustee shall carry out all such other activities that may be referred to it by the National Convention or any other body so authorized.
- (vii) The Board of Trustee shall carry out all such other functions that may be referred to it by the National Working Committee and National Executive Committee and any other body so authorized.

### **13.5 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- i. The meetings of the Board of Trustee shall be held every quarter and/or at any time decided by the Chairman of the Board of Trustee or at the request made in writing by at least one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees provided that not less than 14 days notice is given for the meeting so summoned.
- ii. Decisions at the meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be by simple majority of members present and voting.
- iii. Quorum for the meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be one- third of its membership.

## **ARTICLE 14 FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF PART ORGANS**

### **14.1 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- (1) To ensure strict compliance with this Constitution by all Party organs and members.
- (2) To elect the National Officers and other members of the National Executive Committee of the Party.

(3) The National convention shall be the Party's supreme authority and shall have plenary powers.

(4) Without prejudice to the above provision, the National Convention shall have the following functions.

- i. To evolve, consider, review, approve or abrogate policies, guidelines and regulations to govern the conduct and administration of the Party.
- ii. To consider and approve recommendations on the Party's programmes and projects.
- iii. To interpret and where necessary amend and revise the Constitution of the Party.
- iv. To take all necessary and legitimate actions to ensure the acquisition by the Party of political power through the formation of government (or participation therein) at the Local, State and Federal levels.
- v. Where the Party is in power, to guide, advise, and where necessary, discipline members of the Party holding political office both at the legislative and executive arm of government, in order to ensure the fulfillment of the Party's manifesto and Constitution.
- vi. Where the Party is not in power at any time and at any level of government, to critically examine government policies and programmes to advise or criticize the government as appropriate in order to ensure good governance and the interest of the nation.
- vii. To receive, consider and take decisions on reports from other subordinating organs of the Party. To take all necessary and legitimate actions to protect and promote the corporate interest of the Party in all parts of the country. To elect the Presidential Candidate of the party to Ratify the Vice Presidential Candidate nominated by the Presidential Candidate.
- viii. To consider appeals from State Congress committees in nominations of the candidates for State and Local Government elections.
- ix. To generate funds for the achievement of the Party's objectives.
- x. Nomination of candidates for the election as State Governor, Deputy Governor and Members of the State and National Assembly.
- xi. To discipline and erring member of the Party.
- xii. To elect National executive Committee members of the Party.
- xiii. To exercise all such other powers and authority as vested in it by the party's Constitution.

- xiv. To take any other action which, in its opinion is in the best interest of the Party in particular ad the Nation in general.

#### **14.2 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the Principal Executive Organ of the Party and in that capacity shall:

- (i) Summon or Convene the National Convention and prepare its agenda.
- (ii) Discharge all functions of the Convention as constituted in between Conventions subject to ratification at the next convention
- (iii) Implement decisions of the National Convention.

#### **14.3 STATE CONGRESS**

The functions and powers of the Congress in each State of the Federation shall be subject to the overriding authority of the National Executive Committee and shall include the following;

- (i) To evolve policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party in the State.
- (ii) To elect State officers and other members of the State executive Committee of the Party.
- (iii) To exercise all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the National Executive Committee provided that the functions of the National Executive Committee shall override State and Local Government functions.
- (iv) To elect Candidates for Gubernatorial elections and ratify the nomination of a running mate made by the gubernatorial candidates provided that any disagreement arising from the exercise of this function shall be referred to the National Working Committee.
- (v) To take and ensure the implementati0 of directives from the National Executive Committee.

#### **14.4 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The State Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal execution organ of the State congress and in this capacity shall:

- (i) Summon or convene the State Congress and prepare its agenda
- (ii) Discharge all functions of the congress between congress subject to ratification by the State Congress.

- (iii) Make recommendations and policies programmes when necessary.
- (iv) Implement the decision of State Executive Committee.
- (v) These functions of the State Congress shall apply to lower levels of the party mutates mutandi.

#### **14.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS:**

The functions and powers of the Local Government Area Congress in each State shall be subject to the overriding authority of the State Executive Committee and shall include the following.

- (i) To evolve policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party;
- (ii) To elect Local Government Officers and other members of the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party;
- (iii) To exercise all other powers authority and functions similar to those of the State Executive Committee, provided that state functions shall be replaced by Local Government functions.
- (iv) To elect candidates for local government chairmanship elections and to ratify the nomination of a Deputy Chairman nominated by the Chairman provided that any disagreement arising out of this function shall be referred to the State Congress for resolution.
- (v) To take and ensure the implementation of directives from the State Executive Committee.

#### **14.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Local Government Executive Committee of the Party shall be the principal execution organ of the Local Government congress and in this capacity shall:

- (i) Summon or convene the Local Government Area Congress and prepare its agenda.
- (ii) Discharge all functions of the Congress between meetings of Congress subject to ratification by the Congress.
- (iii) Make recommendations on policies and programs to the Congress, and implement the decision of the Congress.
- (iv) To nominate delegates from each Local Government Area including Area councils in the FCT for the National Convention.

#### **14.7 WARD CONGRESS**

The functions and powers of the Congress in each ward shall be subject to overriding authority of the LGA congress and shall include the following:

- (i) To evolve policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party.
- (ii) To elect Ward Officers and other members of the Ward Executive Committee of the Party.
- (iii) To exercise all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the [GA Congress, provided that LGA functions shall override that of the Ward congress when there is a conflict.
- (iv) To elect Candidates for Councillorship elections into the Local Government Councils.
- (v) To elect 10 delegates per Ward to attend the Local Government Congress
- (vi) To take and ensure the implementation of directives from the LGA Congress.

#### **14.8 WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Ward Executive Committee of the Party all be the principal execution organ of the Ward and in this capacity shall:

- (i) Summon or convene the Ward Congress and prepare its agenda;
- (ii) Discharge all functions of the Congress between meetings of Congress.
- (iii) Make recommendations on policies and programmes to Congress and
- (iv) Implement the decision of the Congress;
- (v) To nominate 2 members of the Party to represent the Ward at the State Congress.

### **ARTICLE 15**

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

##### **15.1 THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN SHALL:**

- i. Be the head of the Party, providing good effective leadership and direction to the Party;
- ii. Protect and promote the policies of the Party;
- iii. Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and National Working Committee;



- iv. Appoint members into Ad-hoc and standing committees in consultations with National Working Committee;
- v. Authorize expenditure not exceeding the sum of two million Naira; but anything exceeding the said amount shall be done in consultation and National Working Committee.
- vi. Supervise and control all officials of the Party
- vii. Have powers to delegate his duties, give awful directives to all officers, organs members and officials at all levels o the Party, and exercise a casting vote;
- viii. Ensure through supervision and strict compliance with the provisions of the Party Constitution;
- ix. Be accountable to the National Executive Committee in discharging all the functions and lowers stated above;
- x. Lead the presidential campaign team of the Partys Presidential Candidate.
- xi. The Chairman shall convene National Executive Committee meeting at least every quarter:
- xii. Shall have the powers to intervene in the crisis arising from the state chapter and recommend either sanction/disciplinary measure to the National Working Committee.

**15.2 DEPUTY NATIONALCFIAIRMAN SHALL:**

- i. Perform the functions of the Chairman during his absence.
- ii. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman as a result of either death incapacitation abdication, resignation, removal, expulsion or any other cause the Deputy National Chairman from the same zone as the Chairman shall act as Chairman pending the election of substantive Chairman at the National Convention of the Party.
- iii. Carry out any other duties that may he assigned by tile Chairman, Convention and National Executive Committee

**15.3 NATIONALVICE CHAIRMAN SHALL:**

- i. Preside over meetings.
- ii. Carry out any duty assigned to him by the National Working committee, National Executive Committee or the National Chairman.

#### **15.4 NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i. Supervise the Party's day-to administration
- ii. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee.
- iii. Issue notice, and make effective arrangements for, meetings of the National convention, the Executive Committee, on the directive of National Chairman.
- iv. Keep an accurate record of all the proceedings at the National Convention, National Executive Committee and National Working Committee meetings.
- v. Render a written annual report on the activities of the Party to the National Executive Committee meetings.
- vi. Carry out all other duties that may be assigned to him from time to time by the National Working Committee and National Executive Committee.
- vii. Prepare and present to the National Working Committee or National Executive the annual budget of the party.
- viii. Prepare and present to National Working Committee/National Executive Committee the annual schedule of event of the Party.

#### **15.5 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i. Perform the functions of the National Secretary in the latter's absence
- ii. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Secretary as a result of either death, incapacitation,, abdication resignation, removal, expulsion or any other cause act as Secretary pending the election of a substantive Secretary at a National Convention of the Party.
- iii. Carry out all duties assigned by the National Secretary.

#### **15.6 ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:**

- (i) Keep accurate record of proceedings at zonal meetings and
- (ii) Perform any other duties as may be assigned to them by the National Vice Chairman of the zone.

#### **15.7 NATIONAL TREASURER SHALL:**

- i. Ensure that all monies accruing to the Party and expenditure thereof are properly accounted for:

- ii. Advise the National Executive Committee through National Working Committee on financial matters.
- iii. Ensure that all monies paid to be duly receipted for and banked in the approved bank accounts of the Party not later than 24 hours after collection
- iv. Keep a general imprest account the limit of which shall be determined by the National Executive Committee
- v. Pay all the monies duly approved by the National Chairman
- vi. Prepare and submit a quarterly statement of account to the National Executive Committee of the Party through National Working Committee.

**15.8 DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER SHALL:**

- (i) Assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties;
- (ii) Act as the Treasurer during the latter's absence.

**15.9 NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY SHALL:**

- (i) Collect and record all dues, levies, subscriptions, etc, belonging to the Party;
- (ii) Pay all such monies to the Treasurer within 24 hours of collection.
- (iii) Prepare and submit proposals for raising of funds for Party considered by the National Executive Committee.

**15.10 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY SHALL**

- (i) Assist the Financial Secretary and act for him during his absence;
- (ii) Carry out all duties assigned by the National Financial Secretary.

**15.11 NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

Shall initiate programmes for mobilization of Party members, device appropriate strategy for election and co-ordinate all field activities of the party.

**15.12 DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

Shall assist the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize him in his absence or whenever so directed by the National Organizing Secretary.

**15.13 THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i. Be responsible for the public relations and publicity activities of the Party;
- ii. Be the principal image manager of the Party
- iii. Advise the Party on Mass Media matters
- iv. Publicize the policies and programs of the Party:
- v. Responsible for monitoring and coordinating activities of State Publicity Secretaries.

**15.14 THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i. Assist the Publicity Secretary and act for him during his absence.
- ii. Carry out all duties assigned by the National Publicity Secretary.

**15.15 NATIONAL INTERNAL AUDITOR SHALL:**

- i. Audit the books of the party quarterly, and submit written audit report to the National Executive Committee through the National Working Committee as well as prepare and submit annually through the NEC to the National Convention an Audit Report on the accounts and finances of the party.
- ii. Conduct other checks on the finances and assets of the party as may be directed from time to time by the National Chairman, National Working Committee, National Executive Committee or National Convention.
- iii. Have the right periodically demand without notice the books and records of accounts of the Party for inspection, examination and auditing.

**15.16 THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER SHALL:**

- (i) Be responsible for giving legal advice to the Party; Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defence on behalf of the Party, including its organs officers and officials where the subject of litigation pertains to the Party's interest;
- (ii) Liaise regularly with State Legal Adviser:
- (iii) Liaise regularly with Assistant Legal Advisers who are responsible for Zones.

**15.17 DEPUTY NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER SHALL:**

- i. Assist the Legal Adviser and act for him during his absence.
- ii. Carry out duties assigned by the Legal Adviser.

**15.18 NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY SHALL:**

- (i) Be responsible for the welfare of the members of the Party.

**15.18 DEPUTY NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i. Assist the National Welfare Secretary and act for him in his absence
- ii. Carry out all duties assigned by the National Welfare Secretary.

15.19 All other officers shall perform duties related to their offices and all Assistant National Officers shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to them by the appropriate principal.

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

**ARTICLE 16**

**PDC ZONAL COMMITTEE**

There shall be established PDC Zonal Committee in each of the six geographical zones of the country to develop and maintain a responsive system that can promptly effectively, efficiently and equality handle the affairs of the Party in their zones in the area of conflict resolution, as well as mass mobilization of the masses of their zones to our Party.

**16.1 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

- (i) To promptly handle all cases of conflicts in their areas of jurisdiction.
- (ii) To develop a system that can easily appeal to the masses of their areas of jurisdiction;
- (iii) To ensure a very strong grass root based membership drive;
- (iv) To assist in the installation of appropriate strategies that can sustain all categories of members within the Party’;

- (v) To assist in the organization of efficient campaign strategy that is truly indigenous so that it can respond to the needs and aspirations of the local communities;
- (vi) To arrange and organize in conjunction with National Headquarters the most effective ways, the most efficient utilization of resources at Party's campaigns and rallies in the locality
- (vii) To establish and maintain effective, efficient and responsive planning and research units that can respond to the needs of both the zones and the National Headquarters;
- (viii) To respond promptly to all political issues emanating from the opposition parties that concern the zones;
- (ix) To keep the National Working Committee informed of all political development within their areas of jurisdiction during all meetings of the National Working Committee.
- (x) To monitor and liaise with all State Chairmen, where desirable advise them accordingly;
- (xi) Any other duty assigned by the National Working Committee and the Constitution of the Party.

## 16.2 **COMPOSITION**

- (i) National Vice Chairman:
- (ii) State Chairmen;
- (iii) Governors (produced by the Party):
- (iv) Speakers/Minority Leaders
- (v) Majority Leaders
- (vi) National Executive members from the zone;
- (vii) National Executive Committee Members:
- (viii) Two members to represent each State in the Zone;
- (ix) A woman leader from each State;
- (x) A Youth Leader from each State.

## 16.3 **MEETINGS**

- (i) The PDC Zonal Committee shall at its first meeting decide the date and time of its meetings as well as the quorum.
- (ii) A special meeting of the Zonal Committee shall be held as and when necessary

- (iii) The Party's National Vice chairmen shall preside over the meetings of the Zonal Committee, in his absence, National Executive member present shall preside.

## **ARTICLE 17 MEETINGS**

### **17.1 CONVENTION AND CONGRESS**

The Convention and Congress of the Party at the National, State and other levels shall be held at least once in 2 years at a date, venue and time to be decided by the National Executive Committee.

### **17.2 EMERGENCY MEETINGS:**

- (i) Without prejudice to the above provision, the Executive Committee may summon an emergency National State, Local Government or Ward Congress at any time, provided that at least seven days notice of the meeting shall be given to all those entitled to attend.
- (ii) The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the party at any level shall direct the Secretary of the organ to summon a meeting of the Executive Committee as the case may be on receiving a request made in writing by at least two thirds of the members of that organ.

### **17.3 QUORUM:**

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

### **17.4 RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETING:**

- (i) All meetings of the various organs of the Party shall follow the same or similar procedure as prescribed hereunder. Irregular conduct of meetings shall be unconstitutional and shall accordingly render null and void decisions reached at such meetings.
- (ii) The Chairman of any organ of the Party shall preside over the meetings of the organ except in the case of a sub-committee where the presiding person may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the parent organ or from among themselves.
- (iii) All meetings of the party shall be conducted and recorded in English Language. However, the Chairman of a meeting may invoke his

discretion to allow the use of a local language if in his judgment communication and the peace of the meeting would be thereby facilitated.

- (iv) With the exception of the following listed motions, no motion and amendment shall be entertained at a meeting unless at least seven days notice of such motion had been given in writing to the Secretary or to the Chairman.
- (v) The Chairman of a meeting shall have power to ask an erring or offending member to leave the meeting.
- (vi) No member shall leave a meeting except with the permission of the Chairman.
- (vii) "Putting the question" shall follow normal parliamentary procedure. Voting on any subject at a meeting shall be by a show of hands or by secret ballot.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

18.1 All Party posts prescribed or implied by this Constitution shall be filled by democratically conducted elections at the respective congress and convention subject to consensus.

#### **18.2 CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES FOR NOMINATION:**

##### **(i) NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CHANCELLORSHIP**

Shall be by direct closed primaries to be conducted at the Ward level. For the purpose of this Primary, Party Members in every ward shall vote by open secret ballot for the candidates of their choice where there is no consensus.

##### **(ii) NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR:**

- a. Council Chairman
- b. State House of Assembly
- c. House of Representatives
- d. Senate
- e. Governor
- f. President.



1. Shall be through indirect primaries to be conducted at the appropriate levels or
2. Option A4 or, i.e. a system where the voters queue behind the candidates of their choice, the result and winner announced at the level where the election took place, or
3. Notional Convention where the Presidential Candidate of the party is nominated by the highest number of delegates from the 36 states of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

### **(iii) CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION**

- A. A candidate for election must be a registered member of the Party
- B. The candidate shall satisfy the requirement for elections under the country's Constitution and the Electoral Law.
- C. The candidate shall score a simple majority of the votes cast
- D. Where in the first ballot, candidates fail to fulfill condition laid down in (c) above; there shall be a Second ballot between the two candidates with the highest votes cast in the first ballot.

18.3 Without prejudice to 18.2 above, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations for the selection of candidates in consultation with the State Executive Committee. All such rules and regulations shall take into consideration and uphold.

- (i) The Federal Character principle and the principle of geopolitical spread and the principle of Rotation.
- (ii) All other factors necessary for the total success of the Party at the polls and in government.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **FINANCE, BANKING AND AUDIT**

#### **19.1 FINANCE**

1. The funds of the Party at all levels shall be derived from any of the following sources: -
  - (i) Registration
  - (ii) Periodic dues (as may be decided from time to time by Convention or Congress).

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

#### 19.2 **BANKING:**

The Party at all levels shall operate bank accounts in financial institutions approved by the appropriate Executive Committee. Withdrawals from such accounts shall be effected jointly by the appropriate Chairman as principal signatory and either the Secretary or the Treasurer as cosignatory.

#### 19.3 **AUDIT:**

- (i) Executive Committee to audit all the accounts of the Party and submit the audited Accounts and Report thereon to the Party, at least once a year.
- (ii) The National Executive Committee shall present an audited Account and Report to the National Convention.

- (iii) A statement of the Party's Assets and Liabilities shall be published in accordance with the prevailing laws of the Federation, on the authority of the National Convention.

## **ARTICLE 20 TENURE OF OFFICE**

1. Ad-hoc and Standing Committees at any level shall be appointed and dissolved at the discretion of the appropriate Working Committees.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all officers of the Party elected or appointed into the Party's organs shall serve in such organs for a period of four years only, and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for another period of four years only.
3. No member shall serve in the same office for more than two terms or eight years continuously.
4. An officer of the party shall be relieved of his post any time if a vote of "No Confidence" is passed on him by the two-third of the membership of the relevant Executive or Organ present at voting, subject to ratification by the next hierarchy of the party.
5. An Officer at any level of the Party who wishes to contest an elective office into Government shall resign his party position at least 14 days before the Party nomination for election.

## **ARTICLE 21 DISCIPLINE OF PARTY MEMBERS**

### **21.1 POWER TO DISCIPLINE.**

Subject to the provisions of this ARTICLE and the right to their hearing, the Party shall have power to discipline Party members. The power shall be exercised on behalf by the respective Executive Committee of the Party at all levels.

Where allegation(s) of indiscipline or impropriety is leveled against any member or members of the National Executive Committee or National Working Committee, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to try and sanction such National Executive Committee Member(s) or National Working Committee Members subject to ratification at the next National Convention of the Party.

## **21.2 OFFENCES:**

Offences against the Party shall include the following:

- (i) A breach of any provision of this Constitution
- (ii) Anti-Party activities or any conduct, which is likely to embarrass or have adverse effect on the party or bring the party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute;
- (iii) Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directive of the Party or oldie officers of the Party;
- (iv) Assuming names and titles not recognized by the Constitution of the party
- (v) Giving wrong information to any organ of the Party or unauthorized publicity of a Party dispute without exhausting all avenues for settlement or redress within the Party;
- (vi) Factionalization or creating parallel Party organs at any level:
- (vii) Flouting the rules and decisions of the Party, engaging in dishonest practices thuggery, continuously being absent at meetings without reasonable cause, carrying out anti-Party or other activities which tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the Party or which are inconsistent with the aims and objectives of the Party;
- (viii) Carrying arms, offensive weapons or missile at a political rally or procession, Party meetings, Party offices or voting centres otherwise than in pursuance of a lawful duty;
- (ix) Any other conduct or act prohibited by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act, INEC Guidelines or which of the Rules and Regulations of the Party constitute an offence.
- (x) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, no action shall be filed in a Court of law against the party or any of its Officers on any matter or matters relating to the discharge of the duties of the Party, save where the member filing the action has exhausted all out of court adjudication which shall commence from the level where the matter occurred, up to the National Working Committee which is the final body on such matters.

## **21.3 DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE**

There shall be discipline at all times amongst Members of the Party and any infractions of the Party's rules and regulations now contained in this

constitution and others that may be made in the future shall be fairly investigated by an ad-hoc Investigative Committee set up by the Leadership of the Party at the level which the infraction occurred Provided that the higher levels of the Party shall have power to constitute an appeal panel to determine all appeals arising from the rulings of the lower investigative panels, provided always that the decision of the National Working Committee shall be final on all such matters.

#### **21.4 PUNISHMENT OR ERRING MEMBERS.**

- (i) The Party shall have power to impose the following sanctions on members in accordance with the nature and gravity of their offence:
  - a) Reprimand
  - b) Censure
  - c) Fine
  - d) Debarment from holding office
  - e) Removal from office
  - f) Suspension
  - g) Expulsion from the Party
  - h) Debarment from contesting Office on the Party Platform.

### **ARTICLE 22**

#### **CONDUCT DURING CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS**

22.1 The Party and all its members including candidates at elections shall ensure peaceful conduct of political rallies and processions; accordingly the Party and its members shall carry out campaigns; rallies, processions and participate in elections in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

#### **21.2 PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE**

- (i) The Party or any member thereof shall not organize, retain, train or equip any person or group of persons for the purpose of enabling them to employed for the use or display of physical force or coercion or any form of intimidation in promoting its political interests or objectives in such manner as to arouse reasonable apprehension that they are organized, trained or equipped for that purpose.

- (ii) The Party, a member of the Party or candidate for an election shall not keep or use a private security organization vanguard or any other group or individuals by whatever name called for the purpose of providing security. assisting or aiding the Party or a candidate in whatever form during campaigns, rallies, processions or elections provided that an officer of the Party or a candidate at an election may keep or use a private security or individual for his personal protection during campaigns, rallies or processions.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

23.1 The day-to-day administration of the Party shall be carried out by Directorates to be headed by officials who shall be responsible to the National Secretary of the Party.

- (i) The Directorates of Organization shall be headed by a Director of Organization and shall be responsible for the organization of the Party at all levels;
- (ii) The Directorate of Publicity shall be headed by a Director of Publicity and shall be responsible for a responsible image of the Party at all levels;
- (iii) The Directorate of Administration shall be headed by a Director of Administration and shall attend to personnel and other administrative matters;
- (iv) The Directorate of Finance shall be headed by a Director of Finance and shall attend to financial matters;
- (v) Directorate of Research and intelligence shall be headed by a Director of Research, Intelligence and shall deal with research and intelligence matters;
- (vi) Directorate of Social Welfare shall be headed by a Director of Social Welfare and shall be responsible for the Welfare of the members of the Party:

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **SEAL OF THE PARTY:**

- (i) The Common Seal of the Party shall be designed and approved by the National Executive Committee and shall be in the custody of the National Secretary of the Party.
- (ii) The Seal of the respective Party Organs shall be designed and approved by the appropriate Executive Committee and shall be in the custody of the Secretary of the Party at that level.
- (iii) The Common Seal of the Party or the Seal of the respective Party Organs shall never be used except by the authority of the Party Chairman or working committee of the level previously given in the presence of two members of the Working Committee (appointed by the Chairman). The Party Chairman shall sign every instruction to which the Seal is affixed and every such instrument shall be counter signed by the Secretary or his nominee.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **25.1 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The provisions of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment, it is so decided by a majority of two thirds of the financial members of the Party present and voting at a meeting of National Convention, provided that notice of such amendments shall have been filed with the National Secretariat not less than thirty days before the date of National convention and circulated not less than 21 days before the date of the Convention.

#### **25.2 RESIGNATION**

1. Any elected part Officer/Official who wishes to resign from his office must submit a letter of resignation to the National Chairman, who shall present to the National Working Committee for acceptance or otherwise not later than one month from the date of receipt of the letter. This procedure applies to other levels of party hierarchy.
2. A member of the Party shall be free to resign his membership at any time.

3. Upon resignation, a member shall be required to surrender all property of the Party in his possession to the nearest registered office of the Party and obtain clearance to that effect.

### **25.3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- (i) Election of officers of the Party at every level shall be held not later than one month before the expiration of the tenure of members of Executive Committee.
- (ii) Voting shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided by Convention or Congress.
- (iii) Any candidate who scores the highest number of votes cast at any election shall be declared the winner of that election.
- (iv) In the event of a tie in any ballot, there shall be a run-off election between the candidates who tie, until a winner emerges.

### **25.4 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All organs of the party shall have power to make rules and regulations for the smooth running of the Party provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provision of this Constitution.

## **SCHEDULE ONE**

### **COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION**

This Party Constitution shall be cited as the CONSTITUTION OF THE PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE, and shall take effect from the date of Registration of the Party by the Independent National Electoral Commission.