

ACTION ALLIANCE

CONSTITUTION

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THE CONSTITUTION OF ACTION ALLIANCE

PREAMBLE

This Gigantic Project called Nigeria became an independent country on October 1, 1960.

Nigeria is the largest and most populous black Nation on the face of the earth. A country truly blessed by the Almighty God with great human and material resources. A nation with the potential of becoming the greatest country in the world was the dream of our founding fathers.

However, forty-five years after independence, we cannot sincerely beat our chests and say with all confidence that Nigeria has attained the dreams of our founding fathers. Several years of unstable leadership and lack of unity of purpose have left our dear country still grappling to attain the desired enviable height, which our heroes past had fervently prayed and wished for Nigeria several years ago.

This great Political Movement is indeed a direct result of the burning desire of patriotic Nigerians of like minds, destiny and common commitment to the same lofty ideals, dreams and aspirations of our heroes to see this giant of Africa roar into exceptional greatness.

NOW THEREFORE having solemnly resolved to give to Nigerians the exemplary Leadership of our dream, We members of the Action Alliance do hereby make, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution as a spring board for achieving the lofty ideals for which this great movement was formed.

ARTICLE 1

NAME OF PARTY

The Party shall be known, addressed and called ACTION ALLIANCE hereafter referred to as The Party” whose acronym shall be ‘AA”

ARTICLE 2

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Subject to provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law for the time being in force the provisions of this constitution shall take precedence over any other rules or regulations of the Party and such rules or regulations shall to the extent of Their inconsistency with this Constitution be null and void

ARTICLE 3

MOTTO

The motto of the Party shall beCommitted to a united and better Nigeria.

ARTICLE 4

SLOGAN

The slogan of the Party shall be: “Action Alliance - Let the masses live’.

ARTICLE 5

FLAG AND COLOUR

The flag and colour of the Party shall be Blue, White and Red with Party symbol embossed at the center.

ARTICLE 6

SYMBOL

The symbol of the Party shall be an Eagle, which symbolizes peace and rapid development inside a circled Star symbolizing Nigeria's rising profile within the Committee of Nations.

ARTICLE 7

REGISTERED OFFICE

The National Headquarters of the Party shall be located at the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, with offices in every State Capital, Local Government Area Headquarters and all the Wards in the Federation.

ARTICLE 7

PRINCIPLES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The aims, objectives and guiding principles of the Party shall at all times and in every circumstances conform with the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 2.
3. The principle of the Party shall be Equity for National Development while the aims and objectives shall include:
 - a. Political
 - i. To seek and attain political power through democratic and constitutional means with the aim of giving purposeful leadership by creating the appropriate socio-economic environment for the maximization of individual and corporate potentials that would enhance national development;

- ii. To uphold and protect the unity and sovereignty of Nigeria as one indivisible and indissoluble nation and to vigorously ensure its stability and harmonious existence;
- iii. To present and sponsor qualified candidates for elections into all elective political offices specified in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other legislation for the time being in force in Nigeria;
- iv. To defend the sanctity of elections through the promotion and encouragement of level playing fields and equal opportunities for all candidates at every election;
- v. To institutionalize dialogue and consultation as a means of ensuring and promoting participatory democracy at all levels of governance;
- vi. To accord equal opportunities to all Nigerians to seek political and public offices irrespective of their ethnic, religious, gender or geographical background and to reflect at all times the principles of Federal Character in all appointments;

b. Economic

- i. To develop and sustain a strong, dynamic and contemporary economy that would ensure socio-political and economic independence of Nigeria and enhance the living standards of its citizens;
- ii. To create enabling environment for and to encourage foreign investment;
- iii. To provide affordable housing;
- iv. To promote agriculture and ensure self-sufficiency in food production;
- v. To enhance employment opportunities and promote job security;

c. Social

- i. To uphold and protect the sanctity of life, human dignity and ensure the security and protection of lives and properties of all Nigerians;

- ii. To encourage inter-tribal and inter-religious marriages and promote and protect the sanctity of the family as a fundamental unit for social development and cohesion;
- iii. To discourage all negative attitudes and prejudices against women and all physically challenged and disabled persons and to promote the empowerment of women and the physically challenged and disabled persons;
- iv. To protect and encourage Nigerian youth to attain their full potentials in the service and development of Nigerian;
- v. To ensure a healthcare delivery system that is not only affordable but also available to all Nigerians;
- vi. To create and promote a social security system that would take care of the disabled, old, sick, infirm, unemployed and ensure the well being of pensioners;
- vii. To eradicate illiteracy by making education available and affordable and to promote learning at all levels with special emphasis on science, technology and culture etc;
- viii. To build a society where social justice, personal liberty, fundamental rights, freedom and equal opportunity for all citizens shall be the hallmark;
- ix. To discourage all forms of environmental degradation and to promote environmental cleanliness and protection as a basic way of life in all parts of Nigeria;

d. International

- i. To advance and project inter-African co-operation and promote African Unity;
- ii. To foster international co-operation and understanding and to encourage peaceful resolution of international conflicts and disputes;

e. Others

To undertake other activities which in the opinion of the Party are ancillary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Party.

ARTICLE 9

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the Party shall be open to every citizen of Nigeria irrespective of his/her religion, ethnic group, place of birth, sex, social or economic status;
- b. Application for membership shall be made on an individual basis;
- c. A person applying to be a member shall not be below the age of 18 years and not belong to another Political Party and if a member, has resigned his/her membership;
- d. He/she shall not be a member of the Armed Forces, Police, Security Agencies, Para-military organs, the Public Service of the Federation, State, Local Government/Area Council or a secret society;
- e. A person shall upon registration pay the prescribed registration or membership fees; and
- f. He/she shall accept the aims, objectives, principles, fundamental values, policies and programmes of the Party.

2. REGISTRATION

- a. Every application for membership shall be made in the prescribed form duly signed or thumb printed by the applicant;
- b. Registration of members shall be at the Wards or other authorized places as may be prescribed by the Party;

- c. Every member shall upon registration be required to subscribe to an oath of loyalty and commitment to the Party and shall be required to fill an oath form affixed with two passport photographs which shall be kept in the members personal file to be opened at the place of registration;
- d. A Nigerian citizen who is temporarily resident outside Nigeria may apply to be a member of the Party with the authorized foreign branch of the Party of his choice;
- e. A register of members shall be maintained at each of the Party's Secretariat namely, Ward, Local Government Area, State and National and shall be updated periodically.

ARTICLE 10

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- i. Qualifications for membership shall from time to time be prescribed by the National Think Thank Committee of the Party or any other body authorized to do so by the National Think Thank Committee or the National Convention;
- ii. Upon registration, a member shall be deemed to have:
 - a. Accepted to abide by the provisions of this Constitution as well as the policies, programmes and ideals of the Party;
 - b. Accepted to abide by all lawful rules, regulations, directives and decisions of the Party or any of its organs; and
 - c. Accepted to promote the principles, aims and objectives of the Party and to refrain from pursuing any course of action that may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the Party;
- iii. Every member shall have the right to participate in the activities and discussions of the branch of the Party to which he/she is a member,

subject to any qualification, rules and regulations or provisions of this Constitution;

- iv. Every member shall be free to contest any elective post in the Party and shall have a right to be sponsored by the Party for all elective offices as prescribed by the Constitution of Nigeria or any other law Provided that the member shall be qualified under the Party Constitution and Nigerian Constitution to contest for such elective position;
- v. Every member shall have a right to vote or be voted for in any elective office or position in the Party Provided that in the exercise of the right to be voted for, such member shall be an active and financial member for a period of at least six months before the date at the election;
- vi. The provisions of sub-paragraph (v) above may be waived if in the opinion of the National Leadership of the Party it is in the best interest of the Party to do so;
- vii. All first elections to any elective office in the Party at all levels immediately after the coming into effect of this Constitution shall not be subject to the provision of sub-paragraph (v) above.

ARTICLE 11

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. A member may lose his/her membership where:
 - a. He/she resigns or dies;
 - b. He/she consistently refuses or neglects to fulfill his/her financial obligations to the Party;
 - c. He/she is found guilty of anti-party activities or any other misconduct or wrong doing and subsequently expelled from the Party.
2. Where a member loses his/her membership in accordance with the provision of paragraph 1 (b) above, he/she may be re-admitted into the Party if he/she clears the indebtedness to the Party or if in the opinion of the National Leadership of the Party he/she has furnished sufficient reasons for his/her re-admission.

ARTICLE 12

PARTY ORGANIZATION

1. PARTY LEVEL

- a. The Party shall be organized and administered at five levels namely;
 - i. Ward
 - ii. Local Government Area (LGA)
 - iii. State
 - iv. Zonal
 - v. National
- b. Each level of the Party shall have a Party Secretariat
- c. The Organizational structure of the Party at the state level shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

2. PARTY ORGANS

The organs of the Party shall be as follows;

NATIONAL

- i. The National Convention
- ii. The National Think-Thank Committee
- iii. The National Executive Committee

ZONAL

Zonal Assembly

STATE

- i. The State Congress
- ii. The State Think - Thank Committee
- iii. The State Executive Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

- i. The Local Government Area Congress

- ii. The Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee
- iii. The Local Government Area Executive Committee

WARD:

- i. The Ward Congress
- ii. The Ward Think-Thank Committee
- iii. The Ward Executive Committee

OTHER ORGANS

- i. The Action Alliance Caucus ii, The Board of Trustees
- ii. The Action Alliance Vanguard
- iii. The Action Alliance Prayer Committee (Christian & Islamic)
- iv. The Action Alliance Charity Committee

ARTICLE 13

NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. COMPOSITION

The National Convention of the Party shall be composed of the following

- a. National Leader as Chairman;
- b. National Chairman as Secretary;
- c. President and Vice-President if produced by the Party;
- d. All Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the Party;
- e. Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates where the convention is for the election of the Party's flag bearer for the Presidential election;
- f. President or Leader of the Senate if produced by the Party;
- g. Speaker or Leader of the House of Representatives if produced by the Party;
- h. Secretary to the Federal Government if produced by the Party;
- i. All members of the National and State Legislatures produced by the Party;
- j. All members of the National and State Think Thank Committees;

- k. All members of the National Executive Committee;
- l. All Ministers produced by the Party; and
- m. Five delegates elected from each state branch of the Party.

2 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The National Convention shall:

- a. Be the final authority of the Party in all matters relating to:
 - i. Ratification of the expulsion of any member of the National Think-Thank Committee from the Party;
 - ii. Removal of the National Leader of the Party;
 - iii. Appeals arising from the decisions of the National Think –Thank Committee on all matters concerning the removal of any member of the National Executive Committee or Board of Trustees of the Party.
- b. Elect the Presidential candidate of the Party for the Presidential election;
- c. Elect National Leader of the Party;
- d. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution ratify list of members of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- e. Ratify list of members of the Board of Trustees;
- f. Ratify list of members of the National Executive Committee;
- g. Approve National Budget of the Party;
- h. Ratify any review or amendment to this Constitution or the Party Manifesto as may be proposed by the National Think-Thank Committee;
- i. Consider and approve reports or recommendations that may be brought before it by the National Think-Thank Committee or other authorized organs of the Party;
- j. Ratify the type, nature and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Think-Thank Committee;
- k. Demand, receive and consider reports from any organ or Committee of the Party and to take appropriate decisions on such reports;

- l. Appoint External Auditor (s) to audit the Party accounts and to consider and approve the audited accounts of the Party as submitted by the External Auditor (s);
- m. Take all necessary and lawful steps for membership mobilization and to raise funds for the Party;
- n. Do anything or take any lawful action as may be necessary and conducive to the promotion of the aims and objectives of the Party in accordance with this Constitution; and
- o. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The National Convention shall:
 - i. Meet once every year;
 - ii. Be chaired by the National Leader or any member of the Think- Thank Committee nominated by him/her Provided that such nominee shall be approved by at least one-third of the members of the Committee.
- b. The National Chairman shall be the Secretary of the Convention and in his absence, the National Secretary of the Party may see as the Secretary of the Convention;
- c. A special National Convention may be convened by the National leader of the Party if in the opinion of the National Think-Thank Committee there are urgent matters of interest to be deliberated upon and approved by the National Convention;
- d. Where a special National Convention is convened the Convention shall only deliberate on such matters as are listed in the Notice summoning the Special National Convention Provided that where in the opinion of the National Leader of the Party it would be in the

interest of the Party to discuss any other matter he may in consultation with members of the National Think-Thank Committee bring such matter before the Convention;

- e. A National or Special National Convention of the Party may be summoned in the absence of the National Leader if a notice summoning such convention is signed by at least two-thirds of all the members of the National Convention;
- f. Where a Convention is convened in accordance with sub paragraph (e) above the Convention shall appoint an acting Chairman who shall preside over the Convention;
- g. The quorum for the National or Special National Convention shall be two-thirds of all delegates to the Convention; and
- h. All decisions of the National or Special National Convention shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that the National Leader of the Party shall only be suspended or removed by two-thirds of all the members of the National Convention present and voting at the Convention.

ARTICLE 14

NATIONAL THINK-THANK COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The National Think-Thank Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. National Leader as Chairman
- b. National Chairman as Secretary
- c. Chairman, Board of Trustees
- d. Deputy National Chairman
- e. 6 Zonal National Vice-Chairmen
- f. National Secretary
- g. National Legal Adviser
- h. National Auditor

- i. National Treasurer
- j. National Publicity Secretary
- k. National Women Leader
- l. National Youth Leader
- m. President and Vice-President if Produced by the Party
- n. President or Leader of the Senate if Produced by the Party
- o. Speaker or leader of the House of Representatives if produced by the Party.
- p. All Governors produced by the Party
- q. Such other members as may be necessary nominated by the National Leader in consultation with the members of the National Think-Thank Committee and ratified by the National Convention Provided that the total number of the members of the Committee shall not exceed ninety-nine and shall not be below twenty one.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The National Think-Thank Committee shall:

- a. Be the highest caucus of the Party;
- b. Supervise the National Executive Committee of the Party and Coordinate the over all administration of the Party;
- c. Approve the budget and expenditure of the National Executive Committee of the Party and prepare the National budget of the Party for the approval of the National Convention;
- d. Approve the appointments of all key support staff of the Party as may be recommended by the National Executive Committee;
- e. Determine the conditions of service of all staff of the Party;
- f. Subject to the ratification of the National Convention established adhoc or standing committees of the Party and appoint members into such Committees;

- g. Make rules for Party discipline and loyalty, which shall be binding on all organs and members of the Party;
- h. Subject to the ratification of the National Convention make and prepare rules, regulations and guidelines that shall govern the conduct of all elections into Party offices and Party Primaries, Congresses and Conventions for the purpose of electing Party Candidates for elections into elective offices as prescribed by the Constitution of Nigeria or any other law at all levels;
- i. Prepare financial guidelines for the approval of the National Convention;
- j. Subject to the approval of the National Convention make standing orders for good governance of the Party.
- k. In consultation with the National Executive Committee of the Party supervise the organization of the National Convention;
- l. Have power to suspend any member of the National Think-Thank Committee and to recommend further disciplinary action against such a member to the National Convention Provided that the power to suspend shall not be exercised on the National leader of the Party except by the National Convention.
- m. Have power to suspend and exercise other disciplinary control over any member of the National Executive Committee.
- n. Have power to recommend to the National Convention any disciplinary action against any member of the Board of Trustees;
- o. Monitor and supervise the operations of the lower organs of the Party;
- p. Act on all other matters referred to it by any organ or member of the Party; and
- q. Exercise such other functions or powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The National Think Thank Committee shall:
 - i. Meet at least four times in a year and at other times as may be decided by the National Leader of the Party;
 - ii. In the event of the failure of the National Leader of the Party to convene a meeting as prescribed under subparagraph (a) (i) above a meeting may be convened at the request of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Committee who shall endorse the notice of such meeting.
- b. The National leader of the Party shall preside over all the meetings of the Committee with the National Chairman of the Party serving as the Secretary Provided that where a meeting is summoned in accordance with subparagraph (a) 0) above an acting Chairman shall be appointed to preside.
- c. All the meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the National Leader of the Party provided that the provision of subparagraph (a) (i) of this paragraph shall apply in default of compliance to this provision.
- d. The quorum for the meetings of the Committee shall be half of the members of the Committee.
- e. All decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus

4. QUALIFICATION:

No member of the Party shall be qualified to be a member of the National Think-Thank Committee unless such a member is sponsored by at least one thousand registered members of the Party.

ARTICLE 15

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the following;

- a. National Chairman
- b. Deputy National Chairman
- c. Six Zonal National Vice-Chairmen (One from each of the geopolitical zones)
- d. National Secretary
- e. Deputy National Secretary
- f. National Treasurer
- g. Deputy National Treasurer
- h. National Financial Secretary
- i. Deputy National Financial Secretary
- j. National Auditor
- k. Deputy National Auditor
- l. National Organizing Secretary
- m. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- n. National Publicity Secretary
- o. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- p. National Legal Adviser
- q. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- r. National Women Leader
- s. Deputy National Women Leader
- t. National Youth Leader
- u. Deputy National Youth Leader
- v. Three (3) ex-officio members elected from each state of the Federation, one from each Senatorial District of the State.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The National Executive Committee shall;

- a. Be responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Party's National Headquarters;

- b. Monitor and supervise the management and administration of other branches/offices of the Party throughout the Federation;
- c. Prepare and submit annual reports and budget proposals for the National office of the Party for the consideration of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- d. Organize rallies and National electioneering campaigns for the Party;
- e. Organize seminars, symposia and workshops for members and officers of the Party and the Public;
- f. Raise funds for the Party through Dinners, Luncheons and other social projects;
- g. Initiate policies and programmes for the consideration of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- h. Undertake and supervise Party Projects as may be directed by the National Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention;
- i. In consultation with the National Think-Thank Committee organize the National Convention of the Party;
- j. As may be directed by the National Think-Thank Committee issue guidelines, rules and regulations relating to the administration, election and other activities of the Party;
- k. Conduct preliminary investigations on petitions, reports or allegations of misconduct against any principal staff of the Party and recommend disciplinary action to the National Think-Thank Committee;
- l. Exercise disciplinary action against any other staff of the Party found guilty of any misconduct;
- m. Undertake any other assignments that may be delegated to it by the National Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention, and
- n. Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The National Executive Committee shall meet once every month or at other times as the National Chairman may determine.
- b. The National Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Committee Provided that in the absence of the National Chairman the Deputy National Chairman shall preside.
- c. Where the National Chairman refuses or neglects to convene a meeting of the National Executive Committee continuously for a period of six months the meeting may be convened by two-third of the members of the Committee or on the direction of the National Think-Thank Committee.
- d. Where a meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) above, the Deputy National Chairman shall preside and in his absence any member of the Committee nominated by majority of members of the Committee shall preside.
- e. The quorum for the meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be one-third of members of the Committee.
- f. Decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus.

4. REMUNERATION

Members of the National Executive Committee shall receive such salaries and allowances as may be prescribed by the Party.

5. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL

- a. Any member of the National Executive Committee may be suspended from office by a simple majority of at least one-third of members of the National Think-Thank Committee sitting and voting provided that no member shall be suspended unless there is an allegation of misconduct leveled against him.
- b. Any member of the National Executive Committee may be removed from office if a report of any investigation conducted by or with the direction of the National Think-Thank Committee recommending his/her removal is ratified by the National Convention

ARTICLE 16

ZONAL ASSEMBLY

1. COMPOSITION

The zonal Assembly shall be composed of the following.

- a. Chairman (Zonal National Vice - Chairman of the Party for the Zone)
- b. Secretary (To be elected from amongst members of the Assembly)
- c. Members of the State Congress of each State that belongs to the zone.
- d. 5 delegates from each State of the zone.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The zonal Assembly shall:

- a. Monitor and supervise all Party activities in the zone;
- b. Conduct zonal fund raising and political campaigns for the Party;
- c. Give advise and where necessary directives to the Ward, Local Government Area and State branches / chapters of the Party in the zone;

- d. Receive, consider and verify recommendation for expulsion of any member or officer of the Party From any State Congress of the Party in the zone;
- e. Act as an appellate body to receive, consider and determine petitions and appeals from members, officials and Party organs in the zone;
- f. Undertake any other functions or assignments that may be delegated to it by the Nation Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention; and
- g. Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The Zonal Assembly shall meet at least three times in a year or at any other times at the instance of the Chairman;
- b. The quorum for the meetings of the Assembly shall be one-third of the members of the Assembly;
- c. Decisions of the Zonal Assembly shall be by simple majority or consensus;
- d. A meeting of the Zonal Assembly may be convened in the absence of the Chairman if a notice of such meeting is endorsed by at least one third of the members of the Assembly;
- e. Where a meeting is convened in accordance with subparagraph (d) above, the Assembly shall elect a member to preside.

ARTICLE 17

STATE CONGRESS

1. COMPOSITION

The State Congress of the Party shall be composed of the following:

- a. State Leader as Chairman;
- b. State Chairman as Secretary;
- c. Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the Party;
- d. Governorship and Deputy Governorship candidates where the Congress is for election of the Party's flag bearer for the Governorship election;
- e. Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the House of Assembly if produced by the Party;
- f. Members of the National Assembly produced by the Party who area from the State;
- g. Members of the State Assembly produced by the Party;
- h. Members of the State Think-Thank and State Executive Committees:
- i. All Ministers produced by the Party;
- j. All members of the National Think-Thank Committee who are from the State, All members of the Think-Thank Committee from each Local Government Area of the State; and
- k. Five delegates from each Local Government Area branch of the Party.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The State Congress shall:

- a. Elect delegates to the National Convention of the Party;
- b. Elect delegates to the Zonal Assembly of the Party in the Zone to which its State belongs;
- c. Elect the Governorship candidate of the Party in the State;
- d. Ratify the lists of the Staid Executive and State Think-Thank Committees;
- e. Approve the budget of the Party in the State;

- f. Organize political campaigns and raise funds for the Party in the State;
- g. Receive and deliberate on matters referred to it by the State and National Think-Thank Committees and the National Convention;
- h. Ratify, appropriate disciplinary measures taken or recommended by the State Think-Thank Committee;
- i. Exercise disciplinary powers and control over any member of the State Think-Thank and State Executive Committees;
- j. Receive and consider any other matter or business referred to it by any member or other appropriate Party Organs; and
- k. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested on it. by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The State Congress shall:
 - i. Meet once every year;
 - ii. Be Chaired by the State Leader of the Party or any member of the State Think-Thank Committee nominated by him/her provided that such nominee shall be approved by at least one-third of the members of the Committee;
- b. The State Chairman of the Party in the State shall be the Secretary of the Congress and in his absence the State Secretary of the Party may serve as the Secretary of the Convention;
- c. A Special State Congress may be convened by the State Leader of the Party if in the opinion of the State Think-Thank Committee there are urgent matters of interest to be deliberated upon and approved by the State Congress Provided that no such Special Congress shall be convened without the approval of the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention;
- d. Where a Special State Congress is convened in accordance with subparagraph (c) above the Congress shall only deliberate on

such matters as are listed in the notice summoning the Special State Congress;

- e. A State or Special State Congress of the Party may be summoned in the absence of the state Leader if a notice summoning such Congress is approved by the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention and endorsed by at least one-third of all the members of the State Congress;
- f. Where a congress is convened in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) above the Congress shall appoint an acting Chairman to preside over the proceedings of the Congress;
- g. The quorum for the State or Special State Congress shall be one-third of all the delegates to the congress;
- h. All decisions of the State or Special State Congress shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that where the decision is for the removal of the State Leader of the Party such decision shall be endorsed by at least one- third of all the delegates to the Congress present and voting.

ARTICLE 18

STATE THINK-THANK COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The State Think-Thank Committee shall be composed as follows:

- a. State leader as Chairman;
- b. State Chairman as Secretary;
- c. Deputy State Chairman;
- d. State Secretary;
- e. Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the Party;
- f. Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of the State House of Assembly if produced by the Party;
- g. All National Officers of the Party who are from the state;
- h. All Ministers produced by the Party who are from the State;

- i. All Chairmen and Secretaries of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committees;
- j. State Auditor;
- k. State Treasurer;
- l. State Legal Adviser;
- m. State Woman Leader;
- n. State Youth Leader;
- o. Such other members as may be necessary nominated by the State Leader in consultation with the National Leadership of the Party, Provided that the total number of members shall not exceed Ninety-nine and shall not be below Twenty-one.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The State Think-Thank Committee shall:

- a. Be the highest caucus of the Party in the state;
- b. Supervise the State Executive Committee of the Party and coordinate the overall administration of the Party in the State;
- c. Approve the budget and expenditure of the state Executive Committee and prepare the state budget of the Party for the consideration of the State congress;
- d. Receive and consider the recommendation of the State Executive Committee on appointments of Principal Staff of the Party in the state and recommend same for the approval of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- e. Subject to the approval of the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention establish adhoc committee of the Party in the State and appoint members of such committees;
- f. In consultation with the State Executive Committee supervise the organization of the State Congress;

- g. Have power to suspend any member of the State Think-Thank Committee and to recommend further disciplinary action against such member to the State Congress;
- h. Have power to suspend and exercise other disciplinary control over any member of the State Executive Committee;
- i. Monitor and supervise the operations of the lower organs of the Party;
- j. Deal with reports, petitions and other issues that may be referred to it by the appropriate organ or member of the Party; and
- k. Exercise such other functions or powers as are vested on it by this Constitution,

3. MEETINGS

- a. The State Think-Thank Committee shall;
 - i. Meet a least four times in a year and at other times as may be directed by the State Leader of the Party;
 - ii. in the event of the failure of the State Leader of the Party to convene a meeting as prescribed under sub-paragraph (a) (I) above a meeting may be convened at the request of at least one-third of all the members of the Committee who shall endorse the notice for such meeting;
- b. The State Leader of the Party shall preside over all the meetings of the Committee with the Slate Chairman serving as the secretary Provided that where a meeting is summoned in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) above an acting Chairman shall be appoint to preside over the meeting.
- c. The quorum for the meetings of the Committee shall be half of the members of the Committee;
- d. All decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that no decision to suspend a State Leader of

the Party shall be lawful unless such decision is approved by the National Think-Thank Committee.

4. QUALIFICATION

No member of the Party shall be qualified to be a member of the State Think-Thank Committee unless he/she is sponsored by at least five hundred registered members of the Party.

ARTICLE 19

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The State Executive Committee shall be composed of the following;

- a. State Chairman
- b. Deputy State Chairman
- c. State Secretary
- d. Deputy State Secretary
- e. State Treasurer
- f. Deputy State Treasurer
- g. State Financial Secretary
- h. Deputy State Financial Secretary
- i. State Auditor

- j. Deputy State Organizing Secretary
- k. State Publicity Secretary
- l. Deputy State Publicity Secretary
- m. State Legal Adviser

- p. Deputy State Legal Adviser
- q. State Women Leader
- r. Deputy State Women Leader
- s. State Youth Leader
- t. Deputy State Youth Leader
- u. Two Ex-Officio members elected from each Local Government Area branch/office of the Party.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The State Executive Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for the day to day management and administration of the Party's State office;
- b. Monitor and supervise the management and administration of other branches/offices of the Party in the state;
- c. Prepare and submit annual reports and budget proposals for the state office of the Party for the consideration of the State Think-Thank Committee;
- d. Organize rallies and electioneering campaigns for the Party in the State;
- e. Raise funds for The Party in the State through Dinners, Luncheons and other social projects;
- f. Initiate policies and programmes for the consideration of the State Think-Think Committee;
- g. Undertake and supervise Party projects in the State as may be directed by the State and National Think-Thank Committee or The National Convention;
- h. Conduct preliminary investigations on petitions, reports or allegations O. misconduct against any principal staff of the Party in the State and recommend disciplinary action to the State Think-Thank Committee;

- i. Exercise disciplinary action against any other staff of the Party in the State found guilty of any misconduct;
- j. Undertake any other assignments and exercise any other powers as may be delegated to it by the National Executive Committee, the National Think-Thank Committee, the National Convention or any other appropriate Party organ;
- k. Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. **MEETINGS**

- a. The State Executive Committee shall meet once every month or at other times as the State Chairman may determine;
- b. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Committee provided that in the absence of the State Chairman, the State Deputy Chairman shall preside;
- c. Where the State Chairman refuses or neglects to convene a meeting of the Committee continuously for a period of six months the meeting may be convened by two-thirds of the members of the Committee or on the direction of the State Think-Thank Committee with the approval of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- d. Where a meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (c) above, the State Deputy Chairman shall preside and in his/her absence any member of the Committee nominated by the majority of members of the Committee shall preside;
- e. The quorum for all the meetings of the State Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee;
- f. Decisions of the State Executive Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus.

4. **REMUNERATION**

Members of the State Executive Committee shall receive such salaries and allowances as may be prescribed by the Party.

5. **SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL**

- a. Any member of the State Executive Committee may be suspended from office by a simple majority of at least one-third of members of the State Think-Thank Committee sitting and voting Provided that no member shall be suspended unless there is an allegation of misconduct or wrongdoing leveled against him/her;
- b. Any member of the State Executive Committee may be removed from office if a report of any investigation conducted by or with the direction of the State Think- Thank Committee recommending his/her removal is ratified by the State Congress.

ARTICLE 20

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS

1. **COMPOSITION**

The Local Government Area Congress shall be composed of the following:

- a. Local Government Area Leader as Chairman;
- b. Local Government Area Chairman as Secretary;
- c. Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Area Council if produced by the Party;
- d. Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship candidates where the Congress is for the election of the Party's flag bearer for the Chairmanship election;
- e. Leader and Deputy Leader of the Councils Legislature if produced by the Party;
- f. All the Members of the Local Government Council (Councillors) produced by the Party;

- g. All the members of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee;
- h. All the members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee; All the National and State officers of the Party who are From the Local Government Area;
- i. All the members of the State and National Legislatures who are from the Local Government Area;
- j. All the members of the Ward Think-Thank Committees in the Local Government Area; and Five delegates from each Ward branch of the Party in the Local Government Area.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Local Government Area Congress shall

- a. Elect delegates to the State Congress;
- b. Elect the Chairmanship candidate of the Party in the Local Government Area for the Local Government Area Council Chairmanship election;
- c. Ratify the list of the Local Government Executive Committee;
- d. Ratify the list of the Local Government Think-Thank Committee;
- e. Elect Local Government Area Leader of the Party in the Local Government Area;
- f. Approve the budget of the Party in the Local Government Area;
- g. Organize political campaigns and raise funds for the Party;
- h. Receive and deliberate on matters referred to it by the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee or any other appropriate organ of the Party;
- i. Ratify appropriate disciplinary measures taken or recommended by the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee;
- j. Exercise disciplinary powers and control over any member of the Local Government Area Think-Thank and Executive Committees;
- k. Receive and consider any other matter or business referred to it or other appropriate Party organs; and

- I. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. **MEETINGS**

- a. The Local Government Area Congress shall:
 - i. Meet once every year
 - ii. Be Chaired by the Local Government Area Leader of the Party or any member of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee nominated by him/her Provided that such nominee shall be approved by at least one- third of the members of the Committee.
- b. The Local Government Area Chairman of the Party shall be the Secretary of the Congress and in his/her absence the Local Government Area Secretary of the Party may serve as the Secretary of the Congress;
- c. A special Local Government Area Congress may be convened by the Local Government Area Leader of the Party if in the opinion of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee there are urgent matters of interest to be deliberated upon and approved by the Local Government Area Congress Provided that no such special Congress shall be convened without the approval of the State Think-Thank Committee in consultation with the National Think- Thank Committee;
- d. Where a Special Local Government Area Congress is convened in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above the Congress shall only deliberate on such matters as are listed in the Notice summoning the Special Congress;
- e. A Local Government Area Congress or Special Congress of the Party may be summoned in the absence of the Local Government Area Leader of the Party if a notice summoning such Congress is approved by the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention and endorsed by at least one-third of all the members of the Local Government Area Congress;
- f. Where a Congress is convened in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (e) above the Congress shall appoint an acting Chairman to preside over the proceedings of the Congress;

- g. The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress or Special Congress shall be one-third of all the delegates to the Congress; and
- h. Decisions of the Local Government Area Congress or Special Local Government Area Congress shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that where the decision is for the removal of the Local Government Area Leader of the Party, such decision shall be endorsed by at least one-third of all the delegates to the Congress present and voting.

ARTICLE 21

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA THINK-THANK COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee shall be composed as follows:

- a. Local Government Area Leader as Chairman;
- b. Local Government Area Chairman of the Party as Secretary;
- c. C. Deputy Chairman of the Party in the Local Government Area;
- d. Local Government Area Secretary of the Party;
- e. Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Area Council if produced by the Party;
- f. Leader and Deputy Leader of the Legislature of the Local Government Area Council (Councillors) if produced by the Party;
- g. All State and National Officers of the Party who are from the Local Government Area;
- h. All members of the Ward Think-Thank Committees in the Local Government Area; and
- i. Such other members as may be necessary nominated by the Local Government Area Leader of the Party with the approval of the State and National Think-Thank Committees of the Party

Provided that the total number of members shall not exceed Ninety-nine and shall not be below Twenty-one.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee shall:

- a. Be the highest caucus of the Party in the Local Government Area;
- b. Supervise the Local Government Area Executive Committee of the Party and Coordinate the overall administration of [he Party in the Local Government Area;
- c. Approve the budget and expenditure of the Local Government Area Executive Committee and prepare the Local Government Area budget of the Party for the consideration of the Local Government Area Congress;
- d. Receive and consider the recommendation of the Local Government on appointments of support staff of the Party in the Local Government Area and recommend same for the approval of the State Think-Thank Committee;
- e. In consultation with the Local Government Area Executive Committee supervise the organization of the Local Government Area Congress;
- f. Have power to suspend any member of the Local Government Think-Thank Committee and to recommend further disciplinary action against such a member to the Local Government Area Congress:
- g. Have power to suspend and exercise other disciplinary control over any member of the Local Government Area Executive Committee:
- h. Monitor and supervise the operations of the lower organs of the Party; Deal with reports, petitions and other issues that may be referred to it by the appropriate organ of the Party or any member; and
- i. Exercise such other functions or powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee shall:

- i. Meet at east four times in a year arid at other times as may be directed by the Local Government Area Leader of the Party;
 - ii. In the event of the failure of the Local Government Area Leader of the Party to convene a meeting as prescribed under sub-paragraph (a) (I) above a meeting may be convened at the request of at least one-third of all the members of the Committee who shall endorse the notice for such meeting;
 - b. The Local Government Area Leader of the Party Shall preside over all the meetings of the Committee with the Local Government Chairman of the Party serving as the Secretary Provided that where a meeting is summoned in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (a)(it) above an acting Chairman shall be appointed to preside over the meeting;
 - c. The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be half of the members of the Committee; and
 - d. Decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that no decision to suspend a Local Government Area Leader of the Party shall be lawful unless such decision is approved by the State Think-Thank Committee in consultation with the National Think-Thank Committee.
4. **QUALIFICATION**
- No member of the Party shall be qualified to be a member of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee unless he/she is sponsored by at least one hundred registered members of the Party in the Local Government Area.

ARTICLE 22

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The composition of the Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- a. Chairman
- b. Deputy Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Deputy Secretary
- e. Treasure
- f. Deputy Treasurer
- g. Financial Secretary
- h. Deputy Financial Secretary
- i. Auditor
- j. Deputy Auditor
- k. Organizing Secretary
- l. Deputy Organizing Secretary
- m. Publicity Secretary
- n. Deputy Publicity Secretary
- o. Legal Adviser
- p. Deputy Legal Adviser
- q. Women Leader
- r. Deputy Women Leader
- s. Youth Leader
- t. Deputy Youth Leader
- u. Two Ex-officio members elected from each Ward branch of the Party in the Local Government Area

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- (1) Hon Aboyade Oluwole - Chairman
- (2) Chief Eguaveon S. - Secretary
- (3) Alh. Paiko Sani - Member
- (4) Alh. Raji S. - Member
- (5) Chief Tony Orji - Member

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for the day to day management and administration of the Local Government Area office of the Party;
- b. Monitor and supervise the management and administration of other branches/offices of the Party in the Local Government Area;
- c. Prepare and submit reports and budget proposal for the Local Government Area office of the Party for the consideration of the Local Government Area Think- Thank Committee;
- d. Organize rallies and electioneering campaigns for the Party in the Local Government Area;
- e. Raise funds for the Party in the Local Government Area through Dinners, Luncheons and other social Projects;
- f. Initiate programmes for the consideration of the Local Government Area Think- Thank Committee;
- g. Undertake and supervise Party Projects in the Local Government Area as may be directed by the Party;
- h. Conduct preliminary investigations on petitions, reports or allegations of misconduct against any senior staff of the Party in the Local Government Area and recommend appropriate disciplinary action to the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee;
- i. Exercise disciplinary powers and control over any other staff of the Party in the Local Government Area found guilty of any misconduct;
- j. Undertake any other assignments and exercise any powers as may be delegated to it by any appropriate authority or organ of the Party;
- k. Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. **MEETINGS**

- a. The Local Government Area Executive Committee shall meet once every month or at other times as the Local Government Area Chairman of the Party may decide;
- b. The Local Government Area Chairman of the Party shall preside over all meetings of the Committee and in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside;
- c. Where the Local Government Area Chairman of the Party refuses or neglects to convene a meeting of the Committee continuously for a period of six months the meeting may be convened by one-third of the members of the Committee or on the direction of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee with the approval of the State and National Think-Thank Committees;
- d. Where a meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) above, the Deputy Chairman of the Party in the Local Government Area shall preside and in his/her absence any member of the Committee nominated by the majority of members of the Committee shall preside;
- e. The quorum for all the meetings of the Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee; and
- f. Decisions of the Local Government Area Executive Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus.

5. **REMUNERATION**

Members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee shall receive such salaries and allowances as may be prescribed by the Party.

ARTICLE 23

WARD CONGRESS

1. COMPOSITION

The Ward Congress shall be composed of the following:

- a. Ward Leader as Chairman;
- b. Ward Chairman as Secretary;
- c. Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Council if produced by the Party and is from the Ward;
- d. All Local Government Area, State and National officers of the Party from the Ward;
- e. All political appointees at the National, State and Local Government Area levels produced by The Party who are from the Ward;
- f. Members of the Ward Think-Thank and Ward Executive Committees; and
- g. All registered members of the Party in the Ward not indebted to the Party who shall be admitted into the Congress on presentation of valid membership cards.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Ward Congress shall:

- a. Elect delegates to the Local Government Area Congress;
- b. Elect the councillorship candidate of the Party in the Ward for the Councillorship election;
- c. Ratify the list of the Ward Executive Committee;
- d. Ratify the list of the Ward Think-Thank Committee;
- e. Elect Ward Leader of the Party in the Ward;
- f. Approve the budget of the Party in the Ward;
- g. Organize political campaigns and raise funds for the Party;

- h. Receive and deliberate on matters referred to it by the Ward Think-Thank Committee or any other appropriate organ of the Party;
- i. Ratify appropriate disciplinary measures taken or recommended by the Ward Think-Thank Committee;
- j. Exercise disciplinary powers and control over any member of the Ward Think- Thank and Executive Committees;
- k. Receive and consider any other matter or business referred to it by any member or other appropriate Party Organs; and
- l. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The Ward Congress shall:
 - i. Meet once every year
 - ii. Be Chaired by the Ward Leader of the Party or any member of the Ward Think-Thank Committee nominated by him/her Provided that such nominee shall be approved by majority of members of the Committee;
- b. The Ward Chairman of the Party shall be the Secretary of the Congress and in his/her absence the Ward Secretary of the Party may serve as the Secretary of the Congress.
- c. A special Ward Congress may be convened by the Ward Leader of the Party if in the opinion of the Ward Think-Thank Committee there are urgent matters of interest to be deliberated upon and approved by the Ward Congress Provided that no such Special Congress shall be convened without the approval of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention as the case may be;
- d. Where a Special Ward Congress is convened in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above the Congress shall only deliberate on such matters as are listed in the notice summoning the Special Congress;

- e. A Ward or Special Ward Congress may be summoned in the absence of the Ward Leader of the Party if a notice summoning such Congress is approved by the State Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention and endorsed by at least one-third of all the members of the Ward Congress;
- f. Where a Congress is convened in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above the Congress shall appoint an acting Chairman to preside over the proceedings of the Congress;
- g. The quorum for the Ward Congress or Special Ward Congress shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that where the decision is for the removal of the Ward Leader of the Party such decision shall be endorsed by at least one-third of all the delegates to the Congress present and voting.

ARTICLE 24

WARD THINK-THANK COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The Ward Think-Thank Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. Ward Leader as Chairman;
- b. Ward Chairman as Secretary;
- c. Councillor representing the Ward in the Local Government Area Council if produced by the Party;
- d. Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Supervisory Councillor(s) of the Local Government Council if produced by the Party who are from the Ward;
- e. Members of the Ward Executive Committee;
- f. All Local Government Area, State, Zonal and National Officers of the Party who are from the Ward;
- g. Members of the State and National Legislatures produced by the Party who are from the Ward;

- h. All political appointees at the Local Government, State and National Levels produced by the Party who are from the Ward;
- i. Such other members as may be necessary nominated by the Ward Leader of the Party with the approval of the Local Government Area and State Think-Thank Committees of the Party Provided that the total number of members shall not exceed ninety-nine and shall not be below twenty-one.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Ward Think-Thank Committee shall:

- a. Be the highest caucus of the Party in the Ward;
- b. Supervise the Ward Executive Committee of the Party and co-ordinate the overall administration of the Party in the Ward;
- c. Approve the budget and expenditure of the Ward Executive Committee and prepare the Ward budget of the Party for the consideration of the Ward Congress;
- d. Receive and consider the recommendation of the Ward Executive Committee on the appointment of staff of the Party in the Ward and recommend same for the approval of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee;
- e. In consultation with the Ward Executive Committee supervise the organization of the Ward Congress;
- f. Have Power to suspend any member of the Ward Think-Thank Committee and recommend further disciplinary action against such a member to the Ward Congress;
- g. Have power to suspend and exercise other disciplinary control over any member of the Ward Executive Committee;
- h. Deal with reports, petitions and other issues that may be referred to it by any member of the Party in the Ward or appropriate organ of the Party; and
- i. Exercise such other functions or powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

3. **MEETINGS**

- a. The Ward Think-Thank Committee shall:
 - i. Meet at least four times in a year and at other times as may be decided by the
 - ii. In The event of the failure of the Ward Leader of the Party to convene a meeting as prescribed under sub-paragraph (a)ç) above a meeting may be convened at the request of at least one-third of all the members of the Committee who shall endorse the notice for such meeting;
- b. The Ward Leader shall preside over all the meetings of the Committee with the Ward Chairman of the Party serving as the Secretary Provided that where a meeting is summoned in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) above, an acting Chairman shall be appointed to preside over the meeting;
- c. The quorum for meeting of the Committee shall be half of the members of the Committee; and
- d. Decisions of the Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus Provided that no decision to suspend a Ward Leader of the Party shall be lawful unless such decision is approved by the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee in consultation with the State Think-Thank Committee.

4. **QUALIFICATION**

No member of the Party in the Ward shall be qualified to be a member of the Ward Think-Thank Committee unless he/she is sponsored by at least fifty registered members of the Party in the Ward.

ARTICLE 25

WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

The composition of the Ward Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- a. Chairman
- b. Deputy Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Deputy Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Deputy Treasurer
- g. Financial Secretary
- h. Deputy Financial Secretary
- i. Auditor
- j. Deputy Auditor
- k. Organizing Secretary Deputy
- l. Organizing Secretary
- m. Publicity Secretary
- n. Deputy Publicity Secretary
- o. Legal Adviser
- p. Women Leader
- q. Deputy Women Leader
- r. Youth Leader
- s. Deputy Youth Leader

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Ward Executive Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for the day to day management and administration of the Ward office of the Party;
- b. Prepare and submit reports and budget proposals for the Ward office of the Party for the consideration of the Ward Think-Thank Committee;
- c. Organize rallies and electioneering campaigns for the Party in the Ward;
- d. Raise funds for the Party within and outside the Ward;
- e. Undertake and supervise Party projects and programmes in the Ward as may be directed by the Party;
- f. Conduct preliminary investigation on petitions, reports or allegations of misconduct against any staff of the Party in the Ward and recommend appropriate disciplinary action to the Ward Think-Thank Committee;
- g. Undertake any other assignments and exercise any powers as may be delegated to it by any appropriate authority or Party organ; and
- h. Exercise such other functions and powers as are vested on it by this constitution.

3. MEETINGS

- a. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet once every month or at any other times as the Ward Chairman of the party may decide;
- b. The Ward Chairman shall preside over all meeting of the Committee Provided that in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside;
- c. Where the Ward Chairman of the Party refuses or neglects to convene a meeting of the Committee continuously for a period of six months the meeting may be convened by one-third of the members of the Committee or on the direction of the Ward Think-Thank Committee with the approval of the Local Government Area Think-Thank Committee;

- d. Where a meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) above, the Deputy Chairman of the Party in the Ward shall preside and in his/her absence any member of the Committee nominated by majority of members of the Committee shall preside;
- e. The quorum for all the meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee; and
- f. Decisions of the Ward Executive Committee shall be by simple majority or consensus,

5. **REMUNERATION**

Members of the Ward Executive Committee shall receive such salaries and allowances as may be prescribed by the Party.

ARTICLE 26

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. APPOINTMENTS, COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATION

- a. There shall be for the Party a Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the Trustees) consisting of at least thirty-seven members who shall be persons of unquestionable character and integrity and deeply committed to the principles, aims and objectives of the Party;
 - b. The Trustees shall be members of the Party who have attained the age of sixty years and above Provided that a member below the age of sixty years may be appointed as a Trustee for special reasons;
 - c. The National Think-Thank Committee shall recommend to the National Convention for ratification such members who in their opinion are qualified for appointment into the Board of Trustees of the Party;
2. a. There shall be for the Board of Trustees a Chairman and a Secretary who shall be appointed from amongst the members of the Board.

- b. The Trustees shall be registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

3. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Board of Trustees shall:

- a. Hold in trust all properties of the Party in accordance with the direction of the National Think-Thank Committee and endorse all documents to which the common seal of the Party shall be affixed as required by law;
- b. Act as an Elders Council or the purposes of the settling disputes, quarrels or misunderstandings among members of the Party or between the organs of the Party;
- c. Where necessary offer advise and guidance to any member or organ of the Party;
- d. Undertake any other duties or functions as may be assigned to it by the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention;
- e. Deal with any other matter as may he awfully referred to it by any appropriate authority of the Party; and
- f. Exercise such other functions or powers as are vested on it by this Constitution.

4. TENURE AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- a. A Trustee shall hold office for a period of 3 years or for such period as may be determined by the National Think-Thank Committee with the approval of the National Convention;
- b. A Trustee may Le removed from office upon the ratification by the National Convention of the recommendation to that effect by the National Think-Thank Committee Provided that no such recommendation shall be lawful unless the Trustee sought to be removed has been given an opportunity to defend him/herself on any allegation leveled against him/her;

- c. Nothing in these provisions shall preclude the National Think-Thank Committee from suspending from office any Trustee who has been indicted for any misconduct or wrong doing;
- d. Where a Trustee dies, resigns or is removed from office the National Think-Thank Committee shall subject to the ratification of the National Convention nominate another member of The Party from the State or Zone of the former Trustee to fill the vacancy;

ARTICLE 27

ACTION ALLIANCE VANGUARD

1. COMPOSITION

There shall be established at each level of The Party the ACTION ALLIANCE VANGUARD to be composed as follows:

- a. Youths who have attained the age of 18 years and above who are members of the Party;
- b. Members of the Boys Scout, Boys Brigade, Girls Guide and other voluntary Youth organizations who have attained The age of 18 years and above
- c. Members of the Health and Fitness Clubs who are 18 years and above.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Action Alliance Vanguard shall:

- a. Compliment the services of the Police and other Security Agencies in the provision of security and maintenance of peace during all Party activities;
- b. Organize Youth rallies and programmes for the promotion and propagation of the interest and welfare of the Youths within and outside the Party;

- c. Organize fitness and Health Programmes to be known and called WALK FOR LIFE for the promotion of healthy living among the Youths and other members of the public; and
 - d. Act as a watchdog for the monitoring, preservation and protection of the votes cast at elections in the interest of Democracy.
3. The Youth Leaders of the Party at all levels shall serve as the Chairmen of the Action Alliance Vanguard;
 4. The Secretary and other officers of the Action Alliance Vanguard shall be appointed by the appropriate Think-Thank Committee of the Party at each level;
 5. The National Think-Thank Committee shall prescribe the rules and regulations to guide the operations and activities of the Action Alliance Vanguard.

ARTICLE 28

ACTION ALLIANCE CHARITY COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION:

There shall be established for the Party the Action Alliance Charity Committee to be composed of such members as may be determined by the National Think-Thank Committee.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Action Alliance Charity Committee shall:

- a. Be the Charity and Philanthropic arm of the Party;
- b. Organize Charity Concerts, Projects and other events for the benefit of the poor and less privileged members of the society;
- c. Pay charity visits to Motherless Babies Homes, Hospitals, Physically Challenged and Old Peoples Homes etc;

- d. Organize raffle draws and other promotional events for the enhancement of the welfare of the poor and low income members of the Party and the Public, and
 - e. Embark on other charity projects and activities as may be directed by the Party.
3. The National Think-Thank Committee shall prescribe the rules and regulations to guide the operations and activities of the Committee,

ARTICLE 29

ACTION ALLIANCE PRAYER COMMITTEE (CHRISTIAN AND ISLAMIC)

1. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

There shall be established for the Party the Action Alliance Prayer Committee eh for the Christian and Islamic faith the membership of which shall be determined by The National Think-Thank Committee.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Action Alliance Prayer Committee shall:

- a. Be the Prayer arm of the Party;
 - b. Conduct monthly prayers in Churches and Mosques for the peace and progress of the Country;
 - c. Organize and conduct prayer rallies and activities for the promotion of religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence among Nigerians; and
 - d. Conduct regular prayers for the success of the Party at elections.
3. The National Think-Thank Committee shall prescribe the rules and regulations to govern the operations and activities of the Action Alliance Prayer Committee.

ARTICLE 30

1. ACTION ALLIANCE CAUCUS

A. ESTABUSHMENT AND COMPOSITION

- i. There shall be established for the Party the Action Alliance Caucus the membership of which shall be determined by the National Think-Thank Committee;
- ii. The National Leader of the Party shall be the Chairman of the Caucus and the Secretary shall be appointed from amongst the members.

B. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Action Alliance Caucus shall:

- i. Articulate and implement action plans for the mobilization of funds for the Party for all elections into public officer and other lawful purposes;
- ii. Prepare guidelines and regulations for the disbursement of all the mobilized funds for the purposes of elections and other activities of the Party;
- iii. Monitor and supervise election expenses of the Party and ensure that the Party complies with all provisions of the existing laws on election expenses and Party finance;
- iv. Take emergency decisions and actions for and in the interest of the Party on urgent matters where it is not possible or expedient to convene a meeting of the National Think-Thank Committee or National Convention Provided that such decisions or actions shall be presented at the earliest meeting of the National Think-Thank Committee, or the National Convention as the case may be for ratification;
- v. Undertake any other duties or functions as may be assigned or delegated to it by the National Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention;

2. ACTION ALLIANCE WORKING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be appointed for the Party such number of officers and members as may be determined by the National Think-Thank Committee subject to ratification by the National Convention who shall constitute the Action Alliance Working Committee at the National level of the Party;

- b. The Action Alliance Working Committee shall perform such special functions or duties as may be assigned to it by the National Think-Thank Committee or National Executive Committee and exercise such powers as may be delegated to it by the Committees or the National Convention.
- c. The Action Alliance Working Committee may where necessary be constituted at any other level of the Party with the approval of the National Think-Thank Committee,

ARTICLE 31

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICES OF LEADERS AT THE NATIONAL, STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND WARD LEVELS OF THE PARTY:

There shall be established for Party the following positions/offices:

- a. Office of the National Leader of the Party;
- b. Office of the State Leader of the Party;
- c. Office of the Local Government Area Leader of the Party; and
- d. Office of the Ward Leader of the Party.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

- a. The Leader of the Party at each level shall:
 - i. Perform such functions and exercise such powers as are conferred by this Constitution;
 - ii. Be the highest ranking officer of the Party at that level and exercise such powers as may be delegated by the National, State, Local Government Area or Ward Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention as the case may be;
- b. The National Leader of the Party shall:
 - i. Endorse all correspondences from the Party to The Independent National Electoral Commission or any other organization and may delegate such powers to the National Chairman or any other officer of the Party;

- ii. Be the highest ranking officer of the Party and subject to the provisions of this Constitution exercise control over all other officers of the Party at all levels; and
- iii. Perform other functions or duties and exercise such powers as may be conferred by the National Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention.

ARTICLE 32

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

1. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

The National Chairman of the Party shalt:

- a. Summon and preside over the meetings of the National Executive Committee;
- b. Provide effective leadership and direction to the Party;
- c. Promote and defend the policies of the Party;
- d. Be the principal spokesman of the Party;
- e. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the National Leader, the National Think-Thank Committee and the National Convention;
- f. Exercise all powers conferred on him by this Constitution;
- g. Delegate such powers as may be necessary to the Deputy National Chairman;

2. DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

The Deputy National Chairman shalt:

- a. Preside over the meetings of the National Executive Committee in the absence of the National Chairman
- b. Subject to any contrary directives of the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention act for the National Chairman in his absence.

- c. Perform such functions and duties as may be assigned by the National Chairman or directed by the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Convention.

3. ZONAL NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Zonal National Vice-Chairman shall:

- a. Co-ordinate the activities of the Party in the Zone;
- b. Preside over the meetings of the Zonal Assembly;
- c. Make periodic reports to The National Leader and National Chairman of the Party in the Zone; and
- d. Perform such other functions as may be delegated by the National Leadership of the Party and exercise such powers as are conferred by this Constitution.

4. NATIONAL SECRETARY

The National Secretary shall:

- a. Supervise and manage the day to day activities of the National Secretariat of the Party under the general direction of the National Chairman and National Leader;
- b. Keep records and books of all proceedings of the National Convention, National Think-Thank Committee and the National Executive Committee as may be directed by the National Leader and National Chairman of the Party;
- c. Issue notices of and make arrangements for meetings of the National Executive Committee or any other National organ of the Party as may be directed by the National Chairman or National Leader of the Party;
- d. Render periodic reports of the activities of the Party;
- e. Conduct such correspondences as may be directed or required;
- f. Exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be directed or required:

5. DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY

The Deputy National Secretary shall:

- a. Act for the National Secretary in his absence;

- b. Perform such other functions as are assigned to him by the National Secretary; and exercise other powers that may be conferred by this Constitution or any other appropriate authority of the Party.

6. NATIONAL TREASURER

The National Treasurer shall

- a. Receive and promptly pay into the Party's accounts all monies for and on behalf of the Party;
- b. Keep a general imprest account as may be directed by the National Executive Committee or the National Think-Thank Committee;
- c. Ensure that all revenue and expenses of the Party are accounted for;
- d. Ensure that all the monies of the Party are duly receipted and banked in the Party's account within 48 hours of collection;
- e. Pay a monies approved in accordance with the financial guidelines by the National Think-Thank Committee or the National Executive Committee;
- f. Prepare and submit quarterly/periodic statements of account to the National Executive Committee or the National Think-Thank Committee;
- g. Perform such other functions as may be directed by any appropriate authority of The Party and unless otherwise directed by the National Think-Thank Committee be a cosignatory to the Party's account:

7. NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The National Financial Secretary shall:

- a. Collect and record all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid to the Party;
- b. Pay over such monies to the Treasurer within 48 hours of collection;
- c. Prepare and submit proposals for raising funds for the Party for the consideration of the National Executive Committee and the National Think-Thank Committee.

8. NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The National Publicity Secretary shall:

- a. Be responsible for the co-ordination of Party information and public relations;
- b. Be the Chief image maker of the Party;
- c. Advise the Party on media matters;
- d. Publicize the policies and programmes of the Party in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Party; and
- e. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Leadership of the Party.

9. NATIONAL AUDITOR

The National Auditor shall:

- a. Audit the books of account of the Party periodically as may be directed by the National Executive Committee in consultation with the National Think-Thank Committee;
- b. Present the audited accounts of the Party to the National Convention annually; and
- c. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned by the appropriate organ of the Party.

10. NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

The National Legal Adviser shall:

- a. Be a legal practitioner of not less than ten years post call experience unless otherwise waived by the Party;
- b. Render legal advice to the Party on all legal matters;
- c. Prepare all legal documents and instruments for the Party;
- d. Represent the Party and its officers in all court cases and other legal matters; and
- e. Arrange for such representation on behalf of the Party as may be directed by the National Think-Thank Committee.

11. NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The National Organizing Secretary shall:

- a. Articulate and formulate programmes and strategies for the Party;
- b. Conduct research and initiate proposals for the expansion and general organization of the Party at all levels; and
- c. Perform any other function as may be assigned or delegated by the National Executive Committee or any other appropriate organ of the Party.

12. NATIONAL WOMEN LEADER

The National Women Leader shall:

- a. Co-ordinate the activities of female members of the Party;
- b. Ensure that the female members of the Party participate fully in all the programmes of the Party;
- c. Mobilize the female members of the Party to participate fully in all the elections into Party offices and other elective positions;
- d. Co-ordinate all the programmes of the Party relating to women and children as may be directed by the National Think-Thank Committee; and
- e. Mobilize women support for the Party,

13. NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER

The National Youth Leader shall:

- a. Co-ordinate the activities of the Youth members of the Party;
- b. Ensure the full participation of Youths in all the activities and programmes of the Party;
- c. Mobilize Youths to participate fully in all elections into Party offices and other elective positions in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- d. Unless otherwise directed by The National Think-Thank Committee be the Chairman of the Action Alliance Vanguard; and

e. Mobilize Youths support for the Party,

14. OTHERS

- a. The Deputy National Officers not specifically mentioned in the these provisions shall:
 - i. Deputize for the National Officers in their absence and shall perform such other functions or duties as delegated by any appropriate organ of the Party;
 - ii. Exercise such other powers as are conferred by this Constitution.
- b. All other officers at the State, Local Government Area and Ward Levels shall:
 - i. Perform the same functions and exercise the same powers at their respective levels as the National Officers Provided that in their absence their Deputies shall act on their behalf in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; and
 - ii. Exercise such other powers as are conferred by this Constitution.

ARTICLE 33

1. TENURE OF OFFICE (GENERAL)

- a. All officers of the Party at all levels elected pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution shall unless removed or expelled remain in office for a period of two years and may be re-elected to the same office for a further term of two years only;
- b. The term of office of the National Leader of the Party shall be ten years in the first instance and may be renewed for as many terms as the National Convention may determine Provided that nothing in this Constitution shall preclude the National Convention from conferring on any member who has exceptionally contributed to the founding, funding and growth of the Party the status of life National Leader of the Party;

- c. Any officer of the Party elected in accordance to the provisions of this Constitution may resign his/her office by giving a 30 days notice in writing addressed to The Chairman of the organ of the Party to which he/she is a member and copy the National Leader of the Party and the resignation shall take effect on the next day immediately following the last day of the expiration of the notice;
- d. Any officer of the Party who intends to run for any elective office under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall apply for a leave of absence in writing to the National Think-Thank Committee at east not later than 60 days to the date of the Party primaries;
- e. Where an officer of the Party has been granted a leave of absence, his/her Deputy shall act in his/her stead Provided that where both officers are running for elective offices a member of that organ of the Party may be appointed to act;
- f. An officer of the Party who has been granted a leave of absence may return to his/her office at the expiration of the leave of absence Provided that no officer who has resigned his/her office shall return to that office unless otherwise directed by the appropriate organ of the Party.

2. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE (GENERAL)

- a. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution an officer of the Pa may be removed if a vote of no confidence is passed against the officer by a majority of the members of the appropriate organ of the Party;
- b. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Leader of the Party may be removed from office it a vote of no confidence is passed on him/her by at least two-thirds of all the members of the National Convention present and voting at The Convention and endorsed by at least two-thirds of all members of the Ward Think-Thank Committees of the Party throughout the Federation.

- c. Where an officer of the Party has been removed from office or a member of the Party may be appointed to act in that office pending the election of a substantive officer by the appropriate organ of the Party.

ARTICLE 34

ELECTIONS (GENERAL):

a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- i. Election to all offices of the Party shall first be by consensus. Provided that where it is impossible to elect any officer of the Party by consensus, the election into that office for which consensus could not be reached shall be held by the appropriate Congresses or Convention as the case may be;
- ii. Where an officer of the Party is elected by consensus in accordance with this Constitution, the election shall be ratified by the appropriate Congresses or Convention of the Party as the case may be.
- iii. Subject to the ratification of the National Convention, the National Think-Thank Committee shall make rules, regulations and guidelines to govern the conduct of elections into Party offices as provided by this Constitution.

b. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS INTO PUBLIC OFFICES

- i. Nomination of candidates for elections into public offices shall be as provided in the rules, regulations and guidelines prescribed by the National Think-Thank Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- ii. Nomination of candidates for elections into public offices shall first be by consensus. Provided that where no consensus is reached, election/primary for that office shall be held by the appropriate Congresses or Convention as provided in this Constitution;

- iii. Where a candidate emerges by Consensus, that candidate shall be presented to the appropriate Congress or Convention for ratification in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- iv. Appeals or complaints from any member of the Party or candidate against the result of any primary, nomination or consensus candidate of the Party shall be heard and determined expeditiously by an Appeal Committee to be Constituted by or with the directive of the National Think-Thank Committee;
- v. The list of all the Party's candidates nominated for elections into public offices shall be submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) or the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) as the case may be by the National Leader of the Party or any officer nominated by him/her Provided that no list shall be lawful unless jointly signed/endorsed by the National Leader and the National Chairman of the Party;
- vi. All disputes arising from the nomination of candidates for elections into public offices shall be resolved by the National Think-Thank Committee which shall be the final authority for the confirmation of the name(s) or list of names of the Party's candidates for all elections into public offices in the Federation.

ARTICLE 35

POWER SHARING AND THE FEDERAL CHARACTER PRINCIPLE

- a. The Party shall in all Political and Party appointments reflect the Federal Character principle as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution Provided that in applying the principle merit shall be of paramount importance;
- b. In the nomination of candidates for election into public offices particularly the offices of the Governor of a State and the President of Nigeria, the Party shall accord primacy to the need to rotate such high public offices among the component Zones, States or ethnic groups in the State or Nigeria as the case maybe.

- c. The National Convention of the Party may give directions or formulate rules or regulations for the application of the Federal Character Principle and the Power

ARTICLE 36

MEETINGS (GENERAL)

- a. The conduct of meetings of all organs and Committees of the Party shall be as prescribed in this Constitution;
- b. Where the procedure for meetings of any organ or Committee of the Party is not specifically prescribed, the organ or Committee shall be guided as follows:
 - i. All meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman or the acting Chairman as the case may be;
 - ii. The records of the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting shall be taken by the Secretary or any other member duly appointed for that purpose;
 - iii. Decisions shall be by consensus or simple majority of the members of the organ or Committee; and
 - iv. Voting and other meeting procedures shall be in accordance with the enabling rules or regulations prescribed by the Party provided that where no such rules or regulations exist the meeting shall be in accordance with parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE 37

PARTY ADMINISTRATION

1. The administration of the Party at the National and State levels shall as much as possible be supported, facilitated and strengthened by an organized bureaucracy.
2. The Administrative structure of the Party at the National and State levels shall as much as possible reflect the following departments or directorates with schedule of duties as are prescribed by the Party.
They are:
 - i. Administration;
 - ii. Training, Planning, Research and Statistics;
 - iii. Finance and Supply;
 - iv. Public Relation;
 - v. Security and intelligence;
 - vi. Legal Services; and
 - vii. Works and Transport.
3. All the departments or directorates shall be under the direct administrative control of the National or State Secretary as the case may be with the general supervision and control of the National Leader or appropriate organ of the Party.

ARTICLE 38

PARTY DISCIPLINE

1. **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE OF MEMBERS**
 - a. There shall be a Disciplinary Committee of at least five members at each level of the Party appointed by the Think-Thank Committee at each level;

- b. The terms of reference of the Disciplinary Committee shall be as prescribed by the appropriate organ of the Party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- c. The Procedure for disciplinary proceedings against any member of the Party shall be as follows:
 - (i) Where there is a complaint or allegation of misconduct against a member of the Party and the allegation is found to be grievous and weighty and capable of affecting negatively the interest of the Party, the member concerned shall be duly informed in writing of the allegation against him/her;
 - (ii) The member may be placed on suspension if in the opinion of the appropriate organ of the Party his presence may jeopardize the course of investigation of the allegation. Provided that the suspension shall be for a period not exceeding three months;
 - (iii) The matter shall be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee for investigation and recommendation;
 - (iv) The member shall be informed in detail by the Committee of the nature and contents of the allegations;
 - (v) The Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the place and time of the sittings of the Committee and shall also accord the member who is under investigation the opportunity to defend himself/herself personally or through a legal practitioner.
- d. For the purpose of this Constitution conducts detrimental and prejudicial to the interest of the Party include:
 - i. Willful and flagrant breach of this Constitution including the aims and objectives of the Party;
 - ii. Engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the Party, its members or officials;

- iii. Disobedience or neglect to carry out lawful directives of the Party or any of its organs or officers;
 - iv. Engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the Party, its members or officials;
 - v. Persistent absenteeism from meetings or activities and in the case of a elected Party official absenteeism also from duty;
 - vi. Engaging in anti-Party Activities or propaganda.
 - vii. Disorderly conduct at meetings, rallies etc;
 - viii. Engaging in any other activities likely to cause disaffection among members of the Party or likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of Party business, meetings or organization.
- e. The Disciplinary Committee shall within the time allowed for the hearing and determination of the allegation conclude and submit its report to the appropriate organ of the Party for consideration;
- f. The appropriate organ of the Party shall consider the report and recommendation within a reasonable time, take decisions and communicate same to the member being investigated;
- g. Where the punishment recommended is beyond the powers or jurisdiction of that organ, it shall further refer the matter to the appropriate higher organ of the Party for further action;
- h. Where the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee is accepted, appropriate punishment shall be imposed on the member,

2. PUNISHMENT

- a. Any member found guilty of a misconduct which in the opinion of the National Think-Thank Committee is grievous enough to warrant expulsion may be expelled from the Party;
- b. Where a member is found guilty of a minor misconduct, the National Think-Thank Committee or any appropriate organ of the Party may impose such fines or penalty as are appropriate for the misconduct;
- c. The National Think-Thank Committee or the appropriate organ of the Party may in addition impose a further period of suspension or lesser punishment such as warning or reprimand Provided that the total period of suspension shall not exceed nine months.

3. APPEAL

- a. Any member who has been found guilty of misconduct may appeal against the decision to the appropriate organ of the Party in accordance with the hierarchy of the Party organs as prescribed by this Constitution;
- b. Where an appeal is lodged by a member to a higher organ of the Party against the decision of a lower organ of the party, the higher organ may suspend or vary the punishment imposed on the appellant pending the, determination of the appeal and where the appeal succeeds discharge the punishment and restore all rights and privileges to the member;
- c. For the avoidance of doubts, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, appeals shall lie as follows:
 - i. Ward to Local Government Area
 - ii. Local Government Area to State
 - iii. State to Zonal; and
 - iv. Zonal to National

- d. The National Convention shall be the final appellate organ of the Party and all decisions of the Convention shall be binding on all members unless set aside by a competent court of law in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

ARTICLE 39

OATH OF OFFICE

Every member shall on admission into the Party subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance and Commitment to the Party and shall also be required to fill an Oath form affixed with a passport sized photograph of the member;

- b. Every officer elected or appointed to a Party position shall subscribe to an Oath of Office.
- c. The Oath of Office and Oath of allegiance and Commitment shall be as prescribed by the Party.

ARTICLE 40

PARTY FINANCES

INCOME:

The Party shall derive its funds from the following sources:

- a. Fees, subscriptions or other levies imposed on members;
- b. Subventions or allocations from the Federal Government in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Electoral Act.
- c. Proceeds from investments and special fund raising activities and programmes;
- d. Gifts and donations from individuals, groups and friends of the Party in accordance with the relevant laws; and

e. Donations and public collections from lawful sources.

2. **BANK ACCOUNTS**

- a. The Party shall maintain Bank accounts in the city or town where its National, State, Local Government Area and Ward offices are located Provided that where banking facilities are not available the services o the nearest bank shall be utilized;
- b. The Think-Thank Committee at the various levels shall decide on the banks at which such accounts are to be opened.
- c. Unless otherwise decided by the National Think-Thank Committee any two of the following officers shall be joint signatories to the Party's Bank Account and other financial transactions:
 - i. The National Leader or the National Chairman and the counter parts at the State, Local Government Area and Ward levels;
 - ii. The National Secretary and the counterparts at the State, Local Government Area and Ward levels; and
 - iii. The National Treasurer and the counterparts at the State, Local Government Area and Ward levels.

3. **AUDIT**

- a. National Think-Thank Committee shall subject to the ratification of the National Convention appoint such number of reputable accounting firms as may be necessary to audit all the accounts of the Party at all levels and present the reports to the National Convention for consideration and ratification.
- b. The audited accounts of the Party shall be made available to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) or any other appropriate Body in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law.

AMENDMENTS

- a. The provisions of this Constitution shall be amended in accordance with the procedures prescribed in these provisions Provided that no amendment to this Constitution or any part thereof shall be lawful unless done by the National Convention or Special National Convention;
- b. A proposal to amend this Constitution or any part thereof shall be by notice in writing given to the National Chairman or National Leader of the Party stating clearly the proposed amendments and the reasons for same;
- c. The National Chairman or National Leader shall cause a notice of the proposed amendment to be served on the members of the National Convention at least 30 days to the date of the Convention at which the proposed amendments are to be considered;
- d. The Constitution or any part thereof shall stand amended if the proposed amendment is supported by at least two thirds of the delegates present and voting or an overwhelming voice vote of the delegates present at the convention.

ARTICLE 42

COMMON SEAL

- a. The Party shall have a Common Seal designed and approved by the National Thank-Thank Committee and shall be in the custody of a designated National officer of the Party and made available to the Board of Trustees and other organs of the Party for official purposes;
- b. The Common Seal shall be the official stamp of authority of the Party and accordingly shall be handled and used with utmost care and responsibility.

ARTICLE 3

INTERPRETATION

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria any question as to the meaning of any provision of this Constitution shall be referred to the National Think-Thank Committee whose interpretation of that provision shall be final.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1: CODE OF CONDUCT

Every member and officer of the Action Alliance (AA) shall:

- a. Upon and defend the supremacy of this Constitution;
- b. Respect and obey the Pa structures;
- c. Not engage in corrupt practices;
- d. Not engage in conducts or utterances capable of bringing the name and image of the Party to disrepute;
- e. Avail himself/herself the use of internal Party mechanism to settle differences before resorting to options outside the Party;
- f. Not belong to any other Political Party while retaining the membership of the Action Alliance;
- g. Not take undue advantage of another member or abuse the privilege of office by giving undue favour to or deny a member the rights or entitlements he/she ordinary deserves in the Party;
- h. Not represent the Party on majority public events, diplomatic or at any other official function without the consent, approval or clearance from the appropriate organ of the Party;

- i. Not comment on policy issues of the Party, which he/she is not particularly familiar with or not permitted by the Party to comment on.

SCHEDULE II. INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

The following terms are hereunder defined in the context in which they are used in this Constitution:

1. **SIMPLE MAJORITY:** The highest number of votes cast
2. **CONSENSUS:** General agreement though not necessarily without a dissent
3. **AT ALL LEVELS:** National, State, Local Government Area and Ward
4. **SIX (6) GEO-POLITICAL ZONES OF NIGERIA:** North Central, North East, North West, South East, South-South And South West
5. **ROTATON AND FEDERAL CHARACTER** includes geographical spread, ethnic homogeneity and other equitable considerations.

SCHEDULE III: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS INTO POLITICAL OFFICES

1. The procedures for nomination of Party candidates for elections into public offices shall be as provided in the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the Pa in accordance with this Constitution such that the rules, regulations and guidelines shall to a reasonable extent conform to the principles of transparency and fair competition.
2. **RUNING MATES:** The Presidential, Governorship and Chairmanship candidates of the Party shall in consultation with the Leadership of the Party nominate consensus running mates who shall contest elections with them and where possible present them to the National, State and Local Government Area Congresses as the case may be for endorsement.

SCHEDULE IV: COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION

This Constitution shall be cited as the Constitution of the Action Alliance and shall come into effect on the **3rd day of June 2005**.