CONSTITUTION OF THE

AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS

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PREAMBLE

The AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS exists to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity. We champion the freedom, dignity and well-being of individuals, we acknowledge and respect their right to freedom of conscience and their right to develop their talents to the full. We aim to disperse power, to foster diversity and to nurture creativity. We believe that the role of the state is to enable all citizens to attain these ideals, to contribute fully to their communities and to take part in the decisions which affect their lives.

We look forward to a world in which all people share the same basic rights, in which they live together in peace and in which their different cultures will be able to develop freely. We believe that each generation is responsible for the fate of our planet and, by safeguarding the balance of nature and the environment, for the long term continuity of life in all its forms. Upholding these values of individual and social justice, we reject all prejudice and discrimination based upon ethnic group, race, colour, religion, age, disability, sex and oppose all forms of entrenched privilege and inequality.

Recognizing that the quest for freedom and justice can never end, we promote human rights and open government, a sustainable economy which serves genuine need, public services of the highest quality, international action based on a recognition of the interdependence of all the world's peoples and responsible stewardship of the earth and its resources. We believe that people should be involved in running their communities. We are determined to strengthen the democratic process and ensure that there is a just and representative system of government with effective Parliamentary institutions, freedom of information, decisions taken at the lowest practicable level and a fair voting system at all elections.

We shall at all times defend the right to speak, write, worship, associate and vote freely, and we will protect the right of citizens to enjoy privacy in their own lives and homes. We believe that sovereignty rests with the people and that authority in a democracy derives from the people. We therefore acknowledge their right to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and commit ourselves to the promotion of a democratic federal framework within which as much power as feasible is exercised by the constituent units. We similarly commit ourselves to the promotion of a flourishing system of democratic local government in which decisions are taken and services delivered at the most local level which is viable.

Our responsibility for justice and liberty cannot be confined by national boundaries; we are committed to fighting poverty, oppression, hunger, ignorance, disease and aggression wherever they occur and to promote the free movement of ideas, people, goods and services. We will work with other countries when necessary, especially African Countries and other World Powers towards an equitable and peaceful international order and a durable system of common security. Within the AFRICAN Community, we affirm the values of federalism, Democracy and integration and work for unity based on these principles. We will contribute to the process of peace and disarmament, the elimination of world poverty and the collective safeguarding of democracy by playing a full and constructive role in international organizations which share similar aims and objectives. These are the conditions of liberty and social justice which it is the responsibility of each citizen and the duty of the state to protect and enlarge.

NOW THEREFORE, we the members of the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS, cognisant of the historic mission of the Party aimed at building a strong economy, entrenchment of national unity and the development of the country, hereby adopts and gives ourselves the following Constitution-

CHAPTER 1

NAME OF PARTY, EMBLEM AND SLOGAN

1. The Name of the Party Shall be called, addressed and known as "AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS" (hereinafter referred to as the Party with the acronym "AAC")
2. The Logo of the Party shall be two raised overlapping palms, one of which is a silhouette palm and the other a green palm, seen against rays of light from a shining sun with the name and acronym of the Party encircled by a dark brown colour.
3. The slogan of the Party shall be **Take it back- Action!** The Party Flag shall be a white flag with the Logo in the centre.

CHAPTER 2

SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

4. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at or any other law for the time being in force in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the provisions of this constitution shall take precedence over and above any other rules or Regulations of the Party which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Party.

CHAPTER 3

REGISTERED OFFICE

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

CHAPTER 4

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

6. The aims of the Party shall at all times and in all spheres conform with the fundamental objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and accordingly the Party shall pursue the political, economic, social educational and other objectives as well as the directive principles and state policies stated in the said Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

7. The Objectives of the Party shall be—
   a. To attain political power through democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of creating socio-economic conditions in which the productive energies of individual citizens and corporate groups are enhanced and utilized for national development.
   b. To promote participatory democracy at all levels of government in the belief that sovereignty belongs to the people from whom government, through the Nigerian Constitution, derives all its powers and authority.
   c. To sponsor candidates for elections into the Local Government Councils, similar Councils in the Federal Capital Territory, legislative houses, and to the offices of Governor and Deputy Governor and of the President and Vice-President.
   d. To undertake other activities which in the opinion of the party are ancillary, incidental or conducive to the promotion of the afore-mentioned aims and objectives.
   e. Reservation of 40 per cent of all elective and appointive position for the women and youths.
   f. Payment of workers' salaries from source.
   g. Ensuring Local Government autonomy.
   h. Decentralization of power among the federating units.

CHAPTER 5

MEMBERSHIP

8. 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, provided that -
   a. the person is not below the age of 18 years and is not a member of another political party or if he was such a member, he has resigned such membership.
   b. a member shall accept the aims, objectives, principles, fundamental values, policies and programmes of the Party.
   c. Application for membership shall be made on an individual basis.
   d. a person shall be registered as a member of the Party at the Ward in which he normally resides or indicates he/she resides if such person registers online for membership.

e. each member shall pay the prescribed annual membership fees.

CHAPTER 6

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

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

10. 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 aims and objectives of the Party loyally and to refrain from pursuing any course of action as may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the Party.

11. Every member shall have the right to actively participate in the activities and discussions of the branch of the Party of which he is a member provided such member is a current financial member and subject to any qualification, rules and regulations or the provisions of this Constitution.

12. Every member shall have the right to vote and be voted for into any office or post of the Party in a democratic manner during any election provided such member is and has been active and is a current financial member of the Party. Elections into Party offices may where applicable be conducted online by members eligible to participate in such election.

13. The First elections to any offices or posts of the Party at the Ward, Local Government, State or National levels shall not be subject to the provisions of sub-section 12 above.

CHAPTER 7

Youth and Women Participation

14(1) In all elective and appointive positions, the Party shall reserve 40 (forty) per cent of the elective and appointive positions to young people between the ages of 18 to 45.

(2) The elective and appointive positions so reserved shall be shared between the

eligible male and female members of the Party on equal proportion of 50 (fifty) per cent each.

(3) The above provisions is without prejudice to the right of any eligible young member of the Party between the ages of 18 to 45 to contest for any elective or appointive position of the Party apart from the positions so reserved.

PARTY ORGANISATION

15. There shall be five levels of party organization namely—
    a. The Polling Booth
    b. The Ward
    c. Local Government Area/ Federal Capital Territory Area Councils
    d. The State; and Federal Capital Territory (FCT)
    f. The National level.
16. Each of these levels of the party organization shall have a functioning party secretariat.
17. The organizational structure at the State level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

CHAPTER 8

PARTY ORGANS

18. The following shall be the organs of the party -
    i. Polling Booth Committee
    ii. The Ward Executive Committee
    iii. The Ward Congress
    iv. The Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committee
    v. The Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Congress.
    vi. The State and FCT Working Committee
    vii. The State and FCT Executive Committee
    viii. The State and FCT Congress
    ix. The Directorate
    x. The National Working Committee
    xi. The National Executive Committee
    xii. The Board of Trustees
    xiii. The National Convention.

Polling Booth Committee

19(1). There shall be established in every polling booth, a Polling Booth Committee.

(2) The membership of the Polling Booth Committee shall consist of Party members who are registered voters and residents of the polling booth and shall be made up of:

(i) Polling Booth Coordinator;
(ii) Polling Booth Woman Leader;
(iii) Polling Booth Youth Leader; and
(iv) Polling Booth Canvasser.

(3) The Polling Booth Committee shall be headed by the Polling Booth Coordinator and its functions shall include:

(i) Grass root mobilization.
(ii) House to house sensitization of eligible voters within the polling booth on the programmes and policies of the Party.
(iii) Canvassing for votes within the polling booth.

Ward Executive Committee

20. Every Ward of the Party shall have an Executive Committee which shall comprise-

a. Chairman
b. Vice-Chairman
c. Secretary
d. Treasurer
e. Youth Leader
f. Women Leader
g. Publicity Secretary
h. Organizing Secretary
i. Two other members elected by simple majority at the Ward Congress.

21(1) The Committee shall meet at least once a month. The quorum for the Executive Committee Meeting shall be one third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee.

(2) Votes at the Meeting shall be by a simple majority.

(3) The Meeting shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive Committee and an Extra-Ordinary Meeting shall be held if requested by at least

two-third (2/3) of the members of the Ward Executive Committee.

Powers and Functions

22. Ward Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following business—
    a. Identify the main issues (political, economic and social) of concern in the ward;
    b. Fund raising for the party and candidates within the purview of electoral laws
    c. Membership drive
    d. Draw up strategies for political campaigns
    e. Mobilization of voters at election time;
    f. General administration of the Ward; and
    g. Putting into effect decisions of Ward Congress.

23. The Ward Congress shall:
    i. Consist of registered members of the party in the Ward.
    ii. The Ward Congress shall be held at least once in a year.
    iii. The quorum shall be one-fifth of the registered members in the ward and votes shall be by a simple majority.
    vi. The Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive Committee and a Special Ward Congress shall be held if requested by one-third (1/3) of the registered members of the Ward and such Congress shall be held within seven (7) days of the request.

Powers and Functions

24. Ward Congress shall be held to transact any or all the following business—
    a. Approve budget for the Ward;
    b. Primaries for Local Government Elections;
    c. Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee;
    d. Elect Ward delegates to Party Conferences;
    e. Receive report of officers of the Ward;
    f. Receive external Auditors report;
    g. Any other business tabled by a registered member.

Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committee

25. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following—
    i. Chairman
    ii. Deputy Chairman
    iii. Vice-Chairmen, who are also chairman of the Ward Executive Committees
    iv. Secretary
    v. Assistant Secretary
    vi. Treasurer
    vii. Financial Secretary
    viii. Auditor
    ix. Youth Leader
    x. Women Leader
    xi. Publicity Secretary/Organizing Secretary
    xii. Legal Adviser
    xiii. 3 other members elected by the Congress.

26(1). Quorum of the Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third of membership and votes shall be by a simple majority.

(2) The Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a month and the Meeting shall be summoned by the Chairman.

Powers and Functions

27. Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following business—
    a. Identify main issues, (political, social and economic) of concern in the local government.
    b. Receive reports from Wards on:
        i. Membership drive;
        ii. Fund raising activities in accordance with electoral laws;
        iii. Strategies for political campaigns;
        iv. Mobilization of voters.
    c. Harmonize reports and distribute to all Wards and ensure their implementation.

d. Provide strategies for effective communication between the Wards and other Local Government Areas/FCT Area Councils.
e. General administration of the party in the Local Government.
f. Putting into effect decisions of Local Government/FCT Area Council Congress.
g. Employ and determine the conditions of service (including discipline) of all officials of the Party.

Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Congress

28. The Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Congress shall consist of—
a. All members of the Wards Executive Committees.
b. All members of the Local Government Area/FCT Area Council Executive Committee.
c. Ten members elected by the Ward Congress from each Ward within the Local Government Area/FCT Area Council.

29(1). The following shall apply to the Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Congress:
i. The Local Government and FCT Area Council Congress shall be held at least once in three months.
ii. The quorum for the Congress shall be one-third of its members, provided that not less than two-thirds of all the Wards are represented.

(2) Votes shall be by a simple majority and the Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman provided that a Special Congress shall be held if requested by one-third (1/3) of the registered members of the Party at the Local Government Area/FCT Area Council and such Congress shall be held within seven (7) days of the request.

Powers and Functions

30. Local Government and FCT Area Council Congress of the Party shall meet to transact, any or all of the following business—
i. Elect members to the Local Government Area/FCT Area Council Executive Committee of the Party
ii. Organise primaries for elective offices in State and National election.
iii. Elect Local Government/FCT Area Council party delegates to State/FCT Congress and National Convention.
iv. Approve budget for running Local Government/FCT Area Council

Administrative Headquarters of the Party.

v. Receive report of External Auditors.

State/FCT Working Committee

31. The State/FCT Working Committee shall comprise—
    i. State/FCT Chairman-
    ii. 3 Deputy State Chairmen, one from each of the 3 Senatorial Zones and there shall only be one for FCT.
    iii. State/FCT Secretary.
    iv. State/FCT Treasurer.
    v. State/FCT Financial Secretary.
    vi. State/FCT Auditor
    vii. State/FCT Organising Secretary
    viii. State/FCT Youth Leader
    ix. State/FCT Women Leader
    x. State/FCT Legal Adviser.
    xi. State/FCT Publicity Secretary.
32. The State/FCT Working Committee shall meet at least four (4) times in every month.
33. The Quorum of the State/FCT Working Committee shall be half (1/2) of the Members and shall be summoned by the State/FCT Chairman and votes shall be by a simple majority.
34. The State/FCT Working Committee shall:
    i. be responsible for the day to day administration of the party at the state/FCT level and shall be responsible to the State/FCT Executive Committee
    ii. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State/FCT Executive Committee
    iii. in the case of an emergency, act on behalf of the State Executive Committee.

State Executive and Federal Capital Territory Executive Committee

35. The State Executive and FCT Executive Committee shall comprise—
    i. State Chairman/ FCT Chairman

ii. 3 Deputy State Chairmen, one from each of the 3 Senatorial Zones. And One Deputy Chairman for FCT.
iii. Vice-Chairmen who are also Chairmen of the Local Government Area and FCT Area Council Executive Committees.
iv. State/FCT Secretary.
v. State/FCT Treasurer-
vi. State/FCT Financial Secretary.
vii. State/FCT Auditor
viii. State/FCT Legal Adviser.
ix. State/FCT Publicity Secretary
x. Members of the National Executive Committee and Board of Trustees who are from the State.
xi. Political office holders not lower in rank to the office of Senior Special Adviser to the President, Vice President, Governor and Deputy Governor who are from the State.

Meeting

36. The Meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Party shall be as follows:
i. The State Executive Committee shall meet once every two months.
ii. It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or any twenty members.
iii. The quorum of the State Executive Committee shall be one-third of the entire membership of the said Committee and votes shall be by a simple majority.

Powers and functions

37. State Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following business—
a. Identify main issues, (political, social and economic) of concern in the State.
b. General administration of the Party in the State and putting into effect the decisions of the State Congress or directives from the National Executive Committee or National Congress.
c. Preparation of Annual Budget.
d. Employ and determine the conditions of service of all Party staff.

State Congress

38. There shall be for every State a State Congress of the Party which shall consist of the following—
    a. The State chairman and all other State officers.
    b. the Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the party.
    c. five delegates from each Ward of the Local Government Areas.
    d. Chairmen of Local Government Councils of the State who are members of the party
    e. Chairmen of the Local Government Area Executive Committees of the party.
    f. All Councillors', Legislators at the State House of Assembly and the National Assembly who are members of the party.
    g. The National Officers of the Party who are from the State.

Powers and Functions

39. State Congress shall meet to transact any or all of the following business—
    a. Approve budget of the Party in the State;
    b. Elect Officers of the State Executive and Working Committee;
    c. Organize Primaries for Gubernatorial and Presidential Elections;
    d. Receive Reports of Officers of the Party; and
    e. Receive External Auditors' Report.

40. The Meetings of the State Congress of the Party shall be as follows:
    i. The State Congress shall meet once every year on a date and venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the date chosen shall at least be one month earlier than that of the National Convention.
    ii. Special Congress.—A Special Congress may be held at any time at the request of the State Executive Committee,
    iii. The Agenda for the State Congress shall be prepared by the State Executive Committee.
    iv. The quorum of the State Congress shall be one-third of all delegates, provided that not more than two-thirds of all the Local Government Areas are represented.

Directorate

41. There shall be the following Directorates for the effective supervision and projection of the Party ideals:
    i. Directorate of Media;
    ii. Directorate of Finance;
    iii. Directorate of Planning/Strategy;
    iv. Directorate of Legal;
    v. Directorate of Mobilization; and
    vi. Directorate of Election Monitoring.

Appointment and Membership

42. The members of the Directorate shall be appointed by the National Chairman subject to the confirmation of the National Executive Council; and the membership shall be drawn from various geo-political zones of the country including the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

Composition

43. Each Directorate shall be headed by a person with requisite background and knowledge in the relevant areas.

Functions of the Directorates:

44. The Directorate shall have powers to:
i. evaluate and monitor the activities of National Officers viz-a-viz the discharge of their functions under this Constitution.
ii. review and draw up ideas and master plan for implementation by the Party;
iii. monitor and report back to the relevant National Officer the rating, perception and performance of the Party at the grass root; and other specialised duties that may be assigned to them by the National Chairman.

Voting Right:

45. The members of the Directorates shall not have any voting right but shall be reporting directly to the National Chairman who shall have the powers to effect or carry out their recommendations, suggestions, plans etc.

National Working Committee

46. The National Working Committee of the Party shall Comprise of:-
    i. National Chairman
    ii. Seven (7) Deputy National Chairmen
    iii. National Secretary
    iv. Deputy National Secretary
    v. Organizing National Secretary
    vi. National Treasurer
    vii. National Financial Secretary
    viii. National Publicity Secretary
    ix. National Auditor
    x. National Legal Adviser
    xi. National Women Leader
    xiii. National Youth Leader
47. The quorum for its meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of its members and the meeting shall be summoned by the National Chairman.
48. The meeting of the National Working Committee shall hold at least two (2) times in a month and votes shall be by a simple majority.
49. The National Working Committee shall:
    i. be responsible for the day to day administration of the Party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee
    ii. perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee
    iii. In the case of an emergency, act on behalf of the National Executive Committee.

National Executive Committee

50. The National Executive Committee shall consist of—
    a. National Chairman
    b. Seven (7) Deputy National Chairmen
    c. National Secretary
    d. Deputy National Secretary
    e. Organizing National Secretary
    f. National Treasurer
    g. National Financial Secretary

h. National Publicity Secretary
i. National Auditor
j. National Legal Adviser
k. National Women Leader
l. National Youth Leader
m. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
n. Deputy National Treasurer
o. Deputy National Financial Secretary
p. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
q. Deputy National Auditor
r. Deputy National Legal Adviser
s. Deputy National Woman Leader
t. Deputy National Youth Leader
u. The six (6) Assistant National Secretaries (one per zone)
v. The six (6) Assistant National Organizing Secretaries (one per zone)
x. All 36 State Chairmen (including the FCT,Abuja)
y. Six(6) Assistant Legal Advisers (one for each zone)
z. Thirty six (36) other elected members, six per each zone (at least one from each zone must be a woman)

Chairman and Secretary of the Trustees

51. The following procedure shall apply to the meeting of the National Executive Committee:
    i. The National Executive Committee shall meet quarterly at the instance of the National Chairman.
    ii. The meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be held at any other time by a resolution of two third of its members notifying the National Chairman at least seven days to the date of the meeting and the National Chairman may summon the meeting.
    iii. The quorum of the Executive Council shall be one-third of its entire membership and votes shall be by a simple majority.

Powers and Functions

52. The National Executive Committee shall:
    i. be responsible for the administration of the party and putting into effect

the decisions of the National Convention.

ii. It shall also -

a. Prepare the agenda for the national Convention.

b. Prepare and submit reports and budget for the consideration of the Convention.

c. Initiate policies and programmes for the consideration of the Convention.

d. Deal with other problems referred to it by, or coming from State or other branches.

e. Make rules for Party loyalty and discipline which shall be binding on all organs of the Party.

f. Make Party regulations, to govern the conduct of elections to all Party offices at every level and to govern the procedure for selecting Party candidates for elective offices.

g. Employ and determine the conditions of service of staff of the Party.

h. Co-opt such persons as is necessary or expedient to attend its meetings and take part in its deliberations; provided that such co-opted persons have no right to vote.

i. Have the power to make Standing Orders.

j. Deal with any other matters referred to it by the National Convention.

k. Has powers to discipline any officer of the party at any level whose actions and conducts are against the Spirit and provisions of the party constitution.

l. Dissolve or suspend any State/FCT executive of the Party if found to breach any section of this Constitution and Appoint a Caretaker pending the conduct of a congress within six month of dissolution to democratically replace the vacancy.

m. Exercise other powers and functions as are vested in it by the Constitution.

n. Decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all organs and all members and shall have power to convene NEC meetings only upon failure of the National Chairman or Deputy Chairmen to convene the NEC meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

53(1) There Shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party which shall be made up of six Trustees who shall be registered members of the Party and in whom all the movable and immovable properties of the Party shall be vested.

(2) The Trustees shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee which shall present them to the National Convention of the Party for ratification through a democratic process.

(3) The Trustees shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for further terms.

(4) The Trustees shall be registered under the land (Perpetual Succession) Act.

(5) The Trustees shall hold all the properties of the Party subject to the directive of the National Executive Committee and shall each sign all documents to which the Common Seal of the Party shall be affixed as requested by Law.

(6) A Trustee may be removed from office by the National Convention of the Party on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation from the party, expulsion from the party or any other disciplinary action, absence from Nigeria for a reasonably long time or for any other cause.

(7) The National Executive Committee shall state clearly the reason for such recommendations for removal to the National Convention.

(8) In the event of death, or resignation, or removal of a trustee from office, the vacancy shall be filled by the National Executive Council subject to ratification by the next National Convention.

(9) The National Secretary of the Party shall prepare an inventory of all the properties, movable and immovable, real and personal, belonging to the Party and shall deposit a copy of the said inventory with the Trustees.

National Convention

54. The National Convention of the Party shall consists of—

a. The President and Vice-President if produced by the Party.
b. All Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party.
c. All members of the National Executive Committee.
d. All members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party.
e. All State Legislators who are members of the Party.
f. The Party Chairmen and Secretaries of State Executive Committees.

g. Two delegates from each Local Government Area of the Federation (each shall be one LGA Party Chairman and one delegate elected at the local government Area Congresses)

55. The following provisions shall apply to the meetings of the National Convention:

i. The National Convention shall be held once every four years on a date to be appointed by the National Executive Committee.

ii. A special National Convention may be held at any time, at the request of the President, the National Executive Committee or the National Chairman.

iii. A special National Convention shall meet only to discuss matters which shall be specified in the notices summoning the Convention.

56. Quorum of the meeting of the National Convention shall be:

i. The quorum of the National Convention shall be one-third of all delegates provided that not less than two-thirds of all the States of the Federation and Abuja are represented.

ii. Decisions reached and measures approved by the Convention shall be final and shall be binding on all Party organs, branches and members.

iii. Voting at the Convention shall be democratic and in a manner to be determined by the Rules and Procedures of the Convention provided that every delegate shall have only one vote.

iv. Party Administrative staff who shall be in attendance shall not vote.

v. The National Executive Committee shall make the Rules and Procedures for the Convention subject to ratification by the National Convention.

Powers and functions

57. The National Convention of the Party shall have and exercise the following powers and functions:

i. be the final authority of the Party and shall, to the exclusion of all other organs of the party, have the power to decide the Nation-wide policies and programmes of the Party and amend this Constitution

ii. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution shall have the power to:

a. Consider and determine policy matter for the Party:

b. Elect or remove the national Officers of the Party;

c. Receive, debate and ratify reports from the Electoral Nomination Committee of the Party: elect the presidential candidates of the Party, and his or her running mate;

d. Demand and receive reports from the National Executive Committee and from any other Committees or organs of the Party, and take appropriate decisions on their reports or recommendations;

e. Create, elect and/or appoint any committees it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit and proper.

f. Examine the policies and programmes pursued by Governments in the accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

g. Examine the actions proposed or passed by any government legislative House or Local Government Council and determine what further actions the Party should take

h. Examine the actions and policies pursued and legislations made in order to ensure that they are in accordance, with the principles, policies, programmes, aims and objectives of the Party, and if not to make recommendations or take such actions as are necessary

i. Secure at all elections the return of as many Party Candidate as possible, so as to generally have control of the Legislative and Executive branches of the Governments in the Federation ',

j. Consider reports from Federal, State and Local Government branches of the Party and take such decisions as are necessary to protect, advance, or consolidate the gains and interests of the Party,

k. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party in accordance with electoral laws,

l. Exercise control and disciplinary actions on all organs, officers and members of the Party and determine appeals brought before it by any member or organ of the Party,

m. Determine the type, nature and membership of standing committees to be set up by the Party's National Executive Committee,

n. Review or amend the Constitution of the Party from time to time;

o. Delegate any of its powers to the National Executive Committee or any organ of the Party except the powers to amend this Constitution;

p. Take any action as may be conducive to the promotion of the aims and objects of the Party as laid down in this Constitution;

q. Exercise such other powers and authority as are vested in it by this Constitution.

CHAPTER 9

Power and Function of Officers of the National Officers

58. The National Officers of the Party shall have the following powers and function:

The National Chairman

59. There shall be a National Chairman whose powers and functions shall be to:

(a) Convene, summon and preside over the meetings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee.

(b) Oversee the working of the party and shall be the Chief Executive.

(c) Be the directing officer and National Leader of the Party.

(d) Make pronouncement for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee stating the policy and position of the Party on any national issue.

(e) Supervise, direct and re-orientate the policies of the Party.

(f) Make annual presentation to the National Convention on issues of national importance and propose the Party policy and directives on such issues.

(g) Defend the Constitution and ideals of the Party.

(h) In case of emergency, the National Chairman shall have the powers to take any action, decision or position on behalf of the National Executive Committee in order to protect the interest of the party.

(i) To brief and instruct legal representative for the Party in any court proceeding.

(j) Be in custody of the Certificate of Registration as well as the official seal of the Party.

(k) Approve the organisation of Party rallies, seminars, workshops and all campaign programmes and other field activities.

(l) Do all other things necessary or incidental to the powers herein conferred, whether or not expressly stated or assigned to him by the National Convention, for the growth and advancement of the Party.

The Deputy National Chairman

60. There shall be Seven (7) Deputy National Chairmen of the Party.

(a) The Deputy National Chairmen shall consist of Six (6) Deputy National Chairmen who shall come shall from the six (6) geo-political zones of the country.

(b) There shall also be a Deputy National Chairman at the national Headquarters of the Party who shall come from the same geo-political zone with the National Chairman of the Party.

61. The Deputy National Chairmen shall perform the following functions:

(a) be the leader of the Party in their respective zones.

(b) liaise with the National Chairman and assist him in the discharge of his duties.

(c) shall co-ordinate the affairs of the Party at their respective geo-political zones.

(d) report to the National Chairman all issues affecting or concerning the Party.

(e) in the absence of the National Chairmen, the Deputy National Chairman at the national Headquarters shall deputize for him.

(f) they shall also carry out any other duties or specific functions assigned to them by the National Chairman.

The National Secretary

62. The National Secretary in addition to the specific functions conferred on him herein shall—

(a) Take or cause to be taken and keep, in the proper books provided for the purposes, all minutes of the Meetings of the National Convention and National Executive Committee.

(b) Conduct such correspondence as may be required.

(c) Prepare the order of business for meetings of all National organs of the Party with the approval of the National Chairman.

(d) Supervise and control the day to day activities of the national secretariat.

(e) In the event of his dismissal or resignation, he shall immediately hand over to the National Chairman or his nominee all records, files and other property of the Party in his possession.

The National Treasurer

63. The National treasurer shall -

a. Receive and promptly pay into the Party's account all monies received for and on behalf of the partly.

b. Keep an imprest account as and when authorized by the National Executive Committee.

c. Pay or cause to be paid all authorized Party expenditures.

The National Financial Secretary

64. The National Financial Secretary shall—

a. Collect all monies due to the Party and pay such monies to the National Treasurer not later than five days after collection.

b. Prepare and submit proposals for raising Party funds, for the consideration of the National Executive Committee.

c. Ensure that proper accounts and records are kept and may cause such books to be produced for inspection at periodic auditing.

The National Publicity Secretary

65. The National Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for Party information and Propaganda services and any other assigned activities all of which must be consistent with the Constitution, the Party manifesto and the policies of the Party; and shall always consult with and obtain the approval of the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties.

The National Organising Secretary

66. The National Organising Secretary of the Party shall:

(i) Carry out approved programmes for the mobilization of Party members and recruitment of new members into the Party.

(ii) Appraise the challenges facing the Party and proffer proactive solutions to them.

(iii) Collate and harmonise all political information and devise strategies for elections.

(iv) Make quarterly report to the National Working Committee on the state of mobilization of the Party and its preparedness for participation in elections.

(v) Consult and obtain the approval of the National Chairman on the solicitation and organisation of rallies, seminars, campaign and other field activities of the Party.

(vi) Not enter into any binding relationship with anybody, group or organisation on behalf of the Party and solicits for funds without the approval of the National Chairman.

The National Legal Adviser

67. The National Legal Adviser shall advise the Party on all legal matters and arrange for the institution of a legal action or legal defence of the Party and its members when necessary.

The National Youth Leader

68. The National Youth leader shall:

i. Be responsible for mobilization of youths for the attainment of party objectives.

ii. Initiate and implement strategic programmes and policies that would endear the Party to Nigerian Youth

The National Women Leader

69. The National Women Leader shall:

i. Be responsible for women mobilization and organization

ii. Initiate and Implement strategic programmes and policies that would endear the party to Nigerian Women.

The National Auditor

70. The National Auditor shall audit the books of accounts of the Party and report annually to the Annual Convention; and may be called upon by the National Executive Council to audit such accounts from time to time.

71. Deputy National Organizing Secretary , Deputy National Secretary, Deputy National Treasurer, Deputy National Financial Secretary, Deputy National Publicity Secretary ,Deputy National Auditor, Deputy National Legal Adviser, Deputy National Woman Leader ,Deputy National Youth Leader

72. The above listed Deputy National officers shall:

i. Assist their National Officers in the discharge of their duties

ii. In the absence of the corresponding National Officers, shall act.
iii. discharge any other responsibility assigned to them.

Assistant National Secretaries

73. The shall be Six (6) Assistant National Secretaries who shall also be secretaries of their zonal working committees and shall perform such function as may be assigned to them by the National Secretary.

74. Assistant National Organizing Secretaries shall:
   i. Act as Zonal Organization Secretary
   ii. Assist the National Organizing Secretary
   iii. Report regularly the activities in the zones to the National Organizing Secretary.
   iv. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Organizing Secretary.

75. The Assistant Legal Advisers:
   i. Shall perform such duties and functions as may be assigned to him by the National Legal Adviser.
   ii. Shall be the chief Legal Officer for their respective Zones.

CHAPTER 10

RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

76(1) Any National Officer of the Party may voluntarily resign from his post.

(2) When a National Officers resigns or is removed from office, he shall hand over to the National Secretary all properties or records of the Party in his possession.

(3) The following procedure shall apply for the removal of the National Chairman:
   (a) The National Chairman shall be removed by the National Convention summoned by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
   (b) The National Executive Committee shall summon the National Convention for the removal of the National Chairman by giving two (2) months notice thereof to all the State Chapters of the Party.
   (c) The National Chairman shall be deemed removed by two-third majority of lawful votes cast at the National Convention supporting the motion for his removal.

(4) Other National, Zonal, State, Local or Ward Officers of the Party shall be removed from office by the National Executive Committee of the Party if a prima facie case

is established against him upon the consideration of any petition or complaint against such officer.

Vacancy:

77. Whenever the office of the national chairman is vacant by any reason whatsoever, such vacancy shall be filled by the Deputy National chairman at the national headquarters who shall come from the same zone with the National Chairman whose position is to be filled.

78. When there is vacancy in any other office of the Party, the vacancy shall be filled by the next person who deputises and in the absence of any such deputy, the National or State Working Committee, as the case may be, shall appoint another other person who shall be in acting capacity pending the conduct of a National or State Congress/Convention to fill the vacancy.

CHAPTER 11

Composition of Officers of the Executive Committees

79. The composition of officers of the Executive Committees at each level of the Party shall reflect the principle of the Federal Character of Nigeria, except that in the case of States, Local Governments and Wards which are ethnically homogenous, the composition shall take into account, the geographical diversity of the area.

CHAPTER 12

Discipline of Members

80(1) Discipline of Party members shall be exercised by the respective Executive Committees or Disciplinary Committee of the Party depending on the level at which disciplinary measure is called for.

(2) Any member of the Party who is indicted to have done any of the following shall be liable to be punished if found guilty by the appropriate Executive Committee or Disciplinary Committee of the Party:

a. A breach of any of the provisions of this constitution.

b. Anti-party activities or conducting himself in a manner which is likely to embarrass the party or bring the party to hatred, contempt, ridicule or dispute in whatever manner.

c. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives of the party or of the officers of the party.

d. flouting the rulings or decisions of the Party, engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the Party, continuously being absent at meetings, carrying out anti-party propaganda or any other activities which would tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient running of the Party or which activities are inconsistent with the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Party.

e. Assuming names and titles not recognized by the Constitution, giving wrong information about the party or unauthorized public commentary on party dispute without exhausting all avenues of settlement or redress within the Party.

f. carrying out his/her assigned functions without approval or authorisation from the requisite national officer, whenever required.

CHAPTER 13

Punishment

81(1) Punishment may be imposed by the Party as a disciplinary measure against any of its members and the gravity of punishment shall depend upon the seriousness and circumstance of each case.

(2) Punishment to be imposed may take the form of:

a. Expulsion from the Party

b. Suspension for a specified period.

c. Removal from office.

d. Debarring from holding Party office.

e. Fine.

f. Reprimand.

(3) The Executive Committee at each level of the Party shall have the power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures against any of its members as specified in the sub-section above.

(4) Every member of the Party shall have the right to fair hearing in all matters that affect him with regards to disciplinary action.

(5) The National Headquarters shall be notified, through the next higher organ of the Party, if any, of all disciplinary actions taken against any member of the Party and records of such actions shall be kept.

CHAPTER 14

Appeal

82. Any member aggrieved by a decision of any of the organs of the Party, pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, shall have the right of appeal within 30 days of the decision to the immediate higher organ of the Party, in that successive order, up to the National Convention provided that the decision of the National Convention shall be final.

CHAPTER 15

Registration and Register of Members

83.(1) A register of members shall be kept and maintained at every level of the Party Secretariat namely—

(a) The Ward.

(b) The Local government Area/ FCT Area Councils.

(c) The State/ Federal Capital Territory

(d) The National Secretariat.

83(2) An online register shall also be maintained by the Party for every level of the Party as intending members can also register to join the Party from wherever location online

CHAPTER 16

Subscription Rule

84. The National Executive Committee shall recommend to the Convention:

(i) The minimum rates of subscription that shall apply for the ensuing year.

(ii) The proportion of subscription income which the ward, Local Government Area and State shall remit to the National Secretariat.

CHAPTER 17

Tenure of Office and Periodic Election

85(1) All National, Zone, State/FCT, LGA/FCT Area Council and Ward Officers of the Party, Shall hold office for a term of Four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election at the National Convention or appropriate Congress for a further term of four years and no more.

(2) Any officer elected into the National Executive Council or State/FCt, Local Government/FCT Area Council or Ward Executive Committee may resign his office

by giving a 30 days' notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee.

(3) Should a vacancy occur in any of the offices, the Executive Committee shall elect a substitute, subject to a replacement election at the next Congress and the Officer(s) so elected shall remain in office for the unexpired period of the term. The replacement of vacant positions must be done democratically with delegates voting for candidates of their choice.

(4) Any officer or officers may be removed during his tenure of office through a vote of no confidence against him or them passed by a simple majority of the membership of the Congress or Convention.

(5) Any officer of the party holding any office in the party shall be deemed to have resigned from such office if he/she becomes elected into any office under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended), appointed a Federal Minister, Secretary to the Government of the Federation or any other political appointment by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or assumes any full time employment in the public service.

CHAPTER 18

Administrative Organization

86(1) The Party Secretary at each level of government shall establish and supervise party employees within their respective levels.

(2) The Party shall employ full-time Administrative Staff which at the minimum shall include the following—

a. An Administrative Secretary.
b. An Accountant.
c. An Auditor.
d. Librarian/Cabinet Officer/Store Supervisor.
e. Social Secretary/Welfare Officer.
f. Such other staff as the various party organs may deem fit to employ for the effective running of their affairs-

CHAPTER 19

Mode of Elections of Party Officers

87(1) The mode of elections of Party officers and other candidates for party or public positions must be conducted democratically with delegates voting for candidate of their choice and voting shall be by open secret ballot or show of hand.

(2) The National, State/FCT and Local Government/FCT Area Council and the Ward Congress of the Party shall meet to schedule to elect (where election will be online) or elect the officers of the Party, as specified under this Constitution, at the various levels of the Party structure.

(3) Every registered and financially up to date member who has satisfied the requirements for nominations and elections under this Constitution and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is eligible to contest for any party office; provided that said officials of the party are also eligible to contest as long as they relinquish their posts before they contest such elections.

CHAPTER 20

Oaths of Office

88. Every officer elected or appointed as an officer of the party shall subscribe to the Oath of Office as provided in Schedule 5 to this Constitution by a designated Legal Practitioner, Notary Public or Law Officer.

CHAPTER 21

BANKING AND EXPENDITURE

89(1) The Party shall have and maintain Bank Accounts in the headquarters, city or town of its various levels of organization, provided that where banking facilities are not available the services of the nearest bank shall be utilized.

(2) The Banks for such Accounts shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Party.

(3) The signatories to the Party bank account(s) shall be: the National Chairman, the Deputy National Chairman (Headquarters) and the National Treasurer; provided that the National Chairman and any one of the co-signatories can validly sign, draw from or issue any order in respect of the account(s).

(4) The signatories to the bank account of the State Chapter of the Party shall be the State Chairman of the Party and the State Treasurer.

(5) The National Chairman shall have the powers to approve any expenditure not above the sum of N5 Million.

(6) Any expenditure above the sum of N5 Million shall be approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

CHAPTER 22

Audit of Accounts

90. The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit all the Accounts of the Party annually and present the audited accounts before the National Convention and the Independent National Electoral Commission for consideration.

CHAPTER 23

CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

91(1) The Party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession with power to sue or be sued in its corporate name and also can hold, acquire, alienate any property or otherwise dispose any interest thereof and can enter into any agreement as well as do all other things necessary, incidental or ancillary to its aims and objectives.

(2) The National Chairman of the Party shall have the authority and mandate to create any legal relationship for and on behalf of the Party and no other legal relationship shall be binding on the Party except if it is done with the written authorisation of the National Chairman indicating the extent of such authority given to the officer.

CHAPTER 24

NOMINATION FORMS

92(1) The National Headquarters of the Party shall be responsible for the sale of the Party's nomination form for any election; and the sums realised shall be deposited or paid into the Party's bank account(s).

(2) The sale of nomination form for any election within the State may be delegated to the State Chapter of the Party by a written authorisation from the National Chairman of the Party.

CHAPTER 25

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

93. Any member dissatisfied with any other decision taken by the Party other than a disciplinary decision shall report to the National Executive Committee of the Party for redress.

CHAPTER 26

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

94(1) If any member of the Party is dissatisfied with any decision taken by the party, no legal action shall be instituted or commenced against the Party until the exhaustion of the remedies herein provided and by giving of 30 days' notice thereof to the Party.

(2) Every legal action in the name and on behalf of the Party shall be approved by the National Chairman of the Party.

(3) The discontinuance of any legal action instituted for and in the name of the Party shall be with the consent of the National Chairman of the Party.

CHAPTER 27

Funding and Borrowing

95(1) The Party shall have the power to hold, maintain and manage funds paid to it or derived from:

(i) Subscription fees and membership levies,

(ii) Subventions, donations, gifts, grants made to the Party as well as any other investment as may be authorised by electoral laws.

(iii) Sale of nomination forms of the Party, loans approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party as well as all other monies as may be lawfully received by the Party under the electoral laws.

(2) The Party shall have the powers, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee, to borrow money by way of loan or overdraft and advance any security thereto for the carrying out of the Party's obligations under this Constitution.

CHAPTER 28

AMENDMENTS

96(1) The Party shall have the power to amend this Constitution or the Schedules hereto provided that no amendment shall he made except at the National Convention of the Party, and then only by a majority consisting of not less than two-thirds of those persons present and voting at the Congress.

(2) Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the National Secretary at least two months before the date of the National Convention. The notice which shall be in writing shall contain a clear statement of the amendment and reasons

for same.

(3) Notice of the amendment shall be given to the members of the National Convention at least one month before the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

CHAPTER 29

INTERPRETATION

97. Any question as to the meaning of any section of this Constitution or the Schedule hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose ruling shall be final.

SCHEDULE 1

1. **MEMBERSHIP RULES**

   i. Prospective members of the Party shall be registered through Ward branches to which they shall have applied and subsequently accepted and enrolled as Party members.

   ii. Members shall receive membership cards through their Ward branches of the Party or online depending on the mode of registration upon payment of the prescribed fees.

2. **RENEWALS**

   i. Membership of the Party shall be renewed annually on payment of the prescribed subscription fees.

   ii. Membership shall automatically lapse if the subscription fee of a member is not received within three months after the due date provided that a member whose membership terminates in this manner shall be re-admitted into the Party upon the payment of all arrears of the said subscription.

   iii. Provided that in an election year, only members who had paid their subscription 3 months before primaries shall be eligible to vote and be voted for.

SCHEDULE 2

1. **STAFF RULES**

   i. The Party shall employ full-time Administrative Secretary, Accountant, Auditor, Social Secretary/Welfare Officer, Librarian/Cabinet Officer/Store Supervisor, and such other staff as may be deemed necessary.

   ii. All employees of the Party are subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, State, Local Government Committees as the case may be, through the National, State, Local Government Secretary of the Party acting on behalf of the Executive Committee at all Levels.

   iii. All employees of the Party shall be bound by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Party and the decisions of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and all other authorized organs of the Party.

   iv. Any employee of the Party who acts or behaves in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the Party or its officers or takes part in subversive

activities against the Party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his post and may in addition be expelled from the Party.

v. The National Executive Committee or the Executive Committee of other levels of the Party shall fix the remuneration and other conditions of service of all employees of the Party at each level of the Party organisation.

vi. All the Administrative Staff of the Party referred to in Schedule 2 to this Constitution, are paid officials of the Party employed to run the various Administrative activities of the Party at the various levels of the Party organisation and do not include the officers of the Party elected at the Congresses.

2. Nomination of Party Staff for Executive or Legislative Offices

i. No employee of the Party shall stand for nomination to enable him or her contest any election unless he resigns his office before doing so.

SCHEDULE 3

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

1. **Presidential nominations**

i. The country shall form one single Constituency for the purpose of nominating a Presidential candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the National Convention specially convened for that purpose, provided that the nomination of each candidate is supported by at least twenty registered members of the Party from each of at least fourteen states of the Federation.

ii. The candidate that wins more than fifty per cent of the votes of the total delegates of the Special Convention shall be considered duly nominated, provided he has not less than one-third of the votes cast at the nomination in each of at least two-thirds of all the States in the Federation-.

iii. Where in the first ballot, no candidate fulfils the condition laid down in (ii) above, there shall be a second ballot in which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be eligible to contest and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

2. **Gubernatorial Nominations**

i. The State shall form one single Constituency for the purpose of nominating a gubernatorial candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the State nomination Congress specially convened for that purpose provided that each applicant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the Party from each of at least two-thirds of the Local Government Areas-of the State.

ii. The candidate that wins more than fifty per cent of the votes of the total delegates of the special Congress shall be considered duly nominated, provided he has not less than one-third of the votes cast at the nomination in each of at least two-thirds of all the Local Government Areas in the State.

iii. Where in the first ballot no candidate fulfils the condition laid down in (ii) above, there shall be a second ballot in which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be eligible to contest and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

3. **Nomination of Local Government/FCT Area Council Chairmen**

i. The Local Government/FCT Area Council shall form one single Constituency for the purpose of nominating a Local Government Council Chairman candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the Local Government Area Conference specially convened for that purpose, provided that each applicant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the Party from each of at least two-thirds of the Wards in the Local Government Area.

ii. Where in the first ballot, no candidate fulfils the condition laid down above, there shall be a second ballot in which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be eligible to contest and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

4. **Nomination of Local Government/FCT Area Council Ward Councillors**

i. Each Ward shall form one Constituency for the purpose of nominating a Local Government Ward Councillor candidate of the Party. All aspirants seeking nomination shall submit themselves to the Ward General Meeting specially convened for that purpose, provided that each applicant is supported by at least twenty registered members of the party from the

Ward.

ii. The candidate that wins more than fifty per cent of the votes of-the total delegates of the special general meeting shall be considered duly nominated.

iii. Where in the first ballot, no candidate fulfils the condition laid down in (ii) above, there shall be a second ballot in which the first two candidates scoring the highest votes in the first ballot shall be eligible to contest and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes cast shall be considered duly nominated.

5. **Conduct of Nominations**

i. The National Executive Council shall appoint a Sub-Committee which shall conduct the nominations for the gubernatorial and Presidential.

ii. In the case of Presidential and Gubernatorial nominations, the Executive Council may direct the nomination Sub-Committee to conduct primary Elections within the Party for the purposes of trimming down the number of the candidates to such 'number as may be determined by the National Executive Council for the nomination Convention or Congress, as the case may be.

iii. The State/FCT Executive Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee which shall conduct the Nominations for the Candidates of the Party for the National and State Assemblies

vi. The Executive of the Local Government/FCT Area Council Branch shall appoint a Sub-Committee which shall conduct the nominations for the Local Government candidates of the Party including candidates for the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Local Government.

6. Each Nomination Sub-Committee shall be ad-hoc and shall cease to exist as soon as it has performed its functions and the nominations have been ratified.

7. Criteria for Nomination Clearance.—Criteria for Party Clearance for Nomination in the Wards, State Constituencies, Federal Constituencies and Senatorial Zones shall be as follows—

a. A Candidate for Elections must be a registered member of the Party.

b. He must satisfy the requirements for Elections under the country's Constitution and the Electoral Law.

SCHEDULE 4

1. RULE/CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The proceedings of a Party meeting in Ward and Local Government shall be in the English language or in any Nigerian language, understood by a majority of members of the ward. - In respect of State and National meetings the business shall be conducted in English, Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba when adequate arrangements shall have been made thereof.

2. **Motions**

i. No motion shall be entertained at a meeting unless at least seven clear days notice of such motion has been given to the Secretary or the Chairman, except—

a. a motion for the adjournment of the meeting ;

b. a motion that any subject be referred to a committee of members of the party or some other appropriate body ;

c. a motion proposing an amendment to some other motion ;

d. a motion proposing that a particular member should be authorized to speak for more than ten minutes.

ii. The Chairman of a meeting shall be entitled at his discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion in any case where it is necessary for reasons of urgency to do so.

iii. A motion on amendment shall not be open for discussion until it shall have been seconded.

iv. A motion or amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover and with the consent of the Chairman.

v. No member shall be permitted to speak on any subject at any meeting for no longer than 30 minutes unless the majority of the members present agree that he should speak for a longer time.

vi. A member must confine his observations to the subject under discussion and may not introduce irrelevant matter thereto.

vii. No member shall be permitted to re-open any specific question upon which the meeting has come to a conclusion, except upon a motion for which due notice shall have been given.

viii. No member shall use offensive, insulting or intemperate language about any other member of the party, or impute improper motive to such member-

ix. A member desiring to speak shall put up his hand, sitting at his place and shall not rise to speak until he is called upon by the Chairman.

x. No member shall speak more than once on any topic except the mover of a motion or amendment, who shall be fit to wind up after the subject of such motion or amendment has been debated provided that a member who has spoken on a subject may again be heard at the discretion of the Chairman to offer explanation on some material point of his speech which has been misunderstood.

xi. The provision of paragraph (x) to this schedule above, shall not apply to meetings of the National Executive, State, Local Government, or Ward Executive Committees.

xii. Any member deviating from any of the provision of these rules may be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by a member rising to a point of order.

xiii. A member rising to a point of order shall simply direct attention to the point he desires to bring to notice and submit it to the Chairman for a decision.

xiv. No member shall leave any meeting except with the permission of the Chairman.

xv. At any time in the course of a debate any member shall be entitled to move "that the question be now put" and unless it shall appear to the Chairman that such motion is premature, the meeting shall be entitled to decide without amendment or debate whether the question should be put at that stage of the debate provided that a motion "that the question be now put" shall not prejudice the right of a mover of a motion or amendment to wind up.

xvi. Any member whose conduct is disorderly at any meeting, or who refuses to withdraw an offensive or insulting language after he has been told by the Chairman to do so, may be asked to leave the meeting.

xvii. Unless the Constitution otherwise prescribes, voting on any subject shall be by show of hands.

SCHEDULE 5

OATHS

Oaths of Allegiance

I,…….. do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
So Help Me God.

Oaths of Office

I,……..do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS and the law, and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that I will strive to pursue, enhance and implement the aims and objectives of the Party as contained in its Constitution and Manifesto, that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official decisions; that in every circumstances, I will do right to all the members and organs of the party and to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will ; that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as an officer of the Party, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties, and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

So Help Me God.

Dated this ..... day of ....., 2018.



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