



CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZENS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

PREAMBLE

The Citizens Democratic Alliance honours Nigeria's democracy pioneers, who fought for democratic governance and ended military rule. While acknowledging progress, we recognize our democracy faces challenges threatening national unity and progress. Our current system has failed to deliver development and dividends to most Nigerians.

In response, CDA emerges, championing inclusive governance, citizen participation, and a fresh Nigerian vision. We're committed to building a peaceful, united, and progressive Nigeria, driven by empathy, social justice, and addressing citizen deprivations.

We believe in organizational power, merit-based leadership, inclusive participation, and strict Code of Conduct enforcement for accountability.

Dedicated to upholding Nigeria's Constitution and promoting citizen welfare within a sovereign united country, we establish this Constitution to guide our party's administration and achieve our ideals.

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section:

NAME OF THE PARTY

1. The name of the Party shall be CITIZENS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE ("hereinafter in this Constitution referred to as "The Party" and with the abbreviation "CDA")

SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

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

SLOGAN

3. The slogan of the Party shall be: CDA - "Let's Work To Make Nigeria Work"

MOTTO

4. The motto of the party shall be Liberty! Equality!! & Unity!!!

5. SYMBOL AND FLAG

a. SYMBOL

The symbol of the Party shall be a brown circular emblem bearing the inscription "CITIZENS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE" in white. Within the circle shall be a black shovel with a white highlight. Below the emblem, the Party's acronym "CDA" shall appear in black.

The shovel symbolizes productive labour, nation-building, progress, and development, reflecting the Party's commitment to rebuilding Nigeria through hard work, innovation, and the dignity of labour.

The circular design represents unity, inclusion, continuity, and the Party's vision of a peaceful, prosperous, and united Nigeria.

The Party colours shall have the following meanings:

- i. Brown symbolizes Nigeria's rich heritage, fertile land, productivity, and economic potential;
- ii. White symbolizes peace, unity, justice, transparency, and national harmony; and
- iii. Black symbolizes the strength, resilience, dignity, and collective power of the Nigerian people.

b. FLAG

The flag of the Party shall be white in colour with the Party's official logo displayed prominently at its centre.

The white background symbolizes peace, unity, integrity, and the Party's commitment to democratic governance, national reconciliation, and inclusive development.

REGISTERED OFFICE

6. The Party's registered head office will be located in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, with the exact location determined by the National Executive Committee (NEC). Branch offices will be established in states across the federation as decided by the NEC and other party organs.

MEETINGS

7. Party meetings, from the National Caucus to the Ward level, will be held at their respective Secretariats, unless exceptional circumstances necessitate alternative arrangements. In such cases, the Working Committee at each level is authorized to approve alternative venues.

CHARACTER AND ETHICS

8. The party aims to:

(a) Establish a strong, nationwide organization, fully engaged in Nigeria's democratic life, regardless of race, religion, gender, status, creed, or ethnicity.

- (b) Pursue objectives without discrimination, with policies and programs determined by membership.
 - (c) Ensure leadership accountability to members and the Nigerian people.
 - (d) Contest all Nigerian elections, drawing support from all societal sectors.
 - (e) Respect members' linguistic, gender, age, cultural, and religious diversity.
 - (f) Promote women's emancipation and participation, ensuring representation in elective and appointive positions.
9. The party will utilize the youth and women demographic, ensuring inclusiveness and representation in appointive and elective offices.
10. Thorough background checks will be conducted on prospective candidates and officials.
11. The party will ensure representation of either gender in elective and appointive positions.
12. Persons with disabilities will receive equal membership access and opportunities within the party hierarchy and appointive positions.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 13.1. (a) The party's aims, objectives, and guiding principles shall always conform to the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy;
- (b) The Party shall have a manifesto that outlines its fundamental goals for the country, aligning with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. This manifesto shall be implemented by all governments elected under its platform and shall be subject to oversight by Party organs at all levels. This manifesto serves as a social contract with the Nigerian people, addressing the following areas:

ENVIRONMENT

- 13.2. The Party's environmental objectives are:
- i. address climate change;
 - ii. strengthen environmental protection;
 - iii. combat environmental degradation;
 - iv. improve disaster response systems;
 - v. end routine gas flaring;
 - vi. prioritize environmental remediation;
 - vii. promote responsible resource management;
 - viii. and support sustainable energy development.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- 13.3. The Party's social objectives are:
- i. promote inclusive and sustainable development;

- ii. strengthen education and healthcare systems;
- iii. improve food security;
- iv. expand infrastructure;
- v. support industrial growth;
- vi. improve housing;
- vii. reduce unemployment;
- viii. and strengthen scientific, technological, and artistic development.

We shall also:

- i. protect the rights of children and persons living with disabilities;
- ii. support senior citizens;
- iii. promote integrity and civic responsibility;
- iv. and foster a society built on freedom, equality, justice, and dignity..

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

13.4. The Party shall:

- i. strengthen national integration and peaceful coexistence;
- ii. uphold judicial independence;
- iii. protect constitutional rights and democratic freedoms;
- iv. promote ideological and issue-based politics;
- v. encourage respect for Nigeria's cultural and religious diversity;
- vi. defend national sovereignty and unity;
- vii. and promote African-centered leadership and global Black solidarity.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.5 The Party shall:

- i. pursue true federalism and equitable fiscal arrangements;
- ii. strengthen industrialization and domestic production;
- iii. encourage private sector growth;
- iv. promote financial and banking reforms;
- v. expand opportunities for young Nigerians;
- vi. diversify the economy;
- vii. and support regional economic competitiveness based on local comparative advantages.

INTERNATIONAL

13.6. The Party shall:

- i. strengthen African unity and cooperation;
- ii. support democratic values and international peace;
- iii. promote Nigeria's leadership within ECOWAS, the African Union, the Commonwealth, and the United Nations;
- iv. encourage diaspora engagement;
- v. and strengthen Nigeria's global economic and diplomatic influence.

CHAPTER II

MEMBERSHIP

PART I

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Membership Requirements

14.1. The Party's membership requirements are:

- (a) Open to all Nigerians aged 18 and above who agree to abide by the Party's constitution, provided they are not members of other political parties or organizations with conflicting policies.
- (b) Applicants must not be part of any law-prohibited associations unknown to the Nigerian Constitution, as this may lead to dismissal from the Party.
- (c) Applicants must not have any legal barriers to voting under Nigerian laws.

Membership Application Process

14.2. To apply for membership:

- (a) Submit applications directly to the Ward Executive in the applicant's birthplace, residence, workplace, or origin, or online for Ward Executive review.
- (b) Pay required registration and other fees before admission.
- (c) No multiple registrations are allowed in the same ward or registration centre.
- (3) The Party shall maintain a register of members in electronic, manual, printed, and hard copy formats at Ward, Local Government Area, State, and National levels, as well as on the Party's database server.
- (4) In case of lost or damaged biometric membership cards, members shall apply for replacement through the Ward Secretary to the National Headquarters.
- (5) Active members of uniformed professions, public services, or government agencies at all levels are ineligible for Party membership.
- (6) Members shall accept and uphold the Party's aims, objectives, principles, values, policies, programs, and manifesto.

RULES AND OBLIGATIONS

15. Members' obligations:

- (i) Affirm the Party's aims and objectives, conducting themselves in a manner that upholds the Party's reputation.
- (ii) Pay statutory dues and levies as prescribed by the Party.
- (iii) Upon registration, members shall receive an encoded chip-enabled Smart card for biometric verification, e-voting, and financial status validation.

PROCEDURE FOR REJOINING

16.1 To rejoin the party after voluntarily leaving, follow these steps:

- (a) Reapply through the Ward Secretary for readmission.
- (b) Pay necessary readmission fees and outstanding party dues, unless exceptional circumstances prevented payment.

16.2 For expelled members seeking to rejoin:

- (a) Obtain a waiver from the Zonal Working Committee, recommended by the ward chairperson and secretary. Pay outstanding dues and registration fees.
- (b) Complete a six-month probation, attending meetings but without voting rights or eligibility for elective office.

DUES AND REGISTER OF THE PARTY

17.(1) Members must pay monthly dues using their biometric card, paid into the the Party's national Treasury Single Account (TSA). Failure to pay for 12 consecutive months results in lapsed membership.

- (2) The party membership register will be computerized to prevent fraud.
- (3) Registrations close one month before congresses and National Conventions.
- (4) Membership record-keeping processes will be standardized across all party levels.
- (5) Members can verify their information through ward chairpersons and secretaries before nomination processes begin.
- (6) The party will display or publish the financial members register for public scrutiny 30 days before National Conventions/Congresses.
- (7) Membership cards and registers are classified as party documents, accessible upon request.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

18.(1) Failure to renew membership within 6 months of the due date will result in loss of membership rights and privileges. If payment is overdue by 12 months, membership will be terminated.

- (2) Members who lose membership due to non-payment of dues or other financial obligations may regain membership by paying outstanding dues and penalties.

(3) Members who lose membership for reasons other than non-payment may be readmitted through recommendation by the ward executive committee and approval by the local government area executive committee.

STATUS OF RETURNEE MEMBERS

19. Individuals who return to the party after previously leaving will forfeit seniority and privileges from their previous status. To be eligible for elective positions, they must spend at least one year actively contributing to party programs.

CHAPTER III

MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

PART I

20(1). As a party member, you shall:

- (a) Participate actively in your ward's activities.
- (b) Understand, promote, and execute the party's aims and objectives.
- (c) Stay informed about the country's social, cultural, political, and economic issues.
- (d) Combat harmful propaganda and defend party policies.
- (e) Oppose ethnicity, religious intolerance, and discrimination.
- (f) Demonstrate discipline, honesty, and loyalty to party decisions.
- (g) Refrain from publishing unauthorized factional views.
- (h) Register as a voter in your constituency.
- (i) Pay prescribed fees and dues.
- (j) Participate in party meetings and elections.
- (k) Remain loyal to the party.
- (l) Maintain confidentiality regarding party proceedings.
- (m) Public officers shall adhere to party manifesto and decisions.
- (n) Refrain from publicly disclosing internal party conflicts.
- (o) Avoid criticizing party-supported governments.
- (p) Refrain from aligning with opposing parties or candidates.
- (q) Avoid violent conduct.
- (r) Exhaust internal dispute resolution before seeking legal action.
- (s) Any party officer who institutes legal proceedings against the party without first exhausting the internal dispute resolution mechanisms outlined in this Constitution shall be suspended from office and all party activities until the matter is resolved. If the court rules in favor of the officer, they may resume their duties. However, if the court rules against the officer, the party may expel them.

FACTIONS AND DEFECTIONS

- (1) A member may resign from the Party by giving written notice to the Executive Committee at their level. Such resignation takes effect upon receipt.
- (2) Where a member elected on the Party's platform defects to another party, the Party shall initiate proceedings under Section 68(1)(g) of the 1999 Constitution to determine whether the member has lost their seat.
- (3) Where a seat is lost or vacated, the Party shall nominate a candidate through a primary for any bye-election conducted by INEC.
- (4) Members who align with another party to undermine the aims of the Party or challenge its existence are liable to expulsion after due disciplinary process.
- (5) Declaring a faction within the Party constitutes gross misconduct and may lead to loss of membership after due disciplinary process.
- (6) A leadership dispute shall not be treated as a faction under Section 68(1)(g) of the 1999 Constitution unless supported by at least one-half of the Executive Committees in all 36 states and the FCT.
- (7) Where the 50% threshold is not met, the dispute shall be treated as an internal leadership tussle and resolved through arbitration or litigation in accordance with this Constitution.

PART II:

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTY TO MEMBERS

22. (1) The party must provide opportunities for members to serve and implement measures to encourage volunteer services.
- (2) The party will establish measures to support members' aspirations through services and promote regular social gatherings and activities to foster camaraderie among members.
- (3) The National Working Committee will compile an annual Status of the Party Report to be presented at one of the National Executive Committee's biannual meetings.

CHAPTER IV

PARTY STRUCTURE

PART I

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

23(1)The party shall be organized and administered at the following levels:

- (a)Polling Unit
- (b)Ward
- (c)Local Government Area (LGA);
- (d)Senatorial District;
- (e)State;

(f) Zonal, and

(g) National

(2) For the purpose of elections, there shall be informal units for mobilization of voters, such as:

(a) The State House of Assembly Constituency

(b) The Federal Constituency; and

(c) The Senatorial Constituency

(e) There shall be a Party secretariat at all levels of the Party, except at the Polling unit level.

(f) For the purpose of the organization of the party, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall be deemed to be a State.

PART II

ORGANS OF THE PARTY

24. The organs of the party shall consist of the following:

(a) The Polling Unit Committee

(b) The Ward Executive Committee

(c) The Ward Congress

(d) The Local Government Executive Committee

(e) The Local Government Area Congress

(f) The Senatorial District Executive Committee

(g) The Senatorial Caucus

(h) The State Working Committee

(i) The State Caucus

(j) The State Executive Committee

(k) The State Congress

(l) The Zonal Working Committee

(m) The Zonal Executive Committee

(n) The Zonal Congress

(o) The National Working Committee

(p) The National Caucus

(q) The National Board of Trustees

(r) The Council of Elders

(s) The National Executive Committee

- (t) The National Convention.

24(1). SUPPORT STRUCTURES OF THE PARTY

The following shall be support structures of the Party and shall not be organs of the Party:

- (a) The CDA Women's League
- (b) The CDA Youth League
- (c) The CDA Persons Living With Special Needs Council
- (d) The CDA Diaspora League

(2) Support structures shall operate under the supervision and policy direction of the National Working Committee.

(3) Support structures shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

PART III

THE POLLING UNIT COMMITTEE

25. There shall be in each Polling Unit, polling Unit Committee consisting of:

- (i) Polling Unit Chairperson
- (ii) Polling Unit Deputy Chairperson
- (iii) Polling Unit Secretary
- (iv) Polling Unit Assistant Secretary
- (v) Polling Unit Treasurer
- (vi) Polling Unit Assistant Treasurer
- (vii) Polling Unit Women Leader
- (viii) Polling Unit Assistant Women Leader
- (ix) Polling Unit Youth Leader
- (x) Leader, Persons With Special Needs
- (xii) All members of the National, State, Local Government Area, and Ward Executive Committees from the Polling Unit

WARD LEVEL

WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

26. There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall consist of:

- (a) The Chairperson
- (b) The Deputy Chairperson
- (c) The elected Chairperson of the Local Government Council, the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Local Government Council and the elected Councillors of the Wards who are members of the party.
- (d) The Secretary
- (e) The Assistant Secretary
- (f) The Treasurer
- (g) the Financial Secretary
- (h) The Organizing Secretary
- (i) The Publicity Secretary
- (j) The Woman Leader
- (k) The Youth Leader
- (l) Five other members elected at the Ward Congress, two of whom shall be women.
- (m) Former and Current members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the party from the Ward.
- (n) The members of the National Board of Trustees from the Ward.
- (o) The members of the National and State Assemblies from the ward, who are members of the party.
- (p) The Ward Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
- (q) The Ward Auditor;
- (r) Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Women Leader, Polling Unit Youth Leader, Polling Unit Leader, People with Special needs, from all the polling units in the ward.
- (s) Former Councillors and local government appointees from the ward
- (t) Former and present Political office holders from the Ward, who are members of the Party, that is:
 - (i) Former and Current Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if they are from the Ward
 - (ii) Former and current Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if they are from the Ward
 - (iii) Former and current State Governors or Deputy Governors if they are from the Ward

FUNCTIONS

27. The function of the Ward Executive Committee shall be-

- (a) Administration of the Party at the ward level;

- (b) Raising funds for the party;
- (c) Membership drive for the party;
- (d) Drawing up strategies for political campaigns;
- (e) Mobilizing voters for the party;
- (f) Implement the decisions of the Ward Congress and other organs of the party;
- (g) Producing every quarter, the status of the party report
- (h) Producing the ward auditor's report; and
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party, and as may, from time to time, be assigned to it by higher organs of the party.

MEETINGS

28(1) The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.

- (2) Meetings of the Ward Executive Committee shall be called by the Ward Chairperson
- (3) An extra-ordinary meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall be held if requested by at least two-third of the members of the Ward Executive committee or if requested by one-third of the registered members of the Ward and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- (4) The quorum at Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

WARD CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

29. There shall be a Ward Congress which shall consist of all members who have paid their dues up to date and are registered within the ward.

FUNCTIONS

30. The Functions of the Ward Congress shall be to-

- (a) Receive state of the party and reports of officers of the Ward
- (b) Receive Auditors reports
- (c) Approve the budget of the Ward
- (d) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
- (e) Elect Ward delegates to the Party Congress
- (f) Conduct primaries for the Ward elections
- (g) Carry out such other functions as may be in the interest of the party
- (h) The ward Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to run for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

MEETINGS

31(1) The Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairman of the Ward Executive committee at least once a year.

(2) The quorum of the Ward Congress shall be one-third of the registered members of the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

(3) A special Ward Congress shall hold if requested by two-third of the members of the Ward Congress and such Congress shall hold within seven days of the request.

PART IV

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

32. There shall be a Local Government Executive Committee which shall consist of: (a) The Chairperson

(b) The Deputy Chairperson

(c) All Ward Chairpersons

(d) The elected local government Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, who are members of the party.

(e) The Treasurer

(f) The Secretary

(g) The Assistant Secretary

(h) The Financial Secretary

(i) The Publicity Secretary

(j) The Assistant Publicity Secretary

(k) The Organizing Secretary

(l) The Auditor

(m) The Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner

(n) Five other ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be women

(o) The Woman Leader

(p) The Youth Leader

(q) Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs

(r) All members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committee who are from the Local Government Area/Area Council

FUNCTIONS

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

(a) Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area;

- (b) Receive and implement reports from the wards on:
 - i. Membership
 - ii. Fund raising
 - iii. Strategies for political campaigns and electoral success, and
 - iv. Mobilization of voters;
 - v. Accept and review the state of the party report every quarter
- (c) Provide strategies for effective communication between the Polling Units, Wards and the local government area;
- (d) Undertake general administration of the Party in the local government area;
- (e) Implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other higher organs of the party; and
- (f) Employ all Secretarial staff for the Local Government branch of the party.

MEETINGS

- 34(1) The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet not less than twice a month.
- (2) The meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary on the directive of the Chairman.
- (3) An extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two third of the members of the Local Government Executive Committee and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- (4) The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a resolution shall be passed by simple majority

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

35. There shall be a Local Government Area Caucus of the Party in each LGA and Area Council of the Federation which shall consist of the following members-

- (a) The Local Government Area Chairperson of the Party, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) The Local Government Party Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Woman Leader and Youth Leader;
- (c) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary of the Local Government Area and three supervisory Councillors selected by the Chairperson, who are members of the Party; and
- (d) Five elders of the party in the Local Government, two of whom shall be women chosen by the caucus.
- (e) Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Women Leader, Polling Unit Youth Leader, Polling Unit Leader Persons with Special Needs, from all the wards in the Local Government Area.
- (f) All statutory members of the Senatorial District and State Caucus from the Local Government Area/Area Council

FUNCTIONS

36(1) The Local Government Area Caucus shall consider urgent and important issues affecting the politics and relating to the Party Manifesto and other issues arising from Local Government Area and State.

(2) The Local Government Area caucus shall also receive and review the state of party report for the Local Government Area.

MEETINGS

37(1) The Local Government Area Caucus shall meet at least four times a year.

(2) The extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Area caucus shall be held if requested for by two third of the members and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.

(3) The quorum of the Local Government Area Caucus shall be one-third of the members of the caucus and a resolution shall be passed by simple majority

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

38. There shall be a Local Government Area Congress which shall consist of-

- (a) The Local Government Chairperson of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee;
- (b) The elected and former Local Government Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Councillors, who are members of the party;
- (c) All Former and current Chairpersons and Secretaries of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area;
- (d) three delegates from each Ward of the Local Government Area elected at the Ward Congress, at least one of whom shall be a woman, all of whom shall cease to function at the conclusion of congress for which they were elected;
- (e) Elected and former political office holders from the Local Government Area, who are members of the Party,
- (f) Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Women Leader, Polling Unit Youth Leader, Polling Unit Special(Physically Challenged) Mobilizers, from all the wards in the Local Government Area.

FUNCTIONS

39. The functions of the Local Government Area Congress shall be to-

- (a) Elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party;
- (b) Elect Local Government Council Chairmanship Candidates of the Party;
- (c) Elect Local Government Party delegates to the National Convention;
- (d) Approve the budget of the Party at the Local Government level; and

- (e) Receive the Local Government Auditor's Report.
- (f) The Local Government Area Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to contest for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

MEETINGS

40(1) The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held not less than once a year.

(2) The Chairman of the Local Government Committee shall summon the Local Government Area Congress.

(3) An extra-ordinary Local Government Area Congress shall hold if requested for by at least two-third of the Chairmen of the Wards constituting the Local Government Area.

(4) The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress; provided that not less than two-third of all the wards in the Local Government Area are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

PART V

SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- (a) The State Vice Chairperson from the Senatorial District, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) Former and current President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Vice President, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (c) Former and current State Governor or Deputy Governor, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (d) Former and current Members of the Board of Trustees from the Senatorial District;
- (e) Former and current members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Senatorial District;
- (f) Former and current Local Government Party Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers from the Senatorial District;
- (g) Former and current Elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party;
- (h) Five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee, at least two of whom shall be women;
- (i) Former and current Members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party;
- (j) Former and current Local Government Council Councillors from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party; and
- (k) Former chairmen of local government and their vice, members of the National and State Executive Committee who are still members of the Party.

FUNCTIONS

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

- (a) Identify and resolve social, political and economic issues of concern to the Senatorial District;
- (b) Co-ordinate the policies, programmes and operations of the Party within the Senatorial District;
- (c) Liaise with the Local Government Areas within the Senatorial district and State headquarters;
- (d) Undertake general administration of the party in the Senatorial District and implement the decisions of the Senatorial District Executive Committee;
- (e) Prepare the annual budget of the Party in the Senatorial District; and
- (f) Receive the Senatorial District Auditor's report as well as the state of the Party report from all the LGAs in the Senatorial District.
- (g) Review all cases of persons seeking to register with the party or re-join the party and have been rejected or denied.

MEETINGS

43(1) The Senatorial District Executive Committee shall meet monthly and report to the State Working Committee prior to the State Executive Committee meeting.

(2) The Assistant State Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Secretary of the Senatorial District Executive Committee, while the Assistant State Organizing Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Senatorial District Organizing Secretary. The Assistant State Treasurer, Assistant State Financial Secretary, Assistant State Auditor, Assistant State Legal Adviser, Assistant State Publicity Secretary, Assistant State Youth Leader and Assistant State Woman Leader from the Senatorial District shall be the Senatorial District Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Publicity Secretary, Youth Leader and Woman Leader respectively of the Senatorial District Executive Committee.

(3) The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

(4) Constitution of sub- committee to handle and manage specific issues relating to the senatorial area including interfacing on behalf of the party with representatives from the specific senatorial zone.

SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

44. There shall be a Senatorial District Caucus of the Party in each Senatorial district of the Federation, which shall consist of the following members-

- (a) The State Party Vice Chairperson who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) All National, Zonal and State Party Executive Committee members from the Senatorial District;
- (c) All members of the National Assembly from the District who are members of the Party;

- (d) All House of Assembly members from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party;
- (e) All members of the State Executive Council from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party;
- (f) Former members of the National and State Assemblies from the Senatorial zone who are still members of the Party;
- (g) Political office holders from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party;
- (h) Fifteen Elders of the party from the Senatorial District, five of whom shall be women.

FUNCTIONS

45. The Senatorial District Caucus shall consider urgent and important political and economic issues affecting the Party, the Senatorial District and the State. Including considering the state of party report from all the Local Government Areas in the senatorial area and matter of membership of the party at the ward level.

MEETINGS

46(1) The Senatorial District Caucus shall meet not less than three times in a year.

- (2) An extra-ordinary meeting of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be held if requested by two third of the members and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- (3) The quorum of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be one third of the members of the Caucus and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

PART VI

STATE WORKING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

47. There shall be a State Working Committee which shall consist of-

- (a) The State Chairperson
- (b) The State Deputy Chairperson
- (c) The State Secretary
- (d) The State Treasurer
- (e) The State Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner
- (f) The State Financial Secretary
- (g) The State Publicity Secretary
- (h) State Auditor
- (i) The State Organizing Secretary
- (j) The State Woman Leader
- (k) The State Youth Leader
- (l) The State Leader, Persons with special needs

- (m) The State Vice Chairpersons/Senatorial District Chairpersons

FUNCTIONS

48. The State Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the day-to-day administration of the Party in the State and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State Executive Committee.
- (c) Prepare the State of the party report biannually for onwards transmission to the national headquarters through the zonal executive Committee.
- (d) Prepare a quarterly status of the Party report for onwards transmission to the Headquarters, such report shall reach the Headquarters not later than the last week of every quarter.
- (e) Transmit promptly all subsisting internal disputes which the SWC is unable to resolve to the Zonal Working Committee and copy the National Working Committee for their attention.
- (f) Provide a biannual report on the implementation of the Party Manifesto and the Campaign Promises of the candidates
- (g) Generate annually a Plan of Action for all elected representatives of the Party and share same with members of their respective constituency.

MEETINGS

49(1) The State Working Committee shall meet not less than twice a month at the instance of the Chairman.

- (2) An extraordinary meeting of the State Working Committee shall be held if requested by two-third of the members of the Committee, and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
- (3) The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts in the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

STATE CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- (a) The State Chairperson of the Party, who shall be the Chairperson
- (b) Former and current State Deputy Chairperson
- (c) Former and current President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party;
- (d) Former and current State Governor and Deputy Governor, who are members of the party
- (e) former and current Members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party from the State; and

- (f) Former and current Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the State House of Assembly, who are members of the Party;
- (g) Members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees of the Party from the State;
- (h) The members of the Board of Trustees from the state;
- (i) The State Party Secretary;
- (j) Other members of the State Working Committee;
- (k) Former State Chairpersons and State Secretaries who are still members of the Party; and
- (l) Former members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party from the State.
- (m) Six (6) persons who have to be young men and women of not more than 40 years old to work within the state caucus.

FUNCTIONS

51(1) The State Caucus shall meet from time to time, to consider urgent and important issues affecting the Party, the State or the Nation.

(2) The State caucus shall give expression to the manifesto of the party and hold the governor of the state and/or all representatives of the government and elected persons accountable at a solemn assembly tagged contact with the public.

MEETINGS

52(1) The State Caucus shall meet not less than once every quarter, at the instance of the Chairperson and one of such meeting shall be the solemn assembly with the people of the state.

(2) An extraordinary meeting of the State Caucus shall be held if request for by two-third of the member of the Caucus and such meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.

(3) The quorum of the State Caucus meeting shall be one-third of the members of the Caucus drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

(4) Review the annual report on the status of the party in the state before it is presented to the National Executive Committee.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

53. There shall be a State Executive Committee which shall consist of-

- (a) The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party;
- (c) The State Governor and Deputy Governor, if members of the Party;
- (d) Members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party;
- (e) The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Whip in the State House of Assembly, if members of the Party;

- (f) All elected and former members of the House of Assembly
- (g) All National and Zonal Executive Committee members of the party from the state;
- (h) Members of the Board of Trustees from the state;
- (i) The State Deputy Chairperson;
- (j) The three State Vice Chairpersons (one per Senatorial District);
- (k) The State Secretary and three State Assistant Secretaries (one per Senatorial District)
- (l) The State Treasurer and three Assistant State Treasurers (one per Senatorial District);
- (m) The State Organizing Secretary and three State Assistant Organizing Secretaries (one per Senatorial District);
- (n) The State Financial Secretary and three State Assistant Financial Secretaries (one per Senatorial District);
- (o) The State Publicity Secretary and three State Assistant Publicity Secretaries ;
- (p) The State Legal Adviser and three State Assistant Legal Advisers, all of whom shall be a legal practitioners;
- (q) The State Auditor and three State Assistant Auditors (one per Senatorial District);
- (r) The State Woman Leader and three State Assistant Woman Leaders (one per Senatorial District);
- (s) The State Youth Leader and three State Assistant Youth Leaders (one per Senatorial District);
- (t) The State Leader Persons with Special Needs
- (u) Two ex-officio members, one of whom shall be a woman, from each of the three Senatorial District elected by the State Congress;
- (v) All elected and former Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party;
- (w) All elected and former Local Government Area Party Chairmen in the State;
- (x) All former members of the National and State Executive Committee members who are still in the Party; and
- (y) All former members of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party;
- (z) 15 youth from the Youth Wing of the Party, 10 Women from the Women's Wing of the Party and 5 Persons with special needs from Persons Living With Special Needs Council provided that in representation for youth and persons with special needs women are represented.

FUNCTIONS

54. The functions of the State Executive Committee shall be to:-

- (a) Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the State.

- (b) Undertake the general administration of the party in the state and implement the decisions of the State Congress, and the directives of the National Working Committee, the National Executive Committee and the National Convention; and
- (c) Prepare the annual budget of the State Branch of the party and convey same to the National Secretariat of the party for appropriation, such budget shall have a section for all the organs of the party under the SWC.
- (d) Monies not appropriated by the National Executive Committee cannot be expended or procured by the State Working Committee or any organ thereunder.
- (e) Appoint eminent party leaders to the position of Elders Council subject to the ratification of the National Executive Committee, and persons so appointed shall have the right to attend all the meetings of the organs of the party in the state.

MEETINGS

- 55(1) The State Executive Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman not less than once every quarter.
- (2) An extra-ordinary meeting of the State Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the State Executive committee.
 - (3) The quorum for the State Executive committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

STATE PARTY CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

56. There shall be a State Party Congress which shall consist of:

- (a) The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party from the state;
- (c) The Governor, Deputy Governor of the State if members of the Party;
- (d) The Gubernatorial Candidate of the Party;
- (e) The members of the Board of Trustees from the State;
- (f) Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees from the State;
- (g) The members of the National Assembly from the State and the members of the State House of Assembly, who are members of the Party;
- (h) All elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party;
- (i) All Local Government Party Secretaries and Treasurers;
- (j) All Local Government Women and Youth Leaders;

- (k) Three delegates per Ward elected at Ward Congresses at least one of whom shall be a woman, and all of whom shall cease to function after the conclusion of the Congresses for which they were elected;
- (l) Former members of State Working Committee who are still members of the Party;
- (m) Former Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the Party who are still members of the Party;
- (n) Former Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the State House of Assembly produced by the party who are still members of the party;
- (o) Former members of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party; and
- (p) Former members of the National and State Executive Committee who are still members of the Party.
- (q) 30 members of the Youth wing, 24 members of the women's wing and 6 members of persons with special needs. In making this representation, there shall be equal representation from the senatorial districts.

FUNCTIONS

57. The functions of the State Congress shall be to:

- (a) Approve the budget of the State Branch of the party.
- (b) Elect officers of the State Executive Committee.
- (c) Elect governorship candidate of the party.
- (d) Receive reports from officers of the party; and
- (e) Receive the Auditor's report.
- (f) Assess persons seeking to become governor of the state and endorse their suitability
- (g) The State Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to run for the position of Governor at least one year before the conduct of primaries.

MEETINGS

58(1) The State Congress shall meet once in every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.

(2) The quorum of the State Congress shall be two-third of the members drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

STATE ASSEMBLY CONGRESS

59.(a) There shall be a State Assembly Congress, which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the State Assembly Constituency and other members of the Local Government Executive Committee from the State Assembly constituency who are not delegates to the State Congress.

(b) The State Assembly Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to run for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries.

(c) The Functions of the State Assembly Congress shall be to elect state House of Assembly candidate of the party.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRESS

60.(a) There shall be the congress for the House of Representatives, which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the Federal Constituency.

(b) The Functions of the House of Representative Congress shall be to elect House of Representative Candidate of the Party.

(c) The House of Representative Congress shall receive a written expression of interest from aspirants to run for elective position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

SENATE DISTRICT CONGRESS

61.(a) There shall be the Senatorial District Congress which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the Senatorial District.

(b) The Functions of the Senatorial District Congress shall be to elect the senatorial candidate of the party.

(c) The Senate District Congress shall receive a written expression of interest from aspirants to run for elective position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

PART VII

ZONAL LEVEL

ZONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

(a) The National Vice Chairperson from the Zone, who shall be the Chairperson;

(b) The Zonal Secretary;

(c) The Zonal Treasurer;

(d) The Zonal Financial Secretary;

(e) The Zonal Organizing Secretary;

(f) The Zonal Legal Adviser; who shall be a legal practitioner;

(g) The Zonal Publicity Secretary;

(h) The Zonal Auditor;

(i) The Zonal Woman Leader; and

(j) The Zonal Youth Leader

(k) The Zonal Leader Persons With Special Needs

FUNCTIONS

63. The Zonal Working Committee shall:

- (a) Undertake the administration of the Party at the Zonal level and shall be responsible to the Zonal Executive Committee;
- (b) Liaise with the National Secretariat and the State Chapters in the zone;
- (c) Prepare and submit reports for the consideration of the Zonal Executive Committee; and
- (d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.
- (e) Address all disputes arising from the states in the zone within a period of three months and reporting same to the National Working Committee for subsequent presentation at the National Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

64(1) The Zonal Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight, and its quorum shall be two-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Zonal Working Committee.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 46(3) above, the Zonal Working Committee shall periodically call dispute resolution meetings to address all issues of disagreements arising from the zone.

ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

65. There shall be a Zonal Executive Committee which shall consist of-

- (a) The National Vice Chairperson from the Zone, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) Current and former President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; who are members of the party from the Zone;
- (c) Current and former Members of the National Assembly from the Zone who are members of the party.
- (d) The current and former State Governors and Deputy Governors from the Zone, if members of the party.
- (e) Members of the National Executive Committee from the Zone.
- (f) Members Board of Trustees from the Zone.
- (g) The Speaker, Deputy Speaker Party Leader and Party Whip in the State Houses of Assembly in the Zone, who are members of the party;
- (h) The Zonal Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Committee;
- (i) The State Chairpersons, State Secretaries, Treasurers, Women Leaders and Youth Leaders of the party from the Zone;
- (j) The Zonal Treasurer;

- (k) The Zonal Financial Secretary;
- (l) The Zonal Publicity Secretary;
- (m) The Zonal Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner;
- (n) The Zonal Women Leader
- (o) The Zonal Youth Leader;
- (p) The Zonal Organizing Secretary
- (q) The Zonal Auditor; and
- (r) The Zonal Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs
- (r) One ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

FUNCTIONS

66. The functions of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be to:

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

MEETINGS

67(1) The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet not less than once in every quarter at the instance of the National Vice Chairman/Zonal Chairman provided that two-third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra-ordinary meeting.

(2) The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

ZONAL CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

68. There shall be a Zonal Congress to consist of the following members from all the states in the Zone-

- (a) All members of the Zonal Working Committee,
- (b) The Zonal Executive Committee,
- (c) The States Executive Committee,
- (d) All former members of the Zonal Working Committee who are still members of the Party, and
- (e) All delegates to the National Convention from all the States in the zone.

FUNCTIONS

69. The functions of the Zonal Congress shall be to-

- (a) Undertake oversight of the implementation of programmes and projects by the states in the zone
- (b) Elect officers of the Zonal Working Committee;
- (c) Receive the reports of officers of the party in the zone; and
- (d) Receive the Zonal Auditor's report

MEETINGS

70(1) The Zonal Congress shall meet every two years at the instance of the National Vice Chairperson from the Zone.

(2) An extra-ordinary meeting of the Zonal Congress shall be held if requested for, by at least two-third of the members of the State Executive Committees.

(3) The quorum of the Zonal Congress Meeting shall be twothird of the members of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

PART VIII

NATIONAL LEVEL

NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

71.(1) There shall be a National Working Committee of the party which shall consist of: (a) The National Chairperson

- (b) Two Deputy National Chairpersons
- (c) The National Secretary
- (d) The Deputy National Secretary
- (e) The National Treasurer
- (f) The National Financial Secretary
- (g) The National Organizing Secretary
- (h) The National Publicity Secretary
- (i) The National Auditor
- (j) The National Legal Adviser
- (k) The National Woman Leader
- (l) The National Youth Leader
- (m) The National Leader of persons with special needs
- (n) National Vice Chairpersons of the 6 geopolitical zones

(2) The National Working Committee shall-

- (a) Be responsible for the day to day administration of the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee; and
- (b) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

MEETINGS

72(1) The National Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight at the instance of the Chairperson, the two deputy chairperson or two-third of the members of the National Working Committee.

(2) The quorum of the National Working Committee be two third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the Zones in the country and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

NATIONAL CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- (a) The National Chairperson, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party;
- (c) The Senate President and Deputy Senate President, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the Senate, who are members of the Party;
- (d) The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the party in the House of Representatives, who are members of the party;
- (e) Governors who are members of the Party;
- (f) The Chairperson and Secretary of the Board of Trustees and one member drawn from each of the six geopolitical zones;
- (g) The Deputy National Chairpersons;
- (h) The National Secretary of the Party, who shall be the Secretary of the National Caucus;
- (i) The National Publicity Secretary, National Legal Adviser and National Treasurer;
- (j) The National Auditor, National Organising Secretary and National Financial Secretary
- (k) The National Woman Leader and the National Youth Leader;
- (l) The National Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs
- (m) The National Vice Chairpersons for each geopolitical zone.
- (n) Three Federal Ministers, who are members of the Party, nominated by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, one of whom shall be the Attorney General of the Federation, and
- (o) The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, if a member of the Party.

FUNCTIONS

74. The National Caucus shall-

- (a) Harmonize the relationship between the Executive and legislative arms of government and coordinate their activities and those of the party; and
- (b) Consider, review and advise on policies and programmes of government.

MEETINGS

75(1) The National Chairman shall, in consultation with the Chairman Board of Trustees at least once in a quarter shall summon the meeting of the National Caucus, to consider important issues affecting the party and the nation. If however the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a member of the Party, the Chairman shall liaise with his office.

- (2) An extra-ordinary meeting of the National Caucus shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Caucus and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
- (3) The quorum of the National Caucus shall be two-third of its membership.
- (4) The meeting of the National Caucus shall except in exceptional circumstances approved by the National Working Committee hold at the National Secretariat of the Party.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

76. There shall be a National Executive Committee of the Party which shall consist of:

- (a) The National Chairman, who shall be the chairman;
- (b) The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party;
- (c) Chairman and Secretary, Board of Trustees;
- (d) All other members of Board of Trustees
- (e) The President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Senate Leader and Deputy Senate Leader, Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip, two Senators from each of the geo-political zones who are members of the party;
- (f) The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the House of Representatives, three members from the House of Representatives from each geo-political zone, who are members of the party;
- (g) All current and former State Governors, who are members of the party;
- (h) The Deputy National Chairpersons;
- (i) The National Secretary and the Deputy National Secretary;
- (j) The Six National Vice Chairpersons;
- (k) The National Treasurer and the Deputy National Treasurer;
- (l) The National Financial Secretary and the Deputy National Financial Secretary;
- (m) The National Organizing Secretary and the Deputy National Organizing Secretary;
- (n) The National Publicity Secretary and the Deputy National Publicity Secretary.

- (o) The National Legal Adviser and the Deputy National Legal Adviser.
- (p) The National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor.
- (q) The National Woman Leader and the Deputy National Woman Leader.
- (r) The National Youth Leader and the Deputy National Youth Leader
- (s) The National Leader, Persons Living with special needs
- (t) All the State Chairmen and Federal Capital Territory Chapter Chairman.
- (u) Six ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be women, elected from each of the six geo-political zones; and
- (v) All former members of the National Working Committee and Board of Trustees who are still members of the Party.

FUNCTIONS

77. The National Executive Committee shall:

- (a) Convene the National Convention and appoint a Convention Organizing Committee which shall circulate Convention information in advance and ensure that the concerns of the membership are reflected on the Agenda.
- (b) Carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention.
- (c) Supervise and direct the work of the party and all its organs including the National, Zonal, State and Local Government organs.
- (d) Ensure that all the organs of the party function democratically and effectively.
- (e) Appoint Caretaker Committee where necessary, for any state, following the dissolution of state executive committee in accordance with this constitution provided;
 - (1) that the period from the dissolution to the election of a new executive committee shall not exceed three months from the date of such appointment;
 - (2) The Caretaker Committee so appointed shall comprise a Chairman and a Secretary and shall reflect the geographical spread and Senatorial District of that State. Such appointees shall be drawn from the parts of the state which produce members of the dissolved state executive committee;
 - (3) Appointees who shall be indigene of that state shall reflect the gender involvement provided for in this constitution;
- (f) Prepare reports and budgets for approval by the National Convention.
- (g) Initiate policies and programmes for approval by the National Convention.
- (h) Consider appeals and other matters referred to it by the zones or states of the Federation.
- (i) Make rules for party discipline which shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.
- (j) Subject to the provisions of this constitution, make party electoral regulations to govern the conduct of elections to all party offices at every level and regulate procedure for selecting the party candidates for elective offices;

- (j) Ratify the conditions of service of the employees of the party in accordance with the Establishment Manual.
- (l) Make standing orders for approval by the National Convention.
- (m) Deal with any other matters referred to it by the National Convention or the Board of Trustees;
- (n) Establish departments and set up ad-hoc or standing committees of the party.
- (o) Manage and control all the assets and property of the party wherever they may be.
- (p) Examine the actions, policies, programmes and legislations proposed by the federal or state governments produced by the party and take measures to ensure that they are in accordance with the principles, policies, programmes, objectives and manifesto of the party and make necessary recommendations or take any appropriate actions;
- (q) Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
- (r) Approve the minimum rates of annual subscription and other levies payable by members of the party; and
- (s) Confer such honours as may aid the realization of the objectives of the party.
- (t) The decision of the National Executive Committee shall be binding on all organs and members of the party.

MEETINGS

78(1) The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Party Chairman or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least seven days prior to the meeting; and an emergency meeting be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.

(2) The quorum of the National Executive committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the zones in the Federation, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

79. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party (BOT) which shall consist of-

- (a) All past and serving Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who held or hold the respective posts as members of the party and who are still members of the party;
- (b) All Past and serving National Chairpersons, Deputy National Chairpersons and National Secretaries of the Party, who are still members of the party;
- (c) All past and serving Presidents of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives who are still members of the party;
- (d) All founding NWC members, founding Deputy National Officers of the party and founding State Chairmen as defined in this Constitution;
- (e) Three women selected from each of the six geo-political zones;

(f) Person(s) not exceeding six, who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party and found suitable by the Board, provided that membership of the Board of Trustees shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria

ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

80. The Board of Trustees shall:

- (a) Elect a Chairperson and a Secretary from its members who shall also be members of the National Executive Committee;
- (b) The Chairperson, Secretary and members of the Board of Trustees shall hold office for a non-renewable period of five years from which the office shall devolve to another geopolitical zone of the country provided that the chairman shall not come from the same zone where the president and National Chairperson of the Party comes from.
- (c) In the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in the Board, it shall be filled by the National Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the State Executive Committee from state where such a vacancy has occurred to the National Working Committee which shall ratify same and present to the National Executive Committee for approval.
- (d) Without prejudice to the provision of this Constitution, ensure that the person to be elected Chairperson and Secretary respectively is of proven integrity and have contributed immensely to the growth of the Party.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

81(1) A person shall qualify for membership into the Board of Trustees if he or she-

- (a) Is a registered card carrying member of the Party for not less than five (5) years consecutively;
- (b) Has been paying his annual subscription fees as when due;
- (c) Has attained the age of fifty years; and
- (d) Is a person of integrity

FUNCTIONS

82(1) The Board of Trustees shall subject to the provision of this constitution-,

- (a) Ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officer of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms;
- (b) Ensure high morale of members of the party and that the party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and is in good political health;
- (c) Harmonize, co-ordinate, review and advice on policies, programmes and activities of the party at the national level;
- (d) Co-ordinate the sourcing of party funds;
- (e) Be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets;

- (f) Participate in the mediation of disputes within the Party Executive, including the Legislative arms of Government;
 - (g) Offer advice on party matters to the National Executive Committee of the party;
 - (h) Promote reconciliation and facilitate the settlement of disputes in an amicable manner among members of the party
 - (i) Ensure that peace and tranquillity prevail in the Party and when necessary intervene to restore peace
 - (j) Attend any meetings of any other organs of the party, except the National Caucus and the National Working Committee;
 - (k) In the event of leadership crisis at the national level, the Board of Trustees shall assume responsibility for the running of the affairs of the Party for a period not exceeding Six(6) months within which an elected National leadership shall be put in office,
 - (l) Convene the National Convention of the Party with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of its members where there is a situation that prevents the National Executive from functioning;
 - (m) Undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.
- (2) The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceedings and shall draw up a code of conduct for its members.

REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

83(1) A member of the Board of Trustees shall-

- (a) Be removed from office by a resolution of the National Convention on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity or misconduct; or
 - (b) If he/she resigns his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairperson of the party.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, a member of the Board of Trustees shall lose his membership of the Board if-
- i. He/she is expelled from the party; or
 - ii. He/she is removed from the office which made him or her an automatic member of the BOT under this Constitution.
- (3) Fresh selection shall be made to fill any vacancies in the Board of Trustees where applicable.

MEETINGS

84. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least twice a year, and the secretary of the BOT shall call for the meeting in consultation with the Chairperson.

- (1) Extra-ordinary meetings of the BOT shall be convened at the request of half of the members of the Board or following a resolution of the Board or the National Executive Committee requesting for such a meeting.

(2) The quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be two-third of its members drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Federation. A simple majority shall pass any resolution.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

85. There shall be a National Convention of the party which shall consist of-

(a) i. The National Chairperson of the party, shall be the Chairman of the National Convention and other members of the National Executive Committee.

ii. However in a Convention in which a sitting National Chairperson or any member of the National Working Committee is seeking re-election, the Convention shall be Chaired by an eminent member appointed by National Executive Committee.

(b) The serving and former President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party;

(c) Current and former members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party;

(d) Current and former State Governors and Deputy Governors, who are members of the party;

(e) All Gubernatorial candidates of the party; who shall be automatic delegates to the convention;

(f) Members of the State Houses of Assembly, who shall be automatic delegates to the Convention;

(g) The members of the Board of Trustees

(h) Zonal Working Committee and State Party Chairmen, Secretaries, including those of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

(i) Party chairmen of the Local Government Areas;

(j) Three National delegates from each Local Government Area to be elected at the Local Government Area congress for the purpose; which shall include a woman and a youth not older than 40 years;

(k) All elected Local Government Council Chairmen, who are members of the party;

(l) Former members of the National Working Committee who are still members of the Party; and

(m) Former Senate Presidents and Deputy Presidents, former Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives and other Principals Officers of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party.

FUNCTIONS

86(a) The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the party within the limits prescribed in this Constitution and it shall be the principal representative, policy making and administering body of the party.

(b) Any policy(s) of the party derived from the resolutions of the National Convention shall ONLY be amended or revoked by a subsequent resolution of the National Convention duly convene for that purpose.

- (c) The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to:
- (1) Formulate policies and programmes for the party;
 - (2) elect or remove the National Officers of the Party;
 - (3) elect the Presidential candidate of the Party;
- (d) Demand and receive reports from the National Executive committee and from any other committees or organs of the party and take appropriate action on such reports;
- (e) Appoint such committees, as it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit including but not limited to constituting a National Caretaker Committee for a period not exceeding six (6) months before a National Convention to elect National Officers is conducted in all the Wards of the State in the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory;
- (f) Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether federal, state or local government council and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programmes of the party;
- (g) At all elections, secure the return of as many party candidates as possible in a manner consistent with the laws of the land;
- (h) Consider reports from the states and local government branches of the party and take such decisions and actions as may be necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the party;
- (i) Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party;
- (j) Exercise control and take disciplinary action against all officers and members of the party;
- (k) Determine the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee;
- (l) Review and amend the constitution of the party, from time to time, as the need arises and the power of the National Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution shall not be delegated;
- (m) Delegate any of its powers, except the power to amend the Constitution, to the National Executive Committee or to any other organ of the party;
- (n) Take such other actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party;
- (o) Appoint external Auditors to audit the party's accounts;
- (p) Determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the National Secretariat of the party;
- (q) Review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any of the constituent bodies, units or officials of the party; and
- (r) Exercise such other powers and authority not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution as shall aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party.

MEETINGS

87(1) The quorum of the National convention shall be two-third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any resolution.

(2) The National Convention shall meet every four years and shall alternate with the National Party Conference which shall hold biennially;

(3) A non-voting National Convention of the party otherwise known as National Conference shall hold biennially (every two years) for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the party in governance at all levels;

(4) The National Convention shall determine its own procedure in accordance with democratic principles;

(5) A Special National Convention may be convened at any time at the instance of the National Executive Committee or if requested for by two-third of all State Congresses and the Special National Convention shall meet to discuss only special matters which shall be specified in the notice summoning the Convention.

88. Voting on key issues at the National Convention shall be by secret ballot.

89. The National Convention shall hold on the last Saturday of the month of July every four (4) years. The venue of the Party Convention shall be rotated amongst the six (6) geopolitical zones provided that the first Convention shall hold in Abuja.

(b) The National Conference shall hold on the last Saturday in May every two (2) years. The venue of such National Conference shall be held in rotational order in any of the six (6) geopolitical zones provided that the first Convention shall hold in Abuja.

CHAPTER V

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

90.1 There shall be National Officers of the Party who shall be persons of integrity and proven competence.

90.2 The National Officers shall perform their functions under the general direction of the National Chairman and subject to the oversight of the National Executive Committee.

90.3 Officers with financial, audit, legal, and primary election functions shall exercise such functions independently but shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman, and shall take functional instructions only from the National Executive Committee.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

91. There shall be a National Chairperson who shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the Party.

91.2 The National Chairperson shall:

(a) Preside over meetings of the National Working Committee, National Caucus, National Executive Committee, National Conference, and National Convention as duly convened by the National

Executive Committee, except at a National Convention in which the Chairperson is a candidate for re-election;

(b) Provide firm and effective leadership and direct the activities of the Party under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee;

(c) Promote and defend the integrity, policies, and programmes of the Party, and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee outlining the policies, programmes, and activities of the Party;

(d) Assign specific functions to any member or officer of the Party;

(e) Delegate powers to the Deputy National Chairperson;

(f) Cast a vote if and when necessary;

(g) Prepare and present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement on the state of the Party and the political situation generally;

(h) Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things as shall promote the growth and welfare of the Party;

(i) Receive and review quarterly state-of-the-Party reports from the State branches of the Party;

(j) Prepare and defend the annual budget of the Party before the National Executive Committee. No funds shall be appropriated before the approval of the budget by the National Executive Committee.

91.3 In emergencies where neither the National Executive Committee nor the National Working Committee can convene, the National Chairman may take interim action to protect the Party's interest. Such action shall be reported to the National Working Committee for ratification within 14 days of the action. If the National Working Committee fails to convene or ratify within that period, the action shall be reported to the National Executive Committee for ratification at its next convened meeting.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRPERSONS

92.1 There shall be two Deputy National Chairpersons, one from the North and one from the South.

92.2 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of National Chairperson, the Deputy from the same zone shall act for a period not exceeding one year, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee.

92.3 The Deputy National Chairpersons shall assist the National Chairman, deputize in absence, and perform functions assigned by the National Chairman.

92.4 The Deputy National Chairpersons shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

93.1 There shall be a National Secretary who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Party.

93.2 The National Secretary shall function under the direction of the National Chairman and shall:

(a) Supervise the day-to-day administration and operations of the Party Secretariat;

(b) Conduct all official correspondence of the Party, or direct such correspondence, and issue notices for meetings of the National Convention, National Conference, National Executive Committee, National Caucus, and National Working Committee;

(c) Keep and maintain records of proceedings of the National Convention, National Conference, National Executive Committee, National Caucus, and National Working Committee, and ensure the safe custody of all other official records of the Party;

(d) Prepare and submit a written annual report on the activities of the Party to the National Executive Committee and the National Convention;

(e) Ensure the implementation of decisions and directives of the National Convention, National Conference, National Executive Committee, National Caucus, and National Working Committee, and monitor compliance by all Party organs and structures;

(f) Perform any other functions assigned by the National Convention, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee, or the National Chairman.

93.3 The National Secretary shall be the custodian of the common seal of the Party.

93.4 The National Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY

94.1 There shall be a Deputy National Secretary.

94.2 The Deputy National Secretary shall assist the National Secretary and deputize for the National Secretary in absence or whenever so directed.

94.3 The Deputy National Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Secretary.

THE NATIONAL TREASURER

95.1 There shall be a National Treasurer.

95.2 The National Treasurer shall:

(a) Receive and pay all Party monies into approved accounts within 48 hours of receipt;

(b) Keep proper financial records and ensure prudent management of Party funds;

(c) Prepare monthly financial statements for the National Chairman and National Working Committee;

(d) Prepare quarterly accounts and the annual budget for consideration by the National Executive Committee.

95.3 The National Treasurer shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

95.4 The National Treasurer shall function independently and shall take instructions on financial management and disbursement only from the National Executive Committee

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER

96.1 There shall be a Deputy National Treasurer.

96.2 The Deputy National Treasurer shall assist the National Treasurer and deputize for the National Treasurer in absence or whenever directed.

96.3 The Deputy National Treasurer shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

97.1 There shall be a National Financial Secretary.

97.2 The National Financial Secretary shall:

- (a) Keep records of all dues, levies, subscriptions, donations, and other income;
- (b) Propose fundraising measures for consideration by the National Executive Committee through the National Working Committee and National Chairman;
- (c) Supervise budgeting and financial reporting processes;
- (d) Maintain internal controls for the protection of Party assets.

97.3 The National Financial Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

97.4 The National Financial Secretary shall function independently and shall take instructions on financial policy only from the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

98.1 There shall be a Deputy National Financial Secretary.

98.2 The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall assist the National Financial Secretary and deputize for the National Financial Secretary in absence or whenever directed.

98.3 The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Financial Secretary.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

99.1 There shall be a National Organizing Secretary.

99.2 The National Organizing Secretary shall:

- (a) Mobilize members and coordinate recruitment drives nationwide;
- (b) Organize field activities, campaigns, rallies, and Party events;
- (c) Harmonize information from Zonal and State chapters for electoral planning;
- (d) Liaise with the National Woman Leader, Youth Leader, and Leader of Persons with Special Needs on mobilization;
- (e) Maintain the Party's membership database and structure.

99.3 The National Organizing Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

99.4 The National Organizing Secretary shall carry out functions under the direction of the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

100.1 There shall be a Deputy National Organizing Secretary.

100.2 The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall assist the National Organizing Secretary and deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in absence.

100.3 The Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Organizing Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

101.1 There shall be a National Publicity Secretary.

101.2 The National Publicity Secretary shall:

- (a) Coordinate information and public relations for the Party;
- (b) Publicize Party policies, programmes, resolutions, and positions;
- (c) Manage Party communication channels and media relations;
- (d) Counter negative publicity and manage crisis communication.

101.3 The National Publicity Secretary shall issue statements, press releases, and official communications on behalf of the Party only in accordance with this Article.

101.4 Routine communications: Statements reflecting existing Party policy, resolutions of the National Executive Committee, National Working Committee, and factual updates may be issued directly by the National Publicity Secretary. A copy of such communication shall be transmitted to the National Chairman and National Secretary within 2 hours of release.

101.5 Sensitive communications: Statements involving any of the following shall require prior written clearance from the National Chairman:

- (a) Policy positions not previously approved by the National Executive Committee;
- (b) Matters involving litigation or potential litigation involving the Party;
- (c) Allegations against persons, institutions, or other political parties;
- (d) Matters likely to affect the electoral interests of the Party.

Where the National Chairman is unavailable and delay would prejudice the Party's interest, the National Publicity Secretary may issue the statement in consultation with the National Secretary and the National Legal Adviser, and shall report to the National Chairman and the National Working Committee within 24 hours.

101.6 The National Publicity Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

101.7 The National Publicity Secretary shall carry out functions under the direction of the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY.

102.1 There shall be a Deputy National Publicity Secretary.

102.2 The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall assist the National Publicity Secretary and deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in absence.

102.3 The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Publicity Secretary.

THE NATIONAL AUDITOR

103.1 There shall be a National Auditor.

103.2 The National Auditor shall:

(a) Audit Party accounts annually and present the report to the National Working Committee and National Executive Committee;

(b) Present audited accounts to the National Convention;

(c) Receive and review audited accounts from Zonal and State chapters;

(d) Conduct periodic audit of registered members.

(e) Carry out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

103.3 The National Auditor shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

103.4 The National Auditor shall function independently and shall report audit findings directly to the National Executive Committee

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL AUDITOR

104.1 There shall be a Deputy National Auditor.

104.2 The Deputy National Auditor shall assist the National Auditor and deputize for the National Auditor in absence.

104.3 The Deputy National Auditor shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Auditor.

THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

105.1 There shall be a National Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post-call to the Nigerian Bar.

105.2 The National Legal Adviser shall:

(a) Advise the Party, its organs, officers, and members on all legal and constitutional matters;

(b) Interpret this Constitution and regulations where ambiguity arises;

(c) Conduct, coordinate, and supervise all litigation involving the Party as directed by the National Executive Committee;

(d) Submit quarterly legal reports to the National Working Committee and National Executive Committee.

105.3 The National Legal Adviser shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

105.4 No external legal counsel shall be engaged, and no suit, petition, or legal action shall be instituted, defended, or withdrawn in the name of the Party except with the prior written approval of the National Executive Committee.

105.5 In emergencies where the National Executive Committee cannot convene, the National Chairman may, in consultation with the National Legal Adviser, take interim legal steps to protect the Party's interest. Such action shall be reported to the National Working Committee for ratification within 14 days. If the National Working Committee fails to convene or ratify within that period, the action shall be reported to the National Executive Committee for ratification at its next convened meeting.

105.6 The National Legal Adviser shall provide independent legal advice and shall take instructions on litigation only from the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

106.1 There shall be a Deputy National Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 5 years post-call to the Nigerian Bar.

106.2 The Deputy National Legal Adviser shall assist the National Legal Adviser and deputize for the National Legal Adviser in absence.

106.3 The Deputy National Legal Adviser shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Legal Adviser.

THE NATIONAL WOMAN LEADER

107.1 There shall be a National Woman Leader.

107.2 The National Woman Leader shall:

- (a) Mobilize women members and coordinate women's structures nationwide;
- (b) Initiate and implement programmes for the advancement of women in the Party;
- (c) Coordinate Zonal and State Woman Leaders.

107.3 The National Woman Leader shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

107.4 The National Woman Leader shall carry out functions under the direction of the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee.

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMAN LEADER

108.1 There shall be a Deputy National Woman Leader.

108.2 The Deputy National Woman Leader shall assist the National Woman Leader and deputize for the National Woman Leader in absence.

108.3 The Deputy National Woman Leader shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Woman Leader.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER.

109.1 There shall be a National Youth Leader.

109.2 The National Youth Leader shall:

- (a) Mobilize youth members and coordinate youth structures nationwide;
- (b) Initiate and implement programmes for the advancement of youth in the Party;
- (c) Coordinate Zonal and State Youth Leaders.

109.3 The National Youth Leader shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

109.4 The National Youth Leader shall carry out functions under the direction of the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee..

THE DEPUTY NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER

110.1 There shall be a Deputy National Youth Leader.

110.2 The Deputy National Youth Leader shall assist the National Youth Leader and deputize for the National Youth Leader in absence.

110.3 The Deputy National Youth Leader shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman through the National Youth Leader.

THE NATIONAL LEADER PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

111.1 There shall be a National Leader, Persons with Special Needs.

111.2 The National Leader, Persons with Special Needs shall:

- (a) Mobilize persons with special needs and coordinate their structures nationwide;
- (b) Initiate and implement programmes for the inclusion of persons with special needs in the Party;
- (c) Coordinate Zonal and State Leaders of Persons with Special Needs.

111.3 The National Leader, Persons with Special Needs shall report administratively to the National Working Committee and the National Chairman.

111.4 The National Leader, Persons with Special Needs shall carry out functions under the direction of the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee.

CDA WOMEN'S LEAGUE

112(1) Status and Purpose:

- (a) There shall be a support structure of the Party known as the CDA Women's League for the purpose of mobilizing and coordinating women members of the Party.
- (b) The CDA Women's League shall operate at the national level only and shall function under the supervision and policy direction of the National Working Committee.

112(2) Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the CDA Women's League shall be:

- (a) To mobilize, organize and unite Nigerian women to participate fully in the activities of the Party;
- (b) To promote the objectives, policies and programmes of the Party among women;
- (c) To promote women's participation in every sector of public life;
- (d) To combat discrimination and advance gender equality within the Party and society;
- (e) To campaign against all forms of violence against women and vulnerable groups;
- (f) To cooperate with democratic organizations for the promotion of peace and development.

113(1). THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF CDA WOMEN LEAGUE:

(a) Constitution:

(i) The Management Committee shall consist of;

1. National Woman Leader – Chairperson
2. Deputy National Woman Leader – Deputy Chairperson
3. Zonal Woman Leaders;
4. State and FCT Woman Leaders; and
5. Two members from each of the zones to be by the National Working Committee.

(ii) The nominated members shall serve a three-year term, renewable at the pleasure of the National Working Committee.

(b) The tenure of the Management Committee shall be 3 years. Members shall hold office at the pleasure of the National Working Committee and may be reappointed.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall report to the National Working Committee.

113(2) Officers and Duties

The Management Committee shall have the following officers:

(a) National Woman Leader / Chairperson

(i) Preside over all meetings of the Management Committee;

(ii) Supervise the implementation of decisions of the Management Committee and the National Working Committee;

(iii) Coordinate the activities of the League nationwide;

(iv) Represent the League in dealings with the National Working Committee.

(b) Deputy National Woman Leader

(i) Assist the National Woman Leader in the performance of her duties;

(ii) Act for the National Woman Leader in her absence.

(c) Secretary

(i) Issue notices of meetings and keep minutes;

- (ii) Maintain records and correspondence of the League;
- (iii) Prepare reports for submission to the National Working Committee.

(d) Treasurer

- (i) Receive and account for all funds of the League;
- (ii) Maintain proper books of account;
- (iii) Prepare monthly financial reports for the National Working Committee;
- (iv) Not be a signatory to the League's bank account.

(e) Publicity Secretary

- (i) Manage public communication and media engagement for the League;
- (ii) Disseminate information on the activities and programmes of the League;
- (iii) Ensure that all public statements align with Party policy.

(f) Mobilization Secretary

- (i) Coordinate membership mobilization and sensitization programmes;
- (ii) Liaise with State and Zonal Woman Leaders on grassroots mobilization.

113(3) Finance

- (a) The CDA Women's League shall operate a bank account at the Federal Capital Territory.
- (b) The signatories to the account shall be the National Chairman and the National Woman Leader.
- (c) All funds and expenditures shall be subject to the oversight and audit of the National Working Committee.

113(4) Limitations

The CDA Women's League shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

CDA YOUTH LEAGUE

114(1) Status and Purpose

- (a) There shall be a support structure of the Party known as the CDA Youth League for the purpose of mobilizing and coordinating youth members of the Party.
- (b) The CDA Youth League shall operate at the national level only and shall function under the supervision and policy direction of the National Working Committee.

114(2) Aims and Objectives

- (a) To arouse and encourage national consciousness and unity among Nigerian youth in the Party;
- (b) To support and reinforce the Party's image and ensure youth inclusiveness;

- (c) To study political, economic and social problems of Nigeria, Africa and the world;
- (d) To advance the educational, moral and cultural development of Nigerian youth..

115. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF CDA YOUTH LEAGUE:

- (a) Constitution:

The Management Committee shall consist of;

1. National Youth Leader – Chairperson
2. Deputy National Youth Leader – Deputy Chairperson
3. Zonal Youth Leaders;
4. State and FCT Youth Leaders; and
5. Two members from each of the zones to be appointed by the National Working Committee.

- (b) Members of the Management Committee shall be under 40 years of age at the time of appointment.

- (c) The tenure of the Management Committee shall be 3 years. Members shall hold office at the pleasure of the National Working Committee and may be reappointed.

- (d) The Management Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall report to the National Working Committee.

116(1) Officers and Duties

The Management Committee shall have the following officers:

- (a) National Youth Leader / Chairperson

- (i) Preside over all meetings of the Management Committee;
- (ii) Supervise the implementation of decisions of the Management Committee and the National Working Committee;
- (iii) Coordinate the activities of the League nationwide;
- (iv) Represent the League in dealings with the National Working Committee.

- (b) Deputy National Youth Leader

- (i) Assist the National Youth Leader in the performance of his/her duties;
- (ii) Act for the National Youth Leader in his/her absence.

- (c) Secretary

- (i) Issue notices of meetings and keep minutes;
- (ii) Maintain records and correspondence of the League;
- (iii) Prepare reports for submission to the National Working Committee.

- (d) Assistant Secretary

- (i) Assist the Secretary and act in his/her absence.

- (e) Treasurer

- (i) Receive and account for all funds of the League;
- (ii) Maintain proper books of account;
- (iii) Prepare monthly financial reports for the National Working Committee;
- (iv) Not be a signatory to the League's bank account.

(f) Publicity Secretary

- (i) Manage public communication and media engagement for the League;
- (ii) Disseminate information on the activities and programmes of the League;
- (iii) Ensure that all public statements align with Party policy.

(g) Mobilization Secretary

- (i) Coordinate youth mobilization and sensitization programmes;
- (ii) Liaise with State and Zonal Youth Leaders on grassroots mobilization.

116(2) Finance

- (a) The CDA Youth League shall operate a bank account in the Federal Capital Territory.
- (b) The signatories to the account shall be the National Chairman and the National Youth Leader.
- (c) All funds and expenditures shall be subject to the oversight and audit of the National Working Committee.

116(3) Limitations

The CDA Youth League shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

116(4) Finance

- (a) The CDA Youth League shall operate a bank account in the Federal Capital Territory.
- (b) The signatories to the account shall be the National Chairman and the National Youth Leader.
- (c) The Treasurer shall not be a signatory but shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the account and shall render monthly financial reports to the National Working Committee.
- (d) All funds and expenditures shall be subject to the oversight and audit of the National Working Committee.

116(5) Limitations

The CDA Youth League shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

CDA PERSONS LIVING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS COUNCIL

117(1) Status and Purpose

(a) There shall be a support structure of the Party known as the CDA Persons Living With Special Needs Council for the purpose of mobilizing and coordinating members of the Party who are persons living with special needs.

(b) The Council shall operate at the national level only and shall function under the supervision and policy direction of the National Working Committee.

PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES

117(2). The aims and the objectives of the CDA PLWSN Council shall be:

- i. To mobilise, organise and unite Nigerian people living with special needs to fully participate in the activities of the party
- ii. To spearhead the objectives, policies and programmes of the CDA PLWSNC and the CDA amongst Persons Living With Special Needs in particular, and society in general;
- iii. To spearhead the emancipation of persons living with special needs within the CDA and its structures and at all levels of government and Nigerian Society as a whole;
- iv. To promote the all-round development of persons living with special needs and help in building their own confidence and to interpret their needs nationally;
- v. To promote among and through persons living with special needs, national consciousness, patriotism, unity and a sense of accountability at all levels
- vi. To promote persons living with special needs' participation in every sector of public life and to strive for persons living with special needs participation in every office;
- vii. To combat discrimination in public and in private life and institutions and to work actively towards the dismantling of the unfavorable system, the elimination of laws, customs, practices and structures which militate against inclusiveness;
- viii. To campaign for an end to all forms of violence against vulnerable groups;
- ix. To co-operate with democratic organisations for the promotion of peace and development locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; and
- x. To campaign for a culture and recognition of persons living with special needs rights as human rights.

117(3) Executive Committee

(a) The Council shall have an Executive Committee consisting of:

- (i) National Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs – Chairperson;
- (ii) Zonal Leaders, Persons Living With Special Needs;
- (iii) State and FCT Leaders, Persons Living With Special Needs;
- (iv) Two members from each of the zones to be appointed by the National Working Committee.

(b) The tenure of the Executive Committee shall be 3 years. Members shall hold office at the pleasure of the National Working Committee and may be reappointed.

(c) The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall report to the National Working Committee.

117(4) Officers and Duties

The Executive Committee shall have the following officers:

(a) National Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs / Chairperson

(i) Preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee;

(ii) Supervise the implementation of decisions of the Committee and the National Working Committee;

(iii) Coordinate the activities of the Council nationwide.

(b) Secretary

(i) Issue notices of meetings and keep minutes;

(ii) Maintain records and correspondence of the Council;

(iii) Prepare reports for submission to the National Working Committee.

(c) Assistant Secretary

(i) Assist the Secretary and act in his/her absence.

(d) Treasurer

(i) Receive and account for all funds of the Council;

(ii) Maintain proper books of account;

(iii) Prepare monthly financial reports for the National Working Committee;

(iv) Not be a signatory to the Council's bank account.

(e) Publicity Secretary

(i) Manage public communication and media engagement for the Council;

(ii) Disseminate information on the activities and programmes of the Council.

(f) Mobilization Secretary

(i) Coordinate mobilization and sensitization programmes for persons living with special needs.

117(5) Powers

(a) The Executive Committee may appoint or remove officials other than the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the National Working Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

117(6) Finance

(a) The Council shall operate a bank account in the Federal Capital Territory.

(b) The signatories to the account shall be the National Chairman and the National Leader, Persons Living With Special Needs.

(c) The Treasurer shall not be a signatory but shall render monthly financial reports to the National Working Committee.

(d) All funds and expenditures shall be subject to the oversight and audit of the National Working Committee.

CDA DIASPORA LEAGUE (SUPPORT STRUCTURE)

118(1) Status and Purpose

a) There shall be a support structure of the Party known as the CDA Diaspora League for the purpose of mobilizing and coordinating members of the Party who reside outside Nigeria.

b) The CDA Diaspora League shall not be an organ of the Party. It shall operate as a support group under the supervision and policy direction of the National Working Committee.

c) Membership of the CDA Diaspora League shall be open only to duly registered members of the Party who reside outside Nigeria.

118(2) Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the CDA Diaspora League shall be:

- i. To mobilize, organize and unite Nigerians in the diaspora to participate in the activities and programs of the Party;
- ii. To promote the policies, objectives and programs of the Party among Nigerians in the diaspora;
- iii. To advocate for the inclusion and participation of Nigerians in the diaspora in governance and public life;
- iv. To promote national consciousness, patriotism, unity and accountability among Nigerians in the diaspora;
- v. To support the Party in fundraising, advocacy and diaspora engagement in line with the Electoral Act and INEC regulations;
- vi. To cooperate with democratic organizations for the promotion of peace, democracy and development.

118(3) Structure and Leadership

a) The CDA Diaspora League shall have a Diaspora Coordination Committee consisting of:

- i. A Diaspora Coordinator appointed by the National Working Committee;
- ii. A Deputy Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer appointed by the National Working Committee in consultation with the Diaspora Coordinator;
- iii. Country Coordinators for each country where the League has an active chapter, appointed by the National Working Committee.

b) The tenure of the Diaspora Coordination Committee shall be 3 years, renewable subject to the pleasure of the National Working Committee.

c) The Diaspora Coordination Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall report to the National Working Committee.

118(4) Country Chapters

a) The National Working Committee may approve the establishment of Country Chapters where there is a sufficient number of registered Party members.

b) Each Country Chapter shall be coordinated by a Country Coordinator appointed by the National Working Committee.

c) Country Chapters shall operate under the policy direction of the Diaspora Coordination Committee and shall submit quarterly reports to it.

118(5) Powers and Limitations

a) The CDA Diaspora League and its chapters shall have no power to discipline members, conduct primaries, nominate candidates, or make binding decisions for the Party.

b) All activities, fundraising and expenditures of the CDA Diaspora League shall be subject to the approval and oversight of the National Working Committee and must comply with the Electoral Act, Party Constitution and INEC guidelines.

c) Officials of the CDA Diaspora League shall not by virtue of their office be members of the National Executive Committee, National Working Committee, or any other organ of the Party.

118(6) Conferences and Meetings

a) The CDA Diaspora League may convene a Diaspora Conference every 4 years for consultation and planning purposes only.

b) Resolutions of the Diaspora Conference shall be recommendatory and shall take effect only upon approval by the National Working Committee.

- a) c) Participation in conferences and meetings shall be limited to duly registered members of the Party who have paid all prescribed dues.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

119(1) The CDA Council of Elders shall be open to all party members 70 years of age or older, who have actively participated in the democratic processes over an unbroken period of 10 years.

(2) Its objectives are to ensure that party is able to benefit from the wisdom and good counsel as they serve it through annual contributions and participate fully in all the activities of the party at the state level. They will also act as a council of the wise in the event of any political crisis which impacts on the state and advise the government in power (if formed by the party) of the need to seek peaceful management and reconciliation of such disputes and challenges.

(3) The Council of Elders shall function as an advisory autonomous body within the overall structure of the CDA in the state, of which it will be an integral part, with its own composition, rules and regulations, provided that these are not in conflict with the Constitution and policies of the CDA.

CHAPTER VI

REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND DEATH OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

120.(1) The National Officers may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(2) Whenever a notice of any allegation in writing, signed by not less than one third (1/3) of the members of the National Executive Committee:–

(a) Is presented to the National Executive Committee stating that the holder of the National Office is guilty of gross misconduct or any of the offences herein listed in (b) below, in the cause of the performance of the functions of his office, detailed particulars of which shall be specified.

(b) The other offences mentioned in (a) above include but not limited to:

- (i) Falsification of records
- (ii) Suppression of records
- (iii) Conviction on a criminal charge (other than a minor traffic or sanitary offence or the like)
- (iv) False claims against other Party officials
- (v) Bankruptcy/serious financial embarrassment
- (vi) Unauthorized disclosure of official information
- (vii) Bribery
- (viii) Corruption
- (ix) Embezzlement
- (x) Misappropriation
- (xi) Violation of oath of secrecy
- (xii) Action prejudicial to the security of the state
- (xiii) Advance fee fraud (Criminal code 419)
- (xiv) Nepotism or any other form of preferential treatment
- (xv) Divided loyalty
- (xvi) Sabotage
- (xvii) Wilful damage to party property
- (xviii) Sexual harassment of Party Members and Workers
- (xix) Any other act unbecoming of any member of the party hierarchy

(3) The NEC shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of the notice cause a copy thereof to be served on the holder of the office.

(4) The NEC shall also raise a seven (7) man panel which shall consist of people of proven integrity, one of which shall be a legal practitioner, who shall thoroughly investigate the allegation(s) and submit its report within twenty-one (21) days.

(5) Should the petition be against the National Chairman and was found guilty by the duly constituted NEC Panel, the NEC shall then under its powers suspend the National Chairman and convene an emergency special National Convention to ratify the removal of the National Chairman. A minimum of two thirds (2/3) voting members of the National Convention is required to ratify the removal of the National Chairman from office. In the event that the two third (2/3) voting members of the party at the National Convention is not met on the first ballot to remove the National Chairman, a second round of voting shall hold at the same venue to affirm whether or not a National Chairman should be removed. A simple majority of the members voting during the second ballot at the National Convention shall be adequate to remove the Chairman.

(6) In the case of the other National Officers of the Party, the National Executive Committee shall effect the appropriate recommended disciplinary action pending the National Convention.

121. The resignation or removal of National Officers shall be carried out;

(1) If a National Officer of the Party is removed or resigns from office, he shall immediately hand over to the National Secretary all records, files and other properties of the Party in his or her possession.

(2) In the case of the National Chairman, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Chairman from his region who shall, without prejudice to Section 123 (6) of this Constitution, act as the National Chairman pending the election of a replacement.

(3) In the case of National Secretary, he shall hand over to the Deputy National Secretary.

(4) This provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to other levels of the Party structure.

(5) Where a person duly elected as National Chairman, Deputy National Chairpersons, or any National Officer of the party dies or is unable to discharge his/her duties consecutively for six (6) months, the following provisions apply:

- i. The Deputy National Chairperson from the same region as the previous Chairperson shall automatically assume the position of Acting National Chairman. The Acting National Chairman shall discharge the functions of the office for the remainder of the term, not exceeding one calendar year, pending ratification by the National Executive Committee.
- ii. In the case of other National Officers, the Deputy Officer shall discharge the functions of the office for a period not exceeding six (6) months in acting capacity; and
 - a. The National Executive Committee of the party shall cause to be nominated a replacement based on the zoning principle of the party.

POWERS OF OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS

122.(1) Except where the provisions of this Constitution state otherwise, all other officers at the Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward levels shall, in relation to their respective functions, have the same powers as their corresponding National Officers.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, Executive Committee at all levels shall have power to set up standing committees where necessary, desirable or expedient and shall assign to them such powers and functions as may be deemed appropriate.

(3) The Executive Committee at all levels shall, in the appointment or election of members of the Executive Committees at respective levels of the Party, observe and apply the principle of Federal Character.

TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS

123(1) All National, Zonal, State, LGA and Ward Officers shall hold office for 4 years and shall be eligible for re-election.

(2) Election of National Officers shall be at the National Convention; election of officers at lower levels shall be at the respective congresses.

(3) Any officer may resign by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the Executive Committee at that level.

(4) An officer may contest any elective office in a general election, bye-election, or internal primary without being required to resign, vacate, or relinquish their party office.

(5) Where a vacancy occurs, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint a person from the area or zone of the vacating officer, pending an election to be held within 90 days. Such appointment shall be ratified by the next higher Executive Committee.

PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES

124. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, any member holding any office in the Party at any level shall be deemed to have resigned from that office upon assuming any full-time employment or appointment in the public service of the Federation, a State, or a Local Government Area.

CHAPTER VII

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

125. The Party shall nominate candidates based on competence, integrity, loyalty to the Party's vision and manifesto, electability, and commitment to justice, equity, fairness, inclusiveness, common good, accountability, and the rule of law. Zoning and rotation shall not override these criteria.

2. In selecting candidates, the Party shall prioritize:

(a) Alignment with the Party's Vision: Candidates must espouse and demonstrate commitment to the ideals, policies, and manifesto of the CDA.

(b) Competence and Capacity: Proven ability, experience, and track record relevant to the office sought.

(c) Inclusivity: Active promotion of participation of women, youths, and persons living with special needs in leadership.

(d) Character and Integrity: Personal and public conduct consistent with the Party's code of conduct.

(e) Electability: Capacity to mobilize support and win the election for the Party.

3. Unless otherwise provided for, all Party posts prescribed or implied by this Constitution shall be filled by democratically conducted elections at the respective National Convention or Congress subject, where possible, to consensus, Provided that where a Candidate has emerged by consensus for an elective position, a vote of "yes" or "no" by ballot or voice shall be called, to ensure that it was not an imposition which could breed discontent and crisis.

4. Mode of Primaries

- (a) In accordance with the Electoral Act 2026, the Party shall adopt only direct primaries or consensus for the nomination of all candidates for elective office.
- (b) The Party expresses a strong preference for consensus arrangements to reduce cost, division, and litigation.
- (c) Where consensus is adopted:
 - (i) All aspirants for the position must give written consent to the arrangement;
 - (ii) The consensus candidate shall be ratified by a “yes” or “no” vote by ballot or voice at the relevant Congress or Convention to confirm it is not an imposition.

(5) Nomination Process

- (a) Councillorship: Nomination shall be by direct primary conducted at the Ward level.
- (b) Chairman of Local Government/Area Council, State House of Assembly, House of Representatives, Senate, Governor, President: Nomination shall be by direct primary or consensus at the appropriate level as determined by the National Executive Committee.
- (c) Where no consensus is reached, a direct primary shall be conducted. All registered members in the constituency shall vote by open-secret ballot. The aspirant with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.

(6) Ratification of Consensus

Where a candidate emerges by consensus, a ratification vote of “yes” or “no” shall be conducted at the relevant Congress or Convention. If the majority votes “no”, the Party shall proceed to a direct primary.

(7) Qualifications

The qualification of any aspirant shall be in accordance with the Electoral Act 2026 and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended..

Procedure for Nomination of Candidates

126(1) Direct Primaries

- (a) Direct primaries shall be conducted at the Ward level for all elective positions.
- (b) Voting shall be by open-secret ballot. All registered members of the Party in the Ward/Constituency whose names appear in the Party’s digital register submitted to INEC shall be eligible to vote.
- (c) The National Working Committee shall appoint an Electoral Committee to supervise the primaries and declare the results.

126(2) Consensus Process

- (a) The National Working Committee, in consultation with relevant organs, may facilitate consensus among aspirants.
- (b) Consensus shall be documented in writing and signed by all aspirants concerned.

(c) The consensus candidate shall be presented to the relevant Congress or Convention for ratification as provided in Art 125(5).

126(3) Inclusive Representation

In all nominations and appointments, the Party shall ensure meaningful participation of:

- (i) Women;
- (ii) Youths;
- (iii) Persons living with special needs.

The National Executive Committee shall set minimum thresholds for representation of these groups in the Party's guidelines.

126(4) Oversight

(a) The National Working Committee shall oversee all nomination processes to ensure compliance with this Constitution, the Electoral Act 2026, and the Party's guidelines.

(b) Any dispute arising from primaries or consensus shall be resolved by the Party's Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism.

126(5) Submission to INEC

The National Chairman and National Secretary shall submit the list of candidates to INEC within the timelines prescribed by the Electoral Act 2026.

CHAPTER VIII

FUNDING

127. POWERS AND CONTROL OVER FUNDS

(1) All revenues or other money raised or received by the Party shall be paid into and form one Consolidated Revenue of the Party. These shall include but not limited to;

- (a) Membership dues, levies, subscription fees
- (b) Subventions and donations
- (c) Gifts and grants by individuals or groups as authorised by law
- (d) Proceeds from investments made by the Party
- (e) Loans approved by National Executive Committee
- (f) Such other monies as may be lawfully received by the Party

(2) No money shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Party except to meet expenditure that is charged upon the fund by this Constitution or where the issue of those moneys has been authorised by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

(3) No moneys shall be withdrawn from the Party's Consolidated Revenue Fund except in the manner prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

Expenditure of the Party

(4) The party may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the funds established pursuant to Section 127 (1) of this Constitution:-

- (a) to defray the cost administration of the party;
- (b) to reimburse members or members of any committee set up by the party for such expenses as may be expressly authorised by the party in accordance with the rate approved by it;
- (c) to the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances and pensions, superannuation allowance and gratuities payable to the officers and servants of the party;
- (d) to the maintenance of any property vested in the party;
- (e) to all or any of its functions under this Constitution.

Annual Estimates and Accounts of the Party

(5) The National Chairman of the Party shall cause to be prepared and laid before the National Executive Committee at any time in each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Party for the next following financial year.

(6) The heads of expenditure contained in the estimates shall be included in a proposal, to be known as CDA Appropriation Proposal, providing for the issue from the CDA Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure and appropriation of those sums for the purposes specified therein.

(7) If in respect of any financial year it is found that:

- (a) the amount appropriated for any purpose is insufficient, or
- (b) a need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated a Supplementary estimate showing the sums required shall be laid before the National Executive Committee and the heads of any such expenditure shall be included in a Supplementary Appropriation.

(8) The National Executive Committee (NEC) may make provisions for the establishment of a Contingencies Fund for the Party and for authorising the National Chairman of the Party, if satisfied that there has arisen an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure for which no other provision exists, to make advances from the Fund to meet the need.

(a) where any advance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section, a Supplementary Estimate shall be prescribed to NEC for the purpose of replacing the amount so advanced.

(9) For the purpose of strengthening the Party's finances, all elected and appointed Party members shall pay monthly into the party consolidated revenue fund not less than five (5%) of their annual basic salary.

(10) The various individuals and friends of the Party that enjoy patronage from the Party at National, State and Local Government levels shall be encouraged to make donations annually to the Party, and these must be consistent with any law in operation at the time of the donation.

(11) Monies generated from the sale of nomination forms shall form part of the Party's finances.

(12) The Party shall hold a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner at which friends and members of the Party will be charged, in a manner to be recommended by the National Finance Committee of the Party and approved by the National Working Committee, to raise fund for the Party.

ALLOCATIONS

128. The National Executive Committee of the party shall ensure that any amount standing to the Credit of the Party Revenue Fund shall be distributed among the National headquarters operation in Ward, Local Government Area, State, Zones and National level including a sinking fund for Elections and Election related legal processes. In the interim however, the following sharing formula shall apply:-

- (i) Wards.....15% of all contribution by members of that Ward
- (ii) Local Government Area....5% of all contribution by members of that Local Government Area
- (iii) Zones.....5% of all contribution by members of that Zone
- (iv) States.....15% of all contribution by members of that State
- (v) National Headquarters.....30%
- (vi) Election Processes.....30% shall be retained at the National Headquarters of the Party

NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE (NFC) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

129. There shall be established for the Party, a National Finance Committee (NFC) to consist of the following, that is:

- (a) A Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and high integrity;
- (b) Three (3) members drawn from each of the 36 states, one from Senatorial District, and the FCT;
- (c) The National Treasurer of the Party,
- (d) Financial Secretary of the Party,
- (e) National Auditor of the Party,
- (f) Three (3) Representatives of each House of the National Assembly, one of whom shall be a woman,
- (g) The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.
- (h) Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

FUNCTIONS

130. The National Finance Committee shall be responsible for-

- (a) Organizing a National Chairman's Annual Fund Raising Dinner, at which participants (i.e. friends and members of the Party) shall pay for the dinner according to the sitting arrangements,

among other criteria to be worked out by the Committee charged with the organization of such dinner.

- (b) Embarking on other fund raising activities and solicitations for party, provided that such activities and solicitations must be in conformity with the extant laws;
- (c) Ensuring the broadening and sustainability of the Party's revenue base, including, subject to the provisions of this constitution, investment of the party funds in to long term viable ventures such as government securities, blue-chip companies and real estates;
- (e) Advice the Party on ways and means of generating funds and investing these Funds for the Party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution; and
- (d) Establishing any business ventures that do not violate the provisions of any sections of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and this constitution.

Provided that there shall be a State Finance Committee, which shall be constituted along the lines of the National Finance Committee and to perform like functions

STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEES DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

131(1) Mobilisation and Biometric Registration of Members

The Mobilisation and Biometric Registration of CDA members shall be headed by a Chairman and shall comprise a minimum of seven (7) members including the National Organising Secretary and six other members to be nominated by the National Working Committee (NWC) and approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC) and shall provide a set of proven solutions to ensure correct registration of the Party members as well as smooth election of the primary elections of the Party.

(2) Electoral Committee

The Committees shall be headed by a Chairman and comprise of Seven (7) Members that shall be recommended by the National Working Committee (NWC) and ratified by the National Executive Committee (NEC)

- (a) The Committee shall be responsible for the screening of Party aspirants for nomination or election into the following offices,
 - i. National Officers of the Party
 - ii. President and Vice President
 - iii. Governors and Deputy Governors
 - iv. Members of the National and State Houses of Assembly
- (b) The list of candidates elected at the transparent Party Direct or Indirect Election for Officers mentioned above shall be forwarded after the disposal of any appeals to the Secretariat of the National Executive Committee (NEC) for ratification/confirmation as candidates for National/ General elections and elected officers of the Party, whichever is applicable.
- (c) Members of this Committee shall not be eligible to contest for any Political/ Electable positions in the same elections which they are serving as members.

(3) Communications Committee

There shall be established for the Party, a Communications Committee to consist of the following, that is:

- (a) A Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and high integrity;
- (b) Three (3) members drawn from each of the 36 states, one from Senatorial District, and the FCT;
- (c) The National Publicity Secretary of the Party,
- (d) Three (3) Representatives of each House of the National Assembly, one of whom shall be a woman,
- (e) The Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.
- (f) Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

The Committee shall advise the Party on effective communication strategies using all available media platforms and other related mass media platforms.

4. Legal Committee

There shall be established for the Party, a Legal Committee, to consist of the following all of whom shall be Legal practitioners, that is:

- (a) A Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and high integrity;
- (b) Three (3) members drawn from each of the 36 states, one from Senatorial District, and the FCT;
- (c) The National Legal Adviser of the Party,
- (d) Three (3) Representatives of each House of the National Assembly, one of whom shall be a woman,
- (e) The Deputy National Legal Adviser shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.
- (f) Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

The Committee shall advise the Party on effective Legal strategies and in all legal matters.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

132. An aspirant seeking nomination shall,

- a) Be in good financial standing with regards to the payments of membership dues and levies as and at when due on the date of filing nomination
- b) Satisfy the requirements for eligibility to contest elections under the Constitution of the Party and that of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Electoral Act and any other extant law or regulation

c) Become the candidate of the Party if he/she scores the highest number of valid votes cast in the election.

d) The National Executive Committee shall make Rules and Regulations for the nomination of Candidates through Primary Elections. All such Rules, Regulations and Guidelines shall prioritize competence, integrity, and alignment with the Party's vision, and shall ensure meaningful inclusion of women, youths, and persons living with special needs. Geographical considerations may be taken into account only where they do not override the criteria in Article 125(2).

BORROWING POWER

133.(1) The Party may, with the consent of or in accordance with any general authority given by the National Executive Committee, borrow, by way of loan or overdraft, from any source, any money required by the party to meet its obligations and functions under this Constitution within the ambit of the law.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this constitution and the conditions of any trust in respect of any property, the party may invest all or any of its funds with the consent or general authority of the National Executive Committee.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARTY FINANCES

134. For the purpose of ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of finances of the party,

a) The National Executive Committee shall design Standard Financial regulations to govern the management of party's finances at all levels.

b) At the National level, the National Chairman of the party in liaison with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senate Leader and House of Representatives Leader if members of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution with regards to payment of membership dues and levies.

c) At the State level, the State Chairman of the party in liaison with the Governor of the State, Leader of the State House of Assembly if a member of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as with regard to payment of membership dues and levies.

d) At the local government level, the Chairman of the party at the local government council area in liaison with the Leader of Local Government Legislative House shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution with regards to the payment of membership dues and levies.

BANK ACCOUNTS

135. The party shall:

(a) Maintain a Bank Account at the city or town where its headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilized.

(b) The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall decide the banks to be used in keeping the account.

(c) The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers, as the case may be;

- (d) The National Chairman or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels;
- (e) The National Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, local government and ward levels;
- (f) The National Treasurer or his or her counterpart as zonal, state, local government and ward levels; and Provided that withdrawals from or debit instructions on the account shall be valid only if authorized by the National Chairman or his counterpart at the other levels, and any of the two signatories, that is, the National Secretary or Treasurer of the party at the appropriate levels.

AUDIT OF PARTY ACCOUNTS

136. The National Executive Committee of the Party;

- (a) Shall appoint a competent firm of accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at the National Convention.
- (b) The Zonal, State and the Local Government Executive Committees shall, similarly, appoint a competent firm of Accountants to audit the accounts of the party annually and present the report of the audited accounts at their respective congresses.

CHAPTER IX

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

137(1)

- a) Subject to this Constitution, there shall be a Disciplinary Committee at every level of the Party consisting of seven members of proven integrity, one of whom shall have a legal background.
- b) Each Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee at that level.

137(2) Interim Suspension by Lower Organs

- a) The Working Committee at any level, and the Executive Committee at the Ward level, may after preliminary hearing suspend a member of the Party, other than a member of the National Executive Committee, Deputy Governor, or member of the National Assembly, for a period not exceeding one month.
- b) A member suspended under 137(2)(a) shall lose the right to contest any election during the period of suspension and shall be referred immediately to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee for hearing.
- c) This power does not extend to any member of the National Executive Committee, Deputy Governor, or member of the National Assembly.

137(3) Exclusive Jurisdiction over National Officers

a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, no Executive Committee, Working Committee, or Disciplinary Committee at the Ward, Local Government Area, State, Zonal, or any other level below the National Executive Committee shall:

i. Suspend, expel, terminate the membership of, or impose any disciplinary sanction on any member of the National Executive Committee;

ii. Initiate, hear, or determine any disciplinary proceedings against any member of the National Executive Committee;

iii. Take any decision or action that has the effect, direct or indirect, of suspending or removing a member of the National Executive Committee from office.

b) For the purpose of this clause, “member of the National Executive Committee” includes all persons listed in Article 76 of this Constitution.

c) All complaints and allegations against a member of the National Executive Committee shall be submitted in writing to the National Working Committee. The National Working Committee shall, within 7 days, refer the matter to the National Executive Committee for investigation and determination.

d) Any action taken in violation of this clause shall be null and void ab initio and of no legal effect.

137(4) Procedure of Disciplinary Committees

a) Where an allegation is made against a member, the appropriate Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations, and the date, time, and place of the hearing.

b) A member appearing before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given a fair hearing and the opportunity to present their case orally or in writing, in person or through counsel, and to call witnesses.

c) Any decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges or given an opportunity to defend themselves shall be null and void.

137(5) Jurisdiction of the National Executive Committee

(a) The National Executive Committee shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with clause 137(3) and 139(3).

b) Nothing in this Constitution shall preclude or invalidate any complaint submitted through the National Working Committee to the National Executive Committee concerning persons listed in clause 137(3).

c) The decision of the National Executive Committee on disciplinary matters shall be final, subject only to judicial review on grounds of breach of natural justice or ultra vires.

137(6) Any officer of the Party who purports to exercise disciplinary power contrary to this Article shall be liable to disciplinary action by the National Executive Committee.

OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS OFFENCES

138.(1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Party shall have power to discipline any member who:

- (a) Commits any breach of the Party's Constitution, and or Manifesto;
- (b) Says or does anything likely to bring the party into disrepute, hatred or contempt;
- (c) Disobeys or neglects to carry out lawful directives of the party or any organ or officer of the party;
- (d) Engages in dishonest practices, defrauds the party, its members or officials;
- (e) Is persistently absent from meetings or other official duties;
- (f) Engages in anti-party activities;
- (g) Engages in disorderly conduct at meetings or rallies or at any party function;
- (h) Engages in any conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or is likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party;
- (i) Engages in unauthorized publicity of disputes within the party or creates a parallel party organ at any level;
- (j) Promotes factions or belongs to any group under the guise of the party and by whatever name called, not being one provided for in this constitution;
- (k) Organizes, retains, trains, equips or encourages the organization, retention, training, equipping of any member or group of members for the purpose of employing violence or coercion or any form of intimidation whatsoever;
- (l) Resorts to court action or litigation on any disputes or on any matter whatsoever concerning rights, obligations and duties of any member of the party without first availing himself of the remedies provided, provided that where the party fails to determine the matter within the time prescribed in clause 140(c), the member may proceed to court.; or
- (m) Fails, refuses or neglects to treat a petition, complaints or appeal timeously.

SANCTIONS

139.(1) Any member of the Party who commits any of the offences listed in Section 138(1) of this Constitution shall be liable to any or a combination of the following penalties- (a) Reprimand

- (b) Censure
- (c) Fine
- (d) Suspension with a fine;
- (e) Debarment from holding any Party office;
- (f) Removal from office
- (g) Expulsion from the Party

(2) Subject to clauses 137(3) and 139(3) of this Constitution, the Executive Committee, at any level of the Party, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against any member other than those listed in clause 139(3).

(3) Notwithstanding clause 139(2), no committee below the National Executive Committee shall impose any sanction in clause 139(1) on persons listed in clause 137(3). All such matters shall be dealt with under clause 137(3).

(4) Subject to clause 139(3), the appropriate Executive Committee at each level shall have power to initiate and take disciplinary action under clause 139(1) against:

- a) Members of the Executive Committee at that same level;
- b) Public office holders elected or appointed from that level;
- c) All other party members registered at that level.

REMEDIES

140.(a) If any member of the party is aggrieved, he shall report to the appropriate authority.

(b) If he or she is not satisfied, an appeal shall lie with the next higher party authority.

(c) All appeals must be dealt with timely, expeditiously; in any event not later than 2 weeks after the filing of the appeal.

(d) The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the final arbiter, provided that failure, refusal or neglect to treat a report, petition, complaint or appeal on the part of the arbiter shall, in itself, constitute an offence.

APPEAL

141.(a) Any member of the Party who is aggrieved by a decision taken against him by any of the organs or officers of the Party shall have the right of appeal to the immediate higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision.

(b) An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appeal body within fourteen days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal by the appropriate Executive Committee.

CHAPTER X

CDA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CLI)

142. There shall be:

- a) A CDA Leadership Institute (CLI) which shall be the intellectual and resource department of the Citizens Democratic Alliance.
- b) The CLI shall have a Board of Governors whose chairman and membership shall not exceed fifteen persons, to be appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Party and whose responsibility shall be the formulation of policy and general administration of the Institute.

- c) The Deputy National Chairman from the region outside the Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Board, with the National Secretary and the Director General of the Institute as members, and there shall be two members from each of the geo-political zones of the country.
- d) A Director General shall be appointed and responsible for the day to day running of the institute, and is answerable to the Board on all matters.
- e) The Director General shall have tenure of five years renewable for another term and no more.
- f) The institute shall be responsible for organizing seminars and workshops for training in governance, Party organization and administration of the Party and shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Working Committee
- g) All aspirants for a political office on the platform of the party (both elective and appointive) shall at all levels mandatorily go through a course at the institute
- h) The activities of the institute shall be in accordance with its Charter and the provisions of this Constitution as regards the financial regulation of the Party shall apply to it. .

CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

143. The party shall:

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

COMMON SEAL

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

OATH OF OFFICE

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

AMENDMENTS

146. The party shall:

- (a) Have the power to amend this constitution, save that no amendment of the constitution shall be valid unless made by a motion passed by two-third majority of members present and voting at the National Convention.
- (b) The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National Convention and the notice, which

shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment.

(c) The Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State branches of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National Convention.

INTERPRETATION

147(1) Any question as to the meaning of any section of this constitution or the Schedule hereto shall be referred to the National Executive Committee whose interpretation of the same shall be final.

(2) In this constitution:

(a) "Aspirant" means a person who aspires or seeks or strives to contest an election to a political office.

(b) "Congress" a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and conduct election;

(c) "Constitution" means Constitution of the Citizens Democratic Alliance;

(d) "Delegates" - Are elected or nominated representatives of the party at any level of the structure of the party;

(e) "Direct Primaries" means an election at which candidates for elective office are chosen by direct vote of all biometrically registered members of the party in good financial standing with regards to the payment of their membership dues and levies as and when due.

(f) "Founding NWC Members" mean foundation members of the National Working Committee;

(g) "Funds" include valuable properties;

(h) "He" or "His" shall include the female gender;

(i) "Indirect Primary" means an election at which delegates are chosen by registered members of the party in good financial standing with regards to the payment of their membership dues and levies as and when due, who will subsequently nominate candidates for elective office at a convention or Congress as the case may be.

(j) "Legal Incapacity" means person disqualified under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) or the Electoral Act or any other Law, Rules and Regulations from registering as a voter or from contesting elections.

(k) "Local Government Area" means Local Government Area recognised and existing by virtue of Sections 3(6) of the Constitution and set out in Part I and II of the first schedule thereof and any additional Government provided for by an Act of the National Assembly in accordance with Section 8 of Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended).

(l) "Month" means calendar month;

(m) "National" - This refers to Federal level as contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

(n) "National Assembly" means the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- (o) "National Convention" - The largest meeting of CDA at National level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratified and the election of Presidential candidates and National Officers of the Party are ratified;
- (p) "Primaries" means an intra-party election by members of CDA to nominate candidates for elective office in accordance with this Constitution.
- (q) "State" - This refers to geographical entity as defined in the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- (r) "The Party" means Citizens Democratic Alliance;
- (s) "Ward" - This refer to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- (t) "Where" computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number;
- (u) "Youth" means a member between the ages of 18 and 40 years.
- (v) "Zonal" - This refers to each of the geo-political entities viz North East, North Central, North West, South East, South West, South- South.
- (w) "Electronic format" refers to the electronic version of the register of party members created, recorded, transmitted or stored in digital form or other intangible form by electronic, magnetic or optical means or by any other means that has capability for creation, recording, transmission or storage similar to those means and which may be converted to or reproduced in a paper document.
- (x) "Chairman" means the National Chairman or any other Chairman of an organ of the Party, and includes Chairperson, Chairwoman, and any gender-neutral equivalent.

SCHEDULE I

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Citizens Democratic Alliance and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Citizens Democratic Alliance and of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. So help me God.

SCHEDULES II

OATH OF OFFICE

I,.....do

solemnly swear/affirm that I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Citizens Democratic Alliance, I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the party and always in the interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the party and the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to pursue,

enhance and achieve the aims and objectives of the party as contained in its Constitution and Manifesto; that I shall not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision; that in all circumstances I shall do right to all the members of the party and to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any manner which shall be brought to my attention or which shall become known to me as an officer of the party, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties and that I shall devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria. So help me God.

SCHEDULE III

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

1. Language to be used at meetings

The proceedings of the meetings of the party at all levels shall be in the English language or any Nigerian language understood by a majority of members of the party at respective levels;

2. All the meetings of the party shall be chaired by the Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairman at the relevant level and in the event of the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, members present shall elect a member from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.

3. The rules and regulations governing the conduct of any meetings of the party shall be as approved, from time to time, by the National Executive Committee of the party.

SCHEDULE IV

STAFF RULES

(1) Employees of the party shall be subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, Zonal, State, Local Government area and ward secretariat of the party and appeals on matters of the discipline and routine administration matters shall lie with the Secretary at the various levels, in compliance with the establishment manual.

All employees of the party shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, the rules and regulations of the party and the decisions of the National Executive Committee and other authorized organs of the party.

(2) A person who seeks and obtains employment in the party shall be deemed to be a member of the party.

(3) Any employee of the party who acts in a manner likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the party or its officers or take part in subversive activities against the party or its officers shall, if found guilty, be immediately relieved of his or her post.

(4) Erring employees shall be afforded ample opportunity to defend themselves before disciplinary action is taken against them.

(5) No employee of the party shall seek nomination to enable him or her contest any election, unless he or she resigns his or her appointment one month to the date of the election.

(6) The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees of the party shall be determined as follows: (a) For employees of the party at the National level, the National Convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee;

- (b) For employees of the party at the State level, by the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee;
- (c) For employees of the party at the ward and Local Government levels, by the Local Government Area Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Executive Committees.

MADE AT ABUJA THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY 2026



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