



## CONSTITUTION OF THE ABUNDANT NIGERIA RENEWAL PARTY (ANRP)

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## 1. PREAMBLE

- a. Having taken time to observe the challenges of our times, and the continuous struggle for Nigeria's betterment in all ramifications, by which we have become overwhelmed in recent times, and the despondency in the land, occasioned by worsening standards of living among the majority of Nigerians, increased despondency in the land, and moral and ethical decadence across the land, a group of Nigerians with common interest in finding solutions to the issues, chose to come together in December 2016 to form the Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party (ANRP), herein after called the "Party".
- b. The party - as the name implies - is focused on bringing back the abundance for which Nigeria is known - in terms of human and material resources, and ensuring that that abundance is shared by all (shared prosperity). The second concern of the party is the need for a renaissance and renewal for the country; a feat that will be achieved when dynamism is entrenched in the socio-political process and new ideas are brought on board, especially from Nigeria's largest demographic - the youths.
- c. The party therefore commits to increasing the participation of young people in the governance of their fatherland, without prejudice to, and without alienating other demographics, especially older people. The party also commits to increasing the participation of women in politics in a way that enables the country to benefit from the limitless mental resources, managerial and leadership capabilities of Nigerian women across the length and breadth of the nation.
- d. The party notices the urgency of the moment, and the gutting of the nation's finances by ills such as corruption, nepotism, and general mismanagement of the country's social, political and economic spheres, and the need to actively and swiftly take action. We believe that we are the ones we have been waiting for, and we are willing and ready to seize the gauntlet and do right by Nigerians by setting a new ethos of leadership that will transform our motherland to the desirable, abundant and renewed hub of humanity that we all desire it to be.

- e. ANRP looks forward to a day when Nigerian political offices shall become so unattractive that people will be begged to occupy them, and those who shall, will be those who are willing and able to make the steep sacrifice, in human effort, hard intellectual rigor, and time. For this reason, we shall defend our transparency, simplicity, and commitment to frugal resource management in line with global best practices.
- f. To this effect, we the members of the Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party (ANRP), hereby enact this constitution, to guide our operations, interaction, governance and general conduct and affairs.
- g. This constitution is subject to, and conforms with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended), and the Guidelines for the Registration of Political Parties issued by the Independent National Electoral Commission (2014).

## 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

### a. NAME OF THE PARTY

- i. The name of the party shall be known as Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party (ANRP). The name was carefully chosen by its founding members to reflect its commitments and ideals. On the one hand is the commitment to an ABUNDANT NIGERIA, and on the other is the need to constantly remind members of the need to do things anew, hence we are a party set up for the RENEWAL of NIGERIA.

### b. EMBLEM AND FLAG

- i. The party flag shall be of white background with four leaves of a sprouting young plant in the middle of a laptop computer. The names of the party will be written in white colour set in deep green. The white in the flag signifies peace as we are a peaceful party, and we are for peace and unity in Nigeria at all times. The leaves signifies our commitment to the environment, and to the greening of Nigeria. It also signifies that this is a party populated by people whose ideas are constantly refined and renewed. The computer/laptop signifies that we are a party driven by technology and are in tune with the realities of the global community especially

the fact that the world is presently in the age of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. This sets us apart from any other party in Nigeria and places us at the forefront of global discourse on technology-driven development, without reducing our focus on agriculture and the environment



c. MOTTO AND SLOGAN

i. The party motto shall be

“Renewal, Renaissance, Respect!”

Respect because we are established on respect; for ourselves as members, for the leadership within the party, for elders, for our peers, for our growing children, for Nigeria’s children yet unborn (and for that reason we shall commit to the careful management of Nigeria’s natural resources which are meant for us and for generations unborn), for the environment, for Nigeria’s human and natural resources, for Africa, the world at large, and for God Almighty.

As a corollary to our commitment to respect, on no occasion shall an elected member of this party constitute public nuisance, harass and/or oppress voters with sirens and escort drivers under the guise of security or being in a hurry, or address members of our party or other parties in indecorous manners in the name of politics. We believe that the voter is

king and should be treated with utmost respect.

- ii. In renewing Nigeria, members shall commit to refrain from acting in ways inimical to the sound progress of the party and of Nigeria as a whole. Members shall commit to the astute and frugal management of Nigeria's human, material and natural resources wherever such may be encountered.
- iii. Most Nigerians talk about the 'good old days' when Nigeria 'worked' and when its citizens enjoyed a good life, when its institutions were functional. We intend to go back to those halcyon days. That is our commitment to renaissance.
- iv. Our Slogan shall be – “Abundant Nigeria!” For that is our goal. We will shout it and raise up our right fist at the same time.

d. REGISTERED OFFICE

Our registered head office shall be located within Abuja, Federal capital Territory.

e. ETHICS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- i. All members shall abide by a code of ethics and be guided by the highest standards of accountability and discipline at all times. The party shall, through its structures, abide by the highest standards of corporate governance such as to give example to the entire nation and elicit the trust of the common man.
- ii. All members of this party shall respect religious, ethnic and other cultural diversities between fellow-members, Nigerians and the world at large.
- iii. All members shall show utmost mutual respect in internal communications, and their engagement with external parties. All members shall constantly remind themselves of our commitment to respect as enshrined in our Motto.

- iv. To this extent all members shall carefully choose their words when addressing fellow members and even members of the public. All members shall maintain a culture of immense caution, civility, maturity and modernity.
- v. All members shall abide by party rules and regulations, and shall be guided by this constitution. On no account shall members breach party protocols and violate the structure and organs of the party.

f. ANTI-CORRUPTION STANCE

One of the chief concerns of the party is how to rid Nigeria of the corruption problem which has seemingly taken on a life of its own. To this extent, as the party will go ahead and develop inclusive and systematic strategies to eliminate corruption in Nigeria's public space, all members must commit to a zero-tolerance stance on corruption in all their dealings.

- i. Party members must not give or take bribes or corrupt processes which they handle.
- ii. Also, anyone elected or appointed into office of the platform of our party MUST openly and publicly declare their assets and liabilities when they commence service to the nation, and when their tenure ends. This declaration should be done through popular media.
- iii. In all things, the party shall emphasize morality over legalism, by going the extra mile to prove to Nigerians that we are here to make a real difference.

g. OUR GREEN COMMITMENT

In order to live our green commitment, and as the first political party in Nigeria with expressly stated goals around the environment – its sustainability and its care – members shall endeavor to engage in environmentally-sustainable practices as well as be actively involved in cleanups and other sanitation events which the party will sponsor from time to time.

- i. Party launchings should be accompanied with such events like cleanups, free environmental education to Nigerians, and tree-planting, among others.

h. OUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

Because the party is committed to transparency as a mark of its distinction, all party events will be made transparent and subject to scrutiny as much as possible.

- a. Nominations for positions will be based on
  - i. Open competition,
  - ii. Articulation of intent and programs by contestants,
  - iii. Ideas, and
  - iv. Debate.
- b. Where we have only one person vying for a position, they shall make a presentation of what they intend to achieve in the positions they vie for, so as to cross-pollinate ideas and get value-addition from members and executives.
- c. Our internal voting shall be either by show of hands or the popular 'option A4'.
- d. We shall endeavor to avoid the word 'secret' in any of the party's undertakings.

i. FRUGAL MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND SACRIFICE TO MOTHERLAND

Because we agree that Nigeria's God-given resources have not been well-managed in the past, the party and all its members in all their undertakings shall commit to frugal management of public and private resources in line with global best standards – whether they are in, or out of government. On no occasion should we be seen to squander national resources for personal comfort or aggrandizement.

j. SUPREMACY OF OUR CONSTITUTION

Subject only to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), all members shall commit to adhere by the provisions of this constitution in all its entirety. This constitution shall be supreme in the affairs of members and organs of this party, and its provisions shall have binding force on all members.

### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

- a. The party is set up to fulfill a manifesto, which shall be subject to the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended). The organs of the party and its members shall adhere strictly by its manifesto, towards achieving all the promises therein, and more, for the betterment of our country Nigeria, and for humanity at large.
- b. The party shall work according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations or other laudable global best standards that may emerge. The SDGs are committed to:
  - i. No Poverty
  - ii. Zero hunger
  - iii. Good health and well-being
  - iv. Quality education
  - v. Gender equality
  - vi. Clean water and sanitation
  - vii. Affordable and clean energy
  - viii. Decent work and economic growth
  - ix. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
  - x. Reduced inequalities
  - xi. Sustainable cities and communities
  - xii. Responsible consumption and production
  - xiii. Climate action
  - xiv. Life below water
  - xv. Life on land
  - xvi. Peace, justice and institutions
  - xvii. Partnership for the goals

All these are laudable goals which are in tandem with our vision across the board. All members shall learn about these goals and always work towards achieving them.

- c. The party shall be a linchpin in the refocusing of Nigeria towards its environmental uniqueness and the bountifulness of its God-given endowments which must be nurtured, cherished, preserved, enlarged and not plundered.
- d. The party shall draw the attention of Nigeria back to the need to improve on productivity by focusing on secondary and post-secondary



school employment for our youth between the ages of 18 and 24, as a fundamental way of:

- i. Solving the poverty problem; eradicating food poverty in our land.
  - ii. Reducing or eliminating insecurity; including tribal and religious crisis which thrives because of poverty
  - iii. Creating a new class of spenders, by putting money in the hands of our youth for work done, and thus growing Gross Domestic Product (GDP), by at least 10% year on year.
  - iv. Reducing corruption; by reducing pressure on working parents since their children can earn
  - v. Promoting made-in-Nigeria goods; by creating the effective demand from Nigeria youth of this age, earning comparatively low salaries.
  - vi. Creating graduate employment; by enabling tertiary institution graduates to supervise youths between the ages of 15 – 24 who will do light work within the country.
  - vii. Improving tourism; by ensuring adequate security through mass youth employment.
  - viii. Giving the youth of Nigeria ownership of the future of their country; by empowering them early, and infusing in them a sense of responsibility and order
  - ix. Fostering financial inclusion among the youth, by integrating their financial records on time, get them to open bank accounts, inculcate the tax culture and responsibility to society among them
  - x. And improving the battered image of Nigeria, by reducing the sheer number of desperate Nigerian youths who emigrate and fall into crime in strange lands, victims of human trafficking or perishing in deserts and oceans.
- e. The party shall encourage the participation of women and youth in politics, bearing in mind the fact that these constituencies are more resourceful, committed and connected with modernity and need to play a prominent role in the renaissance of our country.
- f. The party shall uphold and promote the unity of Nigeria, and through its policies and

- pronouncements, continue to sell the need for a great, united Nigeria to the people.
- g. The party shall uphold the tenets of justice, fairness, egalitarianism and equity as unshakeable ideals by which Nigeria will achieve progress.
  - h. The party shall actively encourage girl child education
  - i. The party shall help in sustaining the reasonable economic, social and political interest of its members and act as a median between its members and other relevant institutions.
  - j. Bearing in mind that a country is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable, the party shall stand in the gap for the citizens of Nigeria and elsewhere, who are unable to speak for or defend themselves. These include children, rural women, and those who are physically or otherwise challenged.
  - k. The party shall seek to positively affect and influence some of Nigeria's extant cultural beliefs some of which promote non-objectivity, victimization of people based on gender, disability or other factors that people do not willfully choose, unsustainable wastefulness in celebrating or observing cultural events, and other related issues that erodes Nigeria's resources and are not in conformity with global best practices of frugality and value-for-money.
  - l. The party shall achieve the above through strict implementation of its manifesto and the dynamic evolution of relevant policies that take into consideration changes in society, and the need to respond briskly.

k. ETHOS OF THE PARTY

- a. The party shall adhere to the tenets of democracy and run its affairs bearing in mind that majority carries the day
- b. The party shall allow for free speech among its members subject to the provisions of this constitutions regard protocols, discipline, decorum, consultation, and fairness to all parties
- c. The party shall conduct its affairs with the ideals of openness and transparency at all times

- d. The party shall operate with strict intra-party discipline, respect, and orderliness.
- e. The party shall strive to be known, through all its engagements and interactions, and its public statements, as an ideas party, with unparalleled intellectual gravitas
- f. The party shall stand for responsible governance, not the wholesale dereliction of governmental responsibility to the private sector under the pretext that 'government is useless'. We believe that government is very useful, and must provide strong oversight of the private sector while driving long-term policies and visions for the country at large. We believe that the best engagement of the private sector can only be enabled by the best of public governance, oversight, honesty of purpose, and vision.
- g. We are a party that believes in speed and accuracy. We will take action on issues very promptly, and strive to get things right, once and for all without costly errors.
- h. Elected or appointed members of this party shall commit to use the services the party or government provides so that we can see to their maintenance and improvement. We shall not alienate ourselves from society but give Nigerians a sense of worth and belonging by being part of the people
- i. This party believes in, and will invest in the reorientation of Nigerians towards achieving a national rebirth. At every level of engagement in Nigeria, we shall find and invest in ingenious ideas to bring back civic education and reorientation beyond rhetorics, in a way that will have profound effects on outcomes and transform Nigeria.
- j. This party shall focus on innovation, as a sine qua non to achieve national development. We shall encourage every Nigerian to innovate their space, products, self, and our physical structures.
- k. This party believes in issue-based communication. And we are aware of the increasing importance of communication in an Information Age such as we live in. To this extent, we shall institute a consistent process of communication at all levels of government – whether or not we are in government – that disseminates necessary

information and analysis to the Nigerian people and keeps them informed, energized, hopeful and imaginative.

- l. This party believes in the genuine diversification of the Nigerian economy, from the ground up. This means that the different levels and sectors of the economy must be involved in rigorous handshakes whereby Nigerian money circulates within Nigeria and government budgets actually reflate the economy. We shall promote made-in-Nigeria goods, and also incentivize such producers by creating new spending classes that can purchase from them and enable them innovate and grow.
- m. This party believes in enacting economic policies that makes a difference, that are not memorandum in nature. We shall therefore report the economy, not only in terms of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which may make little meaning to the poorest of Nigerians, but we shall emphasise and benchmark ourselves – and any government which may be in power – based on other innovative and more humane measurements such as the Human Development Index, Gross National Happiness, and Gross Wellbeing, some of which have been institutionalized in many progressive countries. These indices focus on subjects of poverty, life expectancy, access to health and education and the real issues that matter to our survival as a people.
- n. The party does not believe in immunity for any category of public officer alleged to be involved in fraudulent activities, crime or corruption. The party will work for the excision of sections of the constitution that confers immunity on certain categories of leaders. However, the party shall exercise immense caution, and also urge immense caution, lest leaders be wrongly accused and distracted from doing their jobs. We believe there are smarter ways of going about enforcing the rules for everyone without the granting of blanket immunities or ‘perpetual’ injunctions.
- o. The party does not support the liberal annexation of the commonwealth by leaders who are privileged to so do. The party shall – in or out of government – do all within its power

to excise laws granting obnoxious life pensions and obscene appurtenances to former political office holders in the face of decreasing standards of living for majority of Nigerians. The party shall extol sensitivity to the plight of the masses, consideration for the underprivileged, and protection for the powerless.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

### a. ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP

- i. Admission shall be open to every Nigerian not below the age of 18 years, who have accepted to abide strictly by the constitution of our party. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation or any other unconstitutional considerations.
- ii. Admission may be by free will, or on the recommendation of another member.
- iii. Nobody shall be forced or coerced into being, or remaining, a member of the party.

### b. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- i. A register of members shall be kept in electronic version as well as physically, at the headquarters of the party, and at state and ward levels for accountability and identification
- ii. The register shall be automatically and periodically updated, and shall be kept open for all who intend to join to so do.
- iii. From the master-list register, state register shall be generated using simple information technology tools, and permitting members to associate with their states, local government areas, and wards.

### c. APPLICATION TO JOIN

- i. Application to join the party shall be free
- ii. Members of the public who qualify by Section 5(a)(i) can freely apply to join the party by completing an electronic form on the party's website
  1. Members of the public who are unable to apply via this means shall still be eligible to join by completing a physical form at ward, local government, state of national level.

2. Details on physical/manual application forms shall be periodically updated on the party's master list by the central database manager
  3. The National Chairman and the National Secretary or their designates shall be responsible for approving any addition of new members to the database by the central database manager.
- iii. Applicants are hereby notified that membership is only valid upon the following;
1. Commitment to this constitution,
  2. Obtaining of membership identification card,
  3. and up-to-date payment of annual dues
- d. MEMBERSHIP CARD
- i. All members shall obtain membership card bearing their photographs as evidence of their membership
  - ii. Membership cards are to be issued at the party headquarters only, and shall be authenticated by the party chairman and national secretary or upon delegation, by their deputies
  - iii. Membership cards shall be enabled to reflect compliance with rules regarding updated payments of dues
  - iv. Charges or fees to be paid by members for the membership card shall be determined by the National EXCO from time to time.
- e. WHAT CONFERS MEMBERSHIP
- i. Full membership, including voting rights is conferred by adherence to the tenets of this constitution and payment of all membership dues
- f. CONTESTING FOR ELECTIONS
- i. Any member who intends to contest for elections on the platform of the party must have been a member of the party via registration for a period of one year, and must have paid all dues and subscriptions up to date.
  - ii. Any deviation from the above must be justified by relevant EXCO and exceptionally approved by the National EXCO
  - iii. Prospective contestants shall submit to a committee to be constituted by the National EXCO, an initial proposal detailing their plans to make a difference in the position that they vie for. This is before they make

- any payment to the party for their candidature.
- iv. The committee shall review all proposals and take a decision on who is qualified given the quality of their proposal, to make payments to the party for candidature and proceed to the next level of proposal defense and open debate with other co-contestants (or a presentation to select elections committee if there is only one contestant)
  - v. The application fee for pre-qualified candidates for different political offices under ANRP platform shall be:
    - 1. President – N4,000,000 (Four Million Naira Only)
    - 2. Governor – N3,000,000 (Three Million Naira)
    - 3. Senator – N2,500,000 (Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira Only)
    - 4. House of Representatives Member – N1,500,000 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira Only)
    - 5. House of Assembly Member – N1,000,000 (One Million Naira Only)
    - 6. Local Government Chairman – N1,000,000 (One Million Naira Only)
    - 7. Councilor – N300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira Only)
  - vi. To encourage our womenfolk to get involved in politics, we shall offer them 50% (half) rebate/concession on all these payments across the board.
  - vii. The above fee structure shall be subject to review by the National Congress on a yearly basis.

g. SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

- i. A member may be suspended by the Local Government, State or Federal Executive Council if they are in breach of sections of this constitution, especially
  - 1. anti-party activities,
  - 2. unruliness,
  - 3. violence and
  - 4. indiscipline.
- ii. A suspended member will be availed of fair hearing by the party, and may appeal his case to higher executive committees, providing relevant evidence to prove his/her case

- iii. A readmitted member may lose seniority or previously held position except upon express approval by the National Executive council, by open voting.
- h. FOREIGN CHAPTERS / DISAPORA ENGAGEMENT
- i. Registered members, duly recognized in the master-list register of the party, may open foreign chapters in any country in the world provided that party members in such a country shall be more than 20 in number.
  - ii. Consent must be obtained from the National EXCO for such a chapter to be recognized
  - iii. Open elections shall be conducted and Executives elected in the capitals of the countries so recognized.
  - iv. For this purpose there shall be a department in charge of foreign chapters, headed by a director.
  - v. All foreign chapters shall exercise the highest level of cooperation among and within themselves, and shall set and deploy strategy for the actualization of diaspora voting
- i. DUTY OF MEMBERS
- i. Members shall ensure they obtain their membership card by making the necessary payments
  - ii. Members shall ensure that their subscription is up to date because this is an egalitarian party where all members have a voice
  - iii. Members shall ensure they vote on election days and do all within their means legitimately, to ensure victory and progress for the party.
  - iv. Members shall adhere with the provisions of this constitution
  - v. Members shall acquaint themselves with the party's manifesto and assist in fulfilling them or in reminding officers of the party in fulfilling them.
  - vi. Members shall bring up critical issues within the society that they believe the party should address from time to time
  - vii. Members shall defend the party against external aggression and hostile takeovers in whichever manner they shall come.
  - viii. Members must however not involve in violence and unruliness in actions or speech.
  - ix. Members shall defend the party against innuendoes, hearsays, false rumors and accusations that may occur from its detractors



in any way, shape or form. Members must however not be violent, sponsor violence, and should measure their speech and actions.

- x. Members shall contribute intellectually through the articulation of ideas and ideals towards the upliftment of the party and of Nigeria as a whole.
- j. DUTY OF THE PARTY TO MEMBERS
  - i. The party shall ensure support for members' ambitions by providing a viable platform and conducting itself with utmost respect
  - ii. The party shall offer advise and necessary assistance to actualize the vision and dreams of nominated and elected members
  - iii. The party shall offer members the highest level of fairness in all its dealings
  - iv. The party shall offer a listening ear towards the grievance of members and ensure these grievances are duly redressed within a reasonable and efficient timeframe.

k. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

- i. Any member may be removed for anti-party actions and inactions, for smearing the image of the party or aligning with opposition in any way, shape or form without due authorisation from the highest organs of the party (the National EXCO), or for refusing to pay up fees, dues and levies or to renew his/her membership within 6 months after due date and after they may have been informed or reminded.

Such a member shall cease to enjoy the rights and privileges of members by the sixth month, and if in default for upwards of 12 months, shall cease to be a member of the party altogether.

- ii. Ignorance of this law shall not be an excuse to defaulting members. Members shall also not claim to not have received adequate reminders from the party because they should apprise themselves with the general provision of this constitution.
- iii. Any member whose membership is suspended for anti-party activities or for breach of this constitution, shall only be reinstated on the recommendation of his state chairman or national executive council and subject to

scrutiny and ratification by other national EXCO members.

- iv. A returnee member shall be barred from contesting for positions on the platform of the party, for six months.
- v. A returnee shall lose his seniority in the party hierarchy upon his return.

## 6. STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY

### a. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- i. As a modern organization we shall strive to maintain a lean and efficient structure that can deliver the results by reaching quickly and without fuss to the grassroots where the people of Nigeria needs to be touched in their hearts. To this extent we shall have structures at the:
  - 1. Ward Level
  - 2. Local Government Level
  - 3. State Level
  - 4. National Level

The state level, working in tandem with the National EXCO (Executive Committee), shall work out every decision relating to Senatorial Districts and Geopolitical zones. This shall include but not limited to the nomination and screening, and election of candidates for House of Representatives, Senators, and State Governors.

### b. MAKE UP OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- i. The National EXCO shall consist of:
  - 1. A Chairman (or national Chairman at national Level)
  - 2. A Vice Chairman
  - 3. A Secretary (or National Secretary at national level)
  - 4. A Deputy Secretary
  - 5. A Director of Mobilization/Organization
  - 6. A Deputy Director of Mobilization/Organization
  - 7. A Financial Secretary
  - 8. A Deputy Financial Secretary
  - 9. A Treasurer
  - 10. A Deputy Treasurer
  - 11. A Director of Gender Balance and Youth Development

12. A Deputy Director Gender Balance and Youth Development
  13. A Director of Legal or Legal Adviser who shall be a Lawyer
  14. A Deputy Director, Legal who shall be a lawyer
  15. An Auditor, who shall be an accountant (under ICAN or ANAN)
  16. A Deputy Auditor
  17. A Director of Strategy
  18. A Deputy Director of Strategy
  19. A Director, Internal Controls and Party Discipline
  20. A Deputy Director, Internal Controls and party Discipline.
  21. A Director of Information and Social Media Engagements
  22. A Deputy Director of Information and Social Media Engagements
  23. A Director of Intelligence and Security
  24. A Deputy Director of Intelligence and Security
  25. Shadow Ministers – for as long as this party shall be an opposition party
- ii. Officers of the party shall be elected by Congress on a 4-yearly basis, renewable once and no more.
  - iii. All elections of officers into executive positions in the party shall be by open voting as enshrined in the ethos of this constitution.
  - iv. Membership of the National Executive of the party as well as Board of Trustees shall reflect Federal Character Principles of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).
  - v. Membership of State, Local Government and Ward EXCOs shall reflect diversity (Senatorial Zones), and inclusion, to ensure balance and equity.
  - vi. When the party is in power, the Shadow Minister roles shall remain dissolved.
  - vii. At the state level, the above structure for the EXCO shall be maintained with the exception of
    1. Director and Deputy Director for Gender Balance
    2. Director and Deputy Director for Legal

3. Director and Deputy Director for  
Intelligence and Security.

4. Shadow Ministers

- viii. At the LG and Ward level, we shall further streamline positions as may be agreed by State EXCOs.
- ix. The EXCOs shall also be the Working Committees at each level.
- x. The ward and local government levels may operate without the full compliments of these offices subject to NEC (National Executive Committee) approval. This is to reduce proliferation of titles and offices.
- xi. The EXCOs shall see to the day-to-day running of all offices and shall show full commitment and effectiveness in the discharge of their duties.
- xii. The Secretaries shall be in charge of the day-to-day Administration of party offices.
- xiii. All roles are volunteer in nature and remuneration shall be limited to honoraria which shall be agreed upon at the National Convention.
- xiv. As a modern organization, we shall deploy the instruments of Information Technology to make our affairs and operations cheaper.
- xv. We shall hold virtual meetings that precludes frequent traveling.
- xvi. Members must ensure attendance, commitment and seriousness in all engagements, including virtual and technology-enabled meetings.
- xvii. All Executive Committee meeting shall require two third representation of members as quorum.
- xviii. Members of an executive committee may join meetings through video-graphic technology-enabled means.
- xix. Members joining a meeting through virtual video-graphic means, must do so with a phone number registered in their names on the party's database.
- xx. Frequency of statutory meetings:
  - 1. The National EXCO shall meet once every quarter
  - 2. The State EXCO shall meet every two months
  - 3. The LG EXCO shall meet once monthly
  - 4. The Ward EXCO shall meet every two weeks
  - 5. National Convention shall be held once every two years

6. Congresses shall be held at National, State, Local Government and Ward levels once a year.

c. OPEN DEBATES

- i. As much as possible, and as a hallmark of the transparency on which this party is based, most interparty decisions shall be based on open debates and dialogues.
- ii. The following shall be determined by open debates and open voting:
  1. Nominations and elections of candidates.
    - a. Where there is a single candidate there shall be a presentation to the relevant selected committee consisting the relevant EXCOs and other officials as provided for in this constitution.
  2. Other interparty decisions, which are not electoral in nature but bother on the sound running of the party, shall be debated where members have cause for concern, and in order to reach the most democratic decisions.
- iii. In all debates, open voting shall be done to determine which majority carries the day
- iv. As a party based on respect, ALL DEBATES shall be conducted in the most decorous manner, devoid of acrimony, use of foul language, false accusations and finger-pointing, harsh words, thuggery or use of violence.

d. VOTER EDUCATION

- i. Through its activities, and the establishment of a NIGERIA RENEWAL INSTITUTE (NRI), The party shall conduct free and paid seminars to its members and members of the public, as a way of intellectualizing its support base, proffering solutions and tooling its members for the complicated task of leading Nigeria at several levels.
- ii. The party shall also actively engage in sensitizing citizens of Nigeria towards the important task of voting and exercising of one's franchise.

7. ORGANS OF THE PARTY

- a. The organs of the party shall include;
  - i. The Executive Committee at Ward, Local Government, State and National Level

- ii. The Congress at the Ward, Local Government, State and National Level
- iii. The Board of Trustees
- iv. The National Convention

## 8. MEETINGS

- a. All party meetings shall be done openly with all members and executives who are authorized to be in attendance being aware of proceedings.
  - i. Meeting notifications shall be done alternatively through traditional and technology-enabled platforms
- b. All meetings shall be documented by the relevant secretary or anyone delegated to act in his/her stead
- c. Meetings shall be statutorily convened according to other provisions of this constitution
- d. Extraordinary meetings at Ward, Local Government, State or National Level, may be convened provided that two-thirds of the congress serve notice. At the Ward, Local Government and State Levels, all extraordinary meetings must be cleared with the National Exco. At the National Exco level, Extraordinary meetings must be cleared with the Board of Trustees by majority vote.
- e. Reasonable honorarium or meeting allowance shall be paid to Exco members, and this shall vary from level to level. The amount shall also be approved by congress.
- f. All proceedings at meetings are to be recorded and documented by the Secretary, or someone delegated by him, or nominated to so do by the presiding officer, usually the Chairman.
- g. Where it is an extraordinary meeting duly and properly convened, the quorum must be met, and the most senior member of the meeting shall have authority to nominate the secretary.
- h. All minutes must be accurate, transparent and must reflect the true happenings at all of our meetings.
- i. Falsification of meeting proceedings, forgery, mutilation and destruction of documents, will be treated as criminal acts and handed over to the lawful prosecuting authority.
- j. All meetings at State and National levels are to be carried out in the English Language. However, the use of relevant local languages to give a sense of belonging to audiences, and to show fairness and unity, is highly encouraged. Where audiences are homogenous, such as at the ward or many times, the

- Local Government levels, the relevant local language may be used to conduct party meetings
- k. As a forward-thinking, technology-enabled political party, virtual meetings are admissible subject to other aspects of this constitution. Virtual meetings shall be admissible on a videographic basis, or by other documentary evidence, such as WhatsApp.

#### 9. THE CONGRESS

- a. There shall be a ward, local government, state and national congress.
- b. The congress shall consist of all who are registered to the ward, local government, state and entire party at the national level.
- c. The congress shall guide the leadership of the party in its decision-making and throw up critical issues that require executive attention.
- d. The congress shall receive the audited accounts and reports
- e. The congress shall receive all other reports from officers of the party at each level
- f. The congress shall elect internal officers of the party at all levels.

#### 10. ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- a. To act as final arbiter in matters that are brought before them
- b. To act as elder's council for the party and guide its affairs from a position of wisdom and foresight
- c. To see to the continued existence and going concern status of the party in every possible manner
- d. To intercede for the party in thorny matters with external parties such as to reduce litigations
- e. To act in oversight of the National EXCO.

#### 11. COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- a. The Board of Trustees shall be headed by a Chairman who will be independent of the day-to-day running of the party.
- b. BOT members shall serve for a tenure of 5 years non-renewable.
- c. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the National Chairman, the National Secretary, as well as 6 (six) other respected citizens of Nigeria who are part of the founding members of the party, and who shall be drawn from Nigeria's six geopolitical zones.

- d. BOT meetings shall have in attendance at least one of either the National EXCO Chairman, or National Secretary.
- e. Quorum for BOT meeting shall be two-thirds of membership.

12. TENURE OF EXCO MEMBERS

- a. All EXCO members shall serve for a period of 5 years, renewable once and not more.
- b. Any EXCO member may choose not to stand for renewal
- c. The 5 years tenure is to ensure continuity, and an overlap from the usual 4-years cycle of political offices in Nigeria

13. THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- a. The National Convention shall consist of the;
  - i. National Chairman
  - ii. President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if they are members of the party.
  - iii. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the party
  - iv. State Governors and Deputy governors who are members of the Party.
  - v. National Vice Chairman
  - vi. National Secretary
  - vii. Deputy National Secretary
  - viii. All Directors at the National Level
  - ix. Financial Secretary
  - x. National Treasurer
  - xi. National Auditor
  - xii. All State EXCO members
  - xiii. All Local Government EXCO members
  - xiv. All Ward EXCO members
  - xv. All Shadow Ministers

- b. All these delegates shall have valid registration with the party and their names must be verified on the website, and other duly authenticated register.
- c. All delegates from state, local and ward government levels must have been affirmed to be genuine delegates before the date of the national convention, and known to the entire party structure, including the National EXCO. This is to prevent the hiring of 'delegates' on convention days.
- d. The National Convention shall be responsible for electing the National EXCO, and also electing the Presidential Candidate of the party.



- e. State conventions shall be responsible for electing State Excos and the Gubernatorial candidates of each state.
  - f. The convention shall be responsible for primary elections, while the congress will be saddled with party elections.
14. TRANSPARENT DECISION-MAKING IN THE PARTY
- a. The party shall emphasize transparency in all its internal decision-making
  - b. All voting for internal decisions shall be by open ballot or Option A4
  - c. The party believes openness is its best defense against dirty politics, ego-tripping, backstabbing, internal and external aggression and implosion.
  - d. The party and its members believe that our job is to sacrifice for and salvage Nigeria, hence there is no position worth harming others for.
15. FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS IN THE PARTY
- a. Chairman
    - i. To preside over party structure according to established levels (Ward, LG, State and National). We shall have a cascading structure whereby the higher level has oversight over the lower ones
    - ii. To preside over the EXCO according to levels
    - iii. To summon EXCO meetings
    - iv. To assign functions to other officers within the ambit of this constitution, and provide firm leadership at all times
    - v. To delegate powers to the Vice Chairman according to levels
    - vi. To promote party unity, cohesion, and growth
    - vii. To promote strict compliance with the constitution at all levels
    - viii. To lead the strategy for the party and coordinate the affairs of all departments and directors
    - ix. To do all within reasonable limits and within his/her powers to see to the continued survival and prosperity of the party
  - b. Vice Chairman
    - i. To deputize for the Chairman in his/her absence and perform all the roles of a Chairman reasonably and within legal and constitutional limits

- c. Secretary
  - i. To supervene over the day-to-day running of the party office
  - ii. To keep all records of membership and other affairs of the party
  - iii. To be the custodian of the common seal of the party
  - iv. To write reports regarding the entire operations of the party and submit to National Chairman at agreed intervals
  - v. To consult the chairman in the discharge of duties
- d. Deputy Secretary
  - i. To deputise for the Secretary – according to levels
  - ii. To carry out duties while deputizing, within reasonable limits and within constitutional and legal boundaries
- e. Directors
  - i. To perform their specific remits as described in their letters of engagements
  - ii. To ensure frugal management of party’s resources
  - iii. To ensure cooperation, and mitigation of silo mentality, by sharing information and collaborating with other directors
  - iv. To ensure all deliverables are met and that the party is outstanding among its peers in Nigeria
  - v. To do everything within power to ensure the stability, resilience and sustainability of the party
- f. Financial Secretary (who shall be a Chartered or Qualified National Accountant)
  - i. Collect and keep records of donations, levies, subscriptions and other payments made to the party.
  - ii. Coordinate the process of investment of funds on behalf of the party
  - iii. Coordinate the budgeting process of the party
  - iv. Ensure frugal management of the party’s funds and account for all expenses
  - v. Prepare reports to the Chairman/National Secretary about the financial situation of the party
  - vi. Perform other financial duty as may be mandated by the Chairman or the general National EXCO
- g. Treasurer

- i. To receive funds, payments, dues, and all monies due to the party into the party's account.
      - ii. To ensure all funds are paid in promptly and safeguarded for control purposes
      - iii. To ensure there is no financial loss to the party
      - iv. To prepare financial reports to the EXCO based on the level of operation
      - v. To ensure prudent use of the party's financial resources
      - vi. To do all within power to ensure the financial stability and progress of the party
    - h. Internal Auditor
      - i. To ensure adequate Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Compliance in the operations of the party at all levels
      - ii. To coordinate with other internal auditors for experience and information sharing
      - iii. To perform all other duties within reasonable limits and to the best of their ability to ensure that there is no financial loss or litigation thereof, to the party
    - i. Shadow Ministers
      - i. To articulate viewpoints on sectorial issues as may be assigned to them
      - ii. To generate ideas and strategies on sectorial bases, for the advancement of Nigeria
      - iii. To write reports for presentation to National EXCO, on sectorial matters
      - iv. To perform other duties within limits as may be assigned by the National EXCO
    - j. Other officers as may be appointed
16. FUNDING OF THE PARTY
- a. This shall be a party of equals where decisions are taken transparently.
  - b. To that extent, the main source of party revenue, for the deployment of its programs, shall be via Annual Subscriptions
  - c. The payment of annual subscriptions shall give rights to all that adhere by it, and protect the party from external aggression or unnecessary internal insurrection.
    - i. The party shall take very seriously, the payment of annual subscriptions, which shall be a basis for membership of the party, for admittance into party meetings, or for voting at any of its decisions
  - d. The party shall also be amenable to donations from members and non-members

- e. The party shall set a cap on donations from any single person or entity at N20,000,000 (Twenty Million Naira Only).
- f. The National Executive Committee shall, by open voting, review the single-donor maximum contribution allowable on a yearly basis.
- g. Donations shall have a separate account and shall be managed at the national level.
- h. All donations MUST be reported to the National Treasurer and Auditor for Accountability purposes
- i. Foreign currency donations shall be acceptable into the party's domiciliary accounts
- j. Accounts shall be opened in any branch of any good Nigerian banks within Abuja, where the headquarters is located
- k. The signatories to the account will be the National Chairman or Vice National Chairman upon designation, National Secretary or Deputy National Secretary and National Treasurer and National Financial Secretary. Three persons must sign, one of which must be the National Chairman or the Vice chairman in his absence or as may be delegated by the Chairman. Adequate documentation and justification must accompany any spendings to be made on behalf of the party.
  - i. The following protocols shall be maintained in the running of bank accounts for the party:
    1. Chairman – 'A' Signatory
    2. Vice Chairman - -'A' Signatory
    3. National Secretary – 'A' Signatory
    4. Deputy National Secretary – 'B' Signatory
    5. Treasurer – 'B' Signatory
    6. Financial Secretary 'B' Signatory

Three signatories must sign cheques or authorize payments from the party's accounts. One of them must be either the Chairman or Vice Chairman (in the absence of the Chairman or upon designation). One must be either the National Secretary or Deputy National Secretary, and one must be either the Treasurer or Financial Secretary. A similar protocol shall be adopted at State and LG levels subject to National EXCO approval.
- l. State, Local Government and Ward Chapters may open bank accounts in their respective capital or nearest town with a bank, into which their share of Annual dues will be remitted from the National

Headquarters based on the number of their members and on a formula to be expressly agreed by the National Congress

17. AUDITING OF PARTY ACCOUNTS
  - a. All levels of the party shall have their accounts audited annually by a firm of Chartered or Certified Accounts independently appointed by the EXCO at each level
  - b. The audit report shall be presented to the EXCO and forwarded to the highest authority of the party, the National EXCO
  - c. Qualification of reports shall be viewed very strongly and shall be a basis for suspension or disengagement of officers subject to other provisions of this constitution.
  
18. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES IN THE PARTY
  - a. There shall be standing Disciplinary committees appointed at each level (Ward, Local Government, State and National), by the EXCO (Executive committees)
  - b. This shall consist of at least 5 members – three of which must be EXCO members
  - c. The disciplinary committee must sit and deliberate on and resolve disciplinary issues emanating from members/executives breach of any parts of this constitution
  - d. Where infractions concern members of the National EXCO, the Disciplinary Committee must refer decisions to the BOT for final action.
  - e. Where EXCO members on state, local government or ward level are accused of contravening the spirit and letter of this constitution, such disciplinary issues should be adjudicated by the next upper level EXCO or the BOT in the case of the National EXCO.
  - f. Members/EXCOs must be informed in writing of any allegations made against them before disciplinary deliberations are commenced.
  - g. Members/EXCOs so accused shall be granted the right and opportunity to defend themselves orally or in writing or via a representative or counsel, within 3 days of being notified
  - h. An EXCO member who has been alleged to have committed any of the infractions below, will not seat in a disciplinary committee over a case in which he/she is party.
  - i. Apart from breaches of this constitution, members and EXCOs who engage in the following:

- i. Fraudulent activities,
- ii. Unruly behavior,
- iii. Use of indecorous and insulting words on leadership, fellow members and in internal communication.
- iv. Spreading of rumours, hearsay, outlandish assumptions and communication that could cause disaffection and rancor within the party
- v. Failure to adhere by decisions reach in democratic manner within the party
- vi. Failure to adhere strictly by orders and instruction from the duly constituted leadership of the party at all levels
- vii. Violence or incitation/sponsoring of violent activities,
- viii. Negligence of duties,
- ix. Extortion and bribery,
- x. Defamation of the party or any of its officers,
- xi. Rumor-mongering,
- xii. and any other actions that is not consistent with the spirit of this constitution, or the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,

shall be a subject for the Disciplinary Committee's investigation and sanctions.

- j. Members or officers who have cause to disagree with the Disciplinary Committee's decision against them shall appeal to the next upper level EXCO, and may appeal up to the National EXCO for final decision. Where such a member/officer is of the National EXCO, appeal may be made to the BOT who should reach a decision within 14 days, and whose decision shall be final.
- k. All appeals shall be filed to the appellate level within 7 days of initial judgment.
- l. The Disciplinary committee at any level of the party shall retain the power to exercise the following sanctions on members or executives who are in breach of the party constitution in any material shape or form, or any of the offences recognized by this constitution;
  - i. Fine
  - ii. Censure
  - iii. Reprimand
  - iv. Caution letter
  - v. Suspension
  - vi. Suspension with fine
  - vii. Disbarment from contesting elections

- viii. Disbarment from occupying certain positions of authority within the party
  - ix. Disbarment from being nominated for national assignment
  - x. Expulsion from the party
  - xi. Reference of fraudulent cases to the Nigerian Police or other anti-crime agencies
  - m. Due caution and dialogue with at least one senior level of EXCO membership should be undertaken before final decisions on disciplinary matters are taken.
  - n. Any member or officer that is expelled or that decamps and is readmitted or returns will serve a mandatory one year moratorium before contesting for any election on the platform of the party.
19. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- a. A JOB OR BUSINESS
    - i. The party encourages ALL members of working age to ensure they avail themselves of the party's advocacies and any efforts of extant governments and the private sector, to secure jobs or businesses that will ensure non-reliance on the resources of Nigerians or the party. We shall be a party of productive Nigerians.
  - b. HOLDING OF TWO OFFICES
    - i. Any officer, at the national, state, local government or ward level, who is appointed or elected into office, shall cede their position to someone else, and hand over all instruments of office to the secretary, or any other EXCO member as may be designated
  - c. TREEPLANTING
    - i. The party, being of environmental bent, shall engage in tree-planting activities from time to time, and engage in the reclamation of Nigeria's damaged environment as part of it's corporate social responsibility
    - ii. The party shall continue to encourage the Greening of Nigeria, and the recovery of our natural environments through its advocacies. This shall be a key platform of engagement with our publics.
  - d. JOB CREATION AND BETTER LIFE FOR NIGERIANS
    - i. The party shall be very keen on job creation policies as a way of turning around the economy. As much as government may not be able to create many jobs, it retains the purview of ensuring that employable Nigerians are employed

- ii. To this extent, the party shall – in or out of government – ensure that the best strategies are put in place to ensure all Nigerian youths are gainfully engaged and contribute to the Gross Domestic Product and other economic indices of Nigeria
  - iii. The party shall emphasize more innovative and meaningful indices that measure the wellbeing of Nigerians in all categories, such as the Human Development Index, Gross National Happiness, or the Gross Wellbeing. We shall ensure a human face to our engagement with Nigerians and that the nation truly forges ahead in meaningful, not memorandum ways.
- e. DIASPORA MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEES
- i. The party shall take ‘diasporan’ engagements more serious than any other before it
  - ii. To this extent, we are interested in ensuring the voices of Nigerians, many of who have been forced out of their fatherland because of socioeconomic mismanagement, to have a real say in the affairs of the country
  - iii. All foreign chapters shall adopt the structure and organs of the party as is present at every level within Nigeria to make for efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy

20. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. ALL members of this party, ANRP, shall solemnly swear as in subsection 19 (c ) below.
- b. Disagreement with subsection 19 ( c ) below, invalidates anyone’s membership of the party. Anyone who shall call him/herself a member of the party shall of necessity agree with and be bound by subsection 19 (c ) below.
- c. I, ..... hereby swear on oath, and on my honour, that I shall be faithful and loyal to the ABUNDANT NIGERIA RENEWAL PARTY (ANRP), in all my activities and in my utterances and actions. I commit never to bring the party to disrepute, or to cause for the ideals and image of the party to be undermined in any manner whatsoever. I pledge to defend the integrity, and the ethos of the party in all I do, and in everywhere I go, and in all places where I see that it ought to be defended. I promise to do my very best, my verifiable best, to grow the best political party in Nigeria, and see to its success



and the success of our motherland, Nigeria. I promise that today, in front of God, man, and my conscience. I swear that if I go contrary to this oath, then I shall face judgment befitting to my infractions. So help me God

21. OATH OF OFFICES

- a. ALL persons elected or selected into public office on the platform of this party shall swear on oath as in subsection 20 (c ) below;
- b. Disagreement with, and refusal to swear by subsection 20 (c ) below indicates such a person so elected to be in breach of the constitution of this party and therefore subject to the Disciplinary Committee
- c. I, ..... Having taken office sequel to my election (nomination), and bearing the imprimatur of our great party, the Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party (ANRP), hereby swear on oath, to execute the office of ..... in the best possible manner, taking into consideration the need for the most frugal use of resources and conformity with the highest global standards of value-for-money. I promise never to put my interest first before country, God and man. I promise to live a selfless life, to defer my own gratification, and never use the appurtenances of office to oppress long-suffering Nigerians. I promise to spend my time in service of Nigeria, for the tenure that I may occupy in service to motherland, and to discharge my duties creditably, and to the honor of our great party, ANRP. I swear and commit, that if I stray from these ideals, I shall meet with requisite punishment before God, and before man... So help me God.

22. ANRP AS LEGAL ENTITY

- a. The party being a legal entity with perpetual succession shall have the right to sue and be sued, and to acquire and hold property to conduct its business or for other legal purposes including for investment. To this extent, the party shall be able to enter into agreements through appointed and recognized members of its National Executive Council, and to so create legal relationships enforceable under the law. The party shall reserve the right to defend its property, its reputation or its members in the course of their duties for the party.

- b. The common seal of the party shall reside with the National Secretary of the party

23. AMENDMENTS

- a. This constitution shall be subject to review and/or amendment in intervals of one year according to extant realities and as approved by the national convention.
- b. Observations and concerns requiring amendments should be submitted to the office of the National Secretary
- c. All observations requiring the amendment of the constitution within the statutory timelines will be discussed by EXCO for merit and escalation to Congress
- d. The National Executive Council shall call for constitutional amendment memorandum and observations from Congress at least a month before National Congress.
- e. Calls for memorandum should be done through internal memos to members of the party and through at least one national daily.
- f. Amendments are debated at the National Congress and carried or stepped down via open voting
- g. All members shall be availed with amendments of the constitution whenever such occurs.
- h. Members shall also interest themselves in the affairs of the party and stay abreast of developments, and contribute to the evolution of party policies as a matter of course.

24. DECLARATION

We, the ABUNDANT NIGERIA RENEWAL PARTY, ANRP, hereby declare this day the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017, to adopt this constitution and to govern our party affairs by it.

SCHEDULE 1

STAFFING

All Executive Committees at each level shall see to the employment of staff and interns at party offices, within very reasonable and frugal limits, and see to their remuneration according to rates that may be agreed by the National EXCO. Any variation from agreed norm must be cleared through the National EXCO, and there may be variations in remuneration from one city to another, despite qualifications of applicants. All full staff of the party, shall be deemed to be members of the party and shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, as it relates to members.

## NIGERIA RENEWAL INSTITUTE

The party will within two years cause to be established the Abundant Nigeria Renewal Institute, which will serve as the hub of civic education, positive reorientation, information dissemination, strengthening of Nigeria's unity, development of Human capital as Nigeria's most important resource, reinforcement of the party's campaign promises and manifesto, and other important aspects that may continue to project the image of the party, its members, and Nigeria as a whole in positive light, and to build a new Nigeria from the ground up. Some of the seminars will be programmed and run for free, while others will be at a discount to members and yet others will attract full payment based on their importance. This Institute shall be based within Abuja, or any other state capital as may be agreed by Congress.

DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2017

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

### **INTERPRETATION:**

The National executive (Board of Trustees) shall be the final authority as to the interpretation of any aspect of this constitution.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- 1. ASPIRANT:** means any member of the party who picks the nomination form seeking to participate in either primary or party elections.
- 2. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT:** means any electronic media content (other than computer programs or system files) that is intended to be used in either an electronic form or as printed output.
- 3. FOREIGN CHAPTERS:** means any structured body representing the interest of party in any country other than Nigeria.
- 4. GREEN COMMITMENT:** means environmentally- sustainable practices targeting activities like cleanups, free environmental education, and tree planting amongst others.

5. **OPEN VOTING:** means show of hands in a legally authorized meeting of organized by the party, or Option A4 (lining up behind candidate).
6. **PARTY ELECTION:** means any election held by the Party for the purpose of electing its officers to run various bodies of the Party.
7. **PRIMARY ELECTION:** means an election conducted by the Party for the purpose of the nominating its Candidate for a general election or specified election as it may be ordered by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
8. **VOTER EDUCATION:** means activities of the Party aimed at sensitizing party members and Nigerians on the importance of exercising franchise.