CONSTITITION

OF THE

NATIONAL

DEMOCRATIC

LIBERTY PARTY

JANUARY 2007

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY PARTY (NDLP)

CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We the members of the National Democratic Liberty Party, having faith in Almighty God and Believing in the Unity, Indivisibility of our Sovereign nation, having firmly and solemnly resolved to uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, with commitment to Justice Equity and Patriotism, hereby give unto ourselves this Constitution for the purpose of the effective governance of our Party and for the promotion of the ideals, aims and objectives of the Party.

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the Party shall be **NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY PARTY**

ARTICLE 2 – MOTTO

The Motto of the Party shall be Freedom and Progress

ARTICLE 2 - EMBLEM

The Emblem of the Party shall be a Big green tree represent the desire of NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY PARTY to bring the entire nation under a shade where peace, justice and freedom reign.

ARTICLE 4 – PARTY FLAG

The Flag of NATIONAL EMOCRATIC LIBERTY PARTY shall be three horizontal stripes of yellow, white and yellow in that order equal size of the flag shall be 1,200mm x 900mm.

YELLO - Indication of sun rise it represent the beginning of building an economically viable, free and prosperous new Nigeria.

WHITE - Represent peace and freedom hence the need to promote freedom and peaceful co-existence among all Nigerians irrespective of age, sex, religion, social status, ethnic, race or political affiliation.

YELLOW - Indication of sun set represent a completely liberated Nigeria from all form of corruption. And a freedom to its citizen

PLACE OF COLOURS

The stripes and colours of the Flag of National Democratic Liberty Party (NDLP) shall be placed horizontally as an indication of righteousness. This is to say National Democratic Liberty Party shall at all times be righteous in her service to the nation.

ARTICLE 5 – SLOGAN NDLP – FREEDOM

ARTICLE 6 - SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other law for the time being in force in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the provisions of this Constitution shall have over any other provisions, rules and/or regulations of the Party.

ARTICLE 7 - REGISTERED

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

ARTICLE 8 – MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Membership of the party shall be open to every Nigeria citizen irrespective of religion, ethnic group, race, place of origin, sex and or social status provided such a person.
 - a) Is not below the age of Eighteen years and is not a member of any other political party of where the person was such a member, he/she must have resigned such membership before applying to join our party.
 - b) Accepts the principal, aims and objectives of the party.
 - c) Agrees to abide by, subscribe to, and be bound by the party's Constitution Rules and Regulations.
- 2. There shall be only one class or membership namely individual membership
 - a) Admission into the party shall be though the ward branch of the party.
 - b) Nigeria Citizens temporarily resident aboard may remain or become individual members of the party by enrolment with the authorized party branch.
 - c) Every member shall pay an annual membership fee as shall be specified from time to time by the National Convention as may be proposed by the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9 - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

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

- ii. Upon registration, a member shall be deemed to have
 - a) Accepted to abide be the provisions of this Constitution as well as the polities, programmes and ideals of the party.
 - b) Accepted to abide by all lawful rules, regulations, directives and decisions of the party or any of its organs.
 - c) Accepted to promote the principles, aims and objectives of the party loyally and refrain from pursuing any cause of action that may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the party.
- iii. Every member shall have the right to actively participate in the activities and discussions of the branch of the party of which he/she is a member provided such member is a current financial member and subject to any qualification, rules, regulations or the provisions of this Constitution.
- iv. Every member shall have the right to be voted for into any office or post of the party during any election provided such member is and has been active and is a current financial member of the party continuously for 6 calendar months. The National Executive Committee may, in exceptional circumstance, wave the requirement of this provision as it affects the 6 calendar months period on the recommendation of the State Branch of the party affected.

ARTICLE 10 - PART ORGANIZATION

- (i) There shall be four levels of party organization namely;
 - a) The Ward
 - b) Local Government Area
 - c) The State, and
 - d) The National Level
- (ii) Each of those levels of the party organizational shall have a functioning secretariat.
- (iii) The organizational structure at the State level shall also apply mutatis mutandis to the majority of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

ARTICLE 11 – PARTY ORGANS

The following shall be the organs of the party;

- (i) The Ward Executive Committee
- (ii) The Ward Congress
- (iii) The Local Government Area Working Committee
- (iv) The Local Government Area Executive Committee
- (v) Local Government Congress
- (vi) The State Working Committee
- (vii) The State Executive Committee
- (viii) The State Congress

- (ix) The National Working Committee
- (x) The National Executive Committee
- (xi) The National Executive Committee
- (xii) The National Convention.

ARTICLE 12 – NATIONAL CONVENTION

- (1) The National Convention of the party shall consist of:
 - a) The President and Vice President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, if produced by the party.
 - b) All Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the party;
 - c) All members of the National Executive Committee;
 - d) All members of the National Assembly who are members of the party;
 - e) All Ministers and Special Advisers to the President who are members of the Party;
 - f) All State Legislators who are members of the party;
 - g) All State Commissioners and Special Advisers to the Governors who are members of the Party;
 - h) All members of the State Executive Committee;
 - Three (3) delegates from each Local Government Area of the Federation;
 - j) Two (2) delegate from each Federal Constituency;
 - k) One (1) delegate from each Senate seat won.
 - I) One (1) delegate from each Federal seat won.
 - m)Six (6) bonus delegate for 25% votes cast for the President Candidate (to be elected two per senatorial district);
 - n) Six (6) bonus delegate for electing a State Governor (to be elected two per senatorial constituency).

(2) **POWER AND FUNCTIONS:**

The final authority of the Party shall rest with the National Convention, which shall to the execution of all other organs of the party, have the power to decide the nationwide policies and programmes of the party, and amend this constitution. The National Convention shall be held as and when necessary to;

- (i) Elect National officers of the Party;
- (ii) Ratify decisions of the National Executive Committee on disciplinary matter referred to it;
- (iii) Raise adequate fund for the management and sustenance of the Party;
- (iv) Review or amend the Constitution of the Party from time to time;
- (v) Organizing Primaries for President election
- (vi) Ratify the nomination of the president candidate of the Party

- (vii) Initiate, approve, adopt, amend or reject any programmes, plans and policies for the Party.
- (viii) Elect and or appoint any committee it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as may deem fit,
- (ix) Demand and receive reports from the National Executive Committee and from any other organs of the Party and discuss and take appropriate decisions and actions thereon;
- (x) Approve the agenda for the Convention.

(3) **MEETING**

- a) The National Convention shall be hold once every year in November on a date to be appointed by the National Executive Committee;
- b) A Special National Convention may be hold at any time, at the request of the National Executive Convention or that of the twothirds of State Executive Committees.
- c) A Special National Committee shall meet only to discuss special matter, which shall be special in the notice summoning the convention.

(4) QUORUM

- a) The quorum of the National Convention shall be one-third of all the delegates provided that not less than two-third of all the state of the Federation are represented;
- b) Decisions reached and measures approved by the convention shall be final and shall be building on all party organs, branches and members;
- c) Voting at the convention shall be in a manner to be determined by the rules of procedure for the convention, provided that every delegate shall have only one vote.
- d) Paid officials, who shall be in attendance shall not vote;
- e) The National Executive Committee shall make the Rules of procedure for the convention subject to ratification by the National Convention;

ARTICLE 13 – STANDING COMMITTEE

All committees, standing or otherwise, at the National Level shall be subcommittees and the National Executive Committee and shall be appointed by the INEC either from among its; own ranks or from outside the INEC of from both. The following Standing Committees shall be set up by the National Executive Committee (INEC).

- (1) Economic Affairs Committee
- (2) Foreign Relations Committee

- (3) Research and Planning Committee
- (4) Publicity Committee
- (5) Education and Social Service Committee
- (6) Establishment and Disciplinary Committee
- (7) Labour Affairs Committee
- (8) Finance Committee
- (9) National Assembly Committee
- (10) Party Disciplinary Committee
- (11) Reconciliation Committee
- (12) Women Affairs Committee
- (13) Youth Affairs Committee

The National Executive Committee may also appoint from time to time, ad-hoc committees, which cease to exist on completion of its assignment.

ARTICLE 16 - THE WARD CONGRESS

- 1. (i) The Ward Congress shall consist of all the registered members of the party in the ward.
 - (ii) The Ward Congress shall be hold as and when necessary.
 - (iii) The quorum shall be one third of the registered members in the ward.

2. POWER AND FUNCTIONS

The powers and functions of the ward congress shall be to:

- a) Elect ward delegates to Party Congress and National Convention.
- b) Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
- c) Organize primaries for the nomination of Local Government Chairman.
- d) Select candidates council elections
- e) Approve the budget for the ward.
- f) Receive reports of officers of the ward.
- g) Receive reports of external auditors of the ward
- h) Any other business tabled and approved by the Executive Committee of the ward.

LEVEL II – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BRANCH ARTICLE 17 – OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The officers of the Local Government Area branch shall be;

- (1) Chairman
- (2) Deputy Chairman
- (3) Secretary

- (4) One Assistant Secretary
- (5) Treasurer
- (6) Auditor
- (7) Assistant Auditor
- (8) Financial Secretary
- (9) Assistant Financial Secretary
- (10) Legal Adviser
- (11) Deputy Legal Adviser
- (12) Publicity Secretary
- (13) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- (14) Social Secretary
- (15) Assistant Social Secretary
- (16) Organizing Secretary
- (17) Assistant Organising Secretary
- (18) 3 Ex-officio members

ARTICLE 18 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING COMMITTEE

- 1. The Local Government Working Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) The Local Government Chairman
 - (ii) The Deputy Chairman
 - (iii) The Secretary
 - (iv) The Treasurer
 - (v) The Publicity Secretary
 - (vi) The Organising Secretary
 - (vii) The Auditor
 - (viii) The Financial Secretary
 - (ix) The Legal Adviser
 - (x) The Social Secretary
 - (xi) The Chairman of the Local Government Council of the Party leader in the Council
 - (xii) Three other persons elected at the discretion of the Local Government Working Committee and such others co-opted as may be prescribed by the Local Government Executive Committee.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:-

- (i) The Local Government Working Committee shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the party and shall be responsible to the Local Government Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Local Government Working Committee shall perform any other functions and roles assigned to it by the Local Government Executive Committee.

3. QUORUM

The quorum at any meeting of the Local Government Working Committee shall be one-third of the total membership of the committee, provided the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or the Secretary are in attendance.

ARTICLE 19 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- The Local Government Executive Committee shall consist of the following
 - (i) Chairman
 - (ii) Deputy Chairman
 - (iii) The Secretary
 - (iv) Assistant Secretary
 - (v) The Treasurer
 - (vi) Financial Secretary
 - (vii) Assistant Financial Secretary
 - (viii) Social Secretary
 - (ix) Publicity Secretary
 - (x) Assistant Publicity Secretary
 - (xi) All the Chairmen of the wards in the Local Government
 - (xii) Organizing Secretary
 - (xiii) Assistant Organising Secretary
 - (xiv) Legal Adviser
 - (xv) Deputy Legal Adviser
 - (xvi) Three other members elected at the L.G. Congress
 - (xvii) Local Government Council Chairman, if produced by the party or the leader in the council.
 - (xviii) Members of the National Assembly in the Local Government Area (or the candidate in an election year.
 - (xix) Members of the House of Assembly (or the candidates in an election year).
 - (xx) All members of National and State Executive Committee, are automatically members of the Executive Committee of their Local Government Area.

2. POWERS AND FUNCTION

The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following businesses:-

- a) Identify main issues, (political, social and Economic) of concern to the Local Government.
- b) Receive reports from ward on:-
 - (i) Membership drives.
 - (ii) Fund raising activities
 - (iii) Strategies for political campaigns
 - (iv) Mobilization of votes;

- c) Harmonies reports and distribute to all wards and ensure their implementation.
- d) Provide strategies for effective communication between the wards and the Local Government.
- e) Undertake the General Administration of the party in the Local Government.
- f) Implement decisions of Local Government Working Committee.
- g) Employ and determine the conditions of service (including discipline) of all officials of the party at Local Government level.

3. MEETINGS:

- (i) The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every month.
- (ii) It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or at least one-third of the members of the Local Government Executive Committee.
- (iii) The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be one-third of its membership.

ARTICLE 20 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS:

- 1. The Local Government Area Congress shall consist of:
 - a) All members of the Ward Executive Committee
 - b) All members of the Local Government Executive Committee.
 - c) Chairman and Councilors of the Local Government Councils belonging to the party
 - d) Ten members elected by the Ward Congress from each ward within the Local Government Area specifically for the Congress.

2. MEETINGS:

- (i) The Local Government Congress shall be held at least twice in a year
- (ii) The quorum for the congress shall be one-third of its members provident that not less than two third of all the wards in the Local Government are represented.

3. POWER AND FUNCTION OF THE CONGRESS:

The powers and functions of the Local Government Congress shall include the following:-

- (i) To elect members of the Local Government Executive Committee of the party.
- (ii) To elect Local Government party delegates to State Congress and National Convention.
- (iii) To ratify the results of the Local Government Area primaries.
- (iv) To organize Local Government Area primaries.

LEVEL III - STATE BRANCH ARTICLE 21 - STATE OFHCERS

- 1. In each State, there shall be the following state officers of the party:
 - (i) State Chairman
 - (ii) Deputy Chairman
 - (iii) Three Vice- Chairmen, one from each Senatorial District.
 - (iv) State Secretary
 - (v) Deputy State Secretary
 - (vi) 3 Assistant State Secretaries, one com each Senatorial District
 - (vii) State Treasurer
 - (viii) State Financial Secretary
 - (ix) Assistant State Financial secretary
 - (x) State Auditor
 - (xi) Assistant Sate Auditor
 - (xii) State Legal Adviser.
 - (xiii) Three Assistant State Legal Advisers
 - (xiv) State Publicity secretary
 - (xv) Assistant State Publicity secretary
 - (xvi) State Social Secretary
 - (xvii) Three (3) Assistant State Social Secretary
 - (xviii) State Organising Secretary
 - (xix) Assistant State Organising Secretary
 - (xx) 3 Ex-Officio members to be chosen, one from senatorial district in the state.

2. POWER AND FUNCTIONS OF STATE OFFICERS

State officers shall within the area of the jurisdiction of the state, have same power and functions as the national Officers have throughout the Country.

3. TENURE OF OFFICE

The same provision with respect to the tenure of office of National Officers of the Party shall apply to all state officers.

- 1. The state working committee comprises of:
 - a) The state Chairman
 - b) The state Governor and Deputy Governor or the Candidates in an election year.
 - c) The Deputy Chairman
 - d) Three state Vice Chairmen
 - e) The state Secretary
 - f) The state deputy secretary

- g) The state Legal adviser
- h) The state Treasurer
- i) The state Financial secretary
- j) The state Publicity Secretary
- k) The Party Leader in the Legislature
- I) The State Auditor
- m) The State Organising Secretary
- n) The state Social Secretary

2. POWER AND FUNCTIONS:-

- (i) The state working Committee shall be responsible for the day-today administration of the party rind shall be responsible to the state Executive Committee.
- (ii) The state working Committee shall perform any other functions and roles assigned it by the state Executive Committee.

3. QUORUM

The quorum at any meeting of the state working Committee shall be one-third of the total membership of the committee provided the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Secretary are in attendance.

ARTICLE 23 - STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. The state Executive Committee shalt comprise:
 - (i) The state Chairman and alt stole officers of the party.
 - (ii) The state Governor and Deputy Governor where such are members of the party or, in an election year, candidates for those of Offices.
 - (iii) The Speaker and the leader of the party in the House of Assembly
 - (iv) All members of the stale legislature who are members of the party.
 - (v) All Chairmen of Local Government Primaries who are members of the party and the party leaders in the councils.
 - (vi) The Chairman of the State Area branch
 - (vii) Other members elected by the State Congress on their personal merit, two from each sentries District.
 - (viii) All National Officers and member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) from the state.
 - (ix) All Commissioners, Special Adviser all other Special Assistants who are members of the party.
 - (x) All Federal Ministry from the state who are members of the party.
 - (xi) Chairman of Board of parastatals, state and Federal Government, Corporate from the state who are members of the party.

2. MEETINGS

- (i) The state Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two month.
- (ii) It shall also meet at any other time at the request of the Chairman or at least one-third of the members of all state Executive Committee.
- (iii) The quorum of the state Executive Committee shall be one-third of its entire membership.

3. POWAND FUNCTION

The State Executive Committee shall meet to transact any or all the following businesses:-

- a) Identify main issues (political, social and economic) of concern in the state:
- b) Undertake general administration of the party in the state and put into effect the decisions of the party or that of the state Congress or directives from the National Executive Committee.
- c) Prepare the Annual Budget;
- d) Employ and determine the conditions of service of Party Staff in the State.

4. STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be the following standing committee at each state branch of the party:

- a) Financial Committee
- b) Party Disciplinary Committee
- c) Research and Planning Committee
- d) Establishment and Disciplinary Committee
- e) Parliamentary Committee
- f) Education and Social Service Committee.

ARTICLE 24 - CONGRESS

- 1. There shall be for every state, a state Congress of the party which shall consist of the following
 - i. All members of the state Executive Committee
 - ii. The Governor and Deputy Governor if produced by the party or the candidates in an election year.
- iii. Three delegate from each ward in the state.
- iv. Chairmen of Local Government Executive Committee of the party,
- v. All members of the Local Government Executive Committee Of the party.
- vi. Two bonus additional delegates to every Local Government Area providing 25% of the votes cast for the Gubernatorial candidate.
- vii. One additional delegate for each state Assembly seat won (The election Assembly member to be the delegate)

- viii. One additional delegate for each Federal seat won. (The elected representative to be the delegate)
- ix. One additional delegate for each Senatorial seal won. (The elected Senator to be delegate).

2. POWER AND FUNCTIONS

The Congress shall meet to transect all any of the following businesses

- (i) Elect officers of the stale Executive Committee
- (ii) Elect delegates to the party Convention
- (iii) Organise Gubernatorial election primaries
- (iv) Ratify the results of Gubernatorial election primaries
- (v) Ratify the results of all election primaries held in the state
- (vi) Receive Reports of officers of the Party.
- (vii) Approve Budget
- (viii) Receive Auditor's Report

MEETINGS:

- (1) The state Congress shall meet once every year on a late and Venue to be determined by the state Executive Committee, provided that the time chosen
- (2) Shall be at least one month earlier than that of National Convention. All meetings of the state Congress shall be at the instance of the state Chairman or that of 2/3 of the Local Government Area Executive Committee in the state.
- (3) Special Congress A Special Congress may be held at any time at the request of the state Chairman or of the Local Government Area Executive Committee in the state
- (4) The agenda for the congress shall be prepared by the State Executive Committee.

4. QUORUM

The quorum of the state Congress shall be one-third of all the delegates, provided that not less than two third of all the Local Government Area of the state are represented.

LEVEL IV – NATIONAL ARTICLE 24 - NATIONAL OFFICERS

- 1) There shall be the following mentioned officers of the party
- 2) National Chairman
- 3) Deputy Chairman
- 4) National Vice- Chairmen
- 5) National Secretary
- 6) Deputy National Secretary

- 7) Assistant National Secretary
- 8) National Treasurer
- 9) National Financial secretary
- 10) Assistant National secretary
- 11) National Publicity secretary
- 12) National legal Adviser
- 13) Six Assistant National Legal Adviser
- 14) National Auditor
- 15) Three Assistant National Auditor
- 16) National Organising Secretary
- 17) Six Assistant National Organising Secretary
- 18) Six-Officio Members

AI RICLE 25 - POWER AND FUNCTIONS OF NAI IONAL OFFICERS

The National Officers of the party shall have the following powers and functions

1) NATIONAL CHAIRMAN:

The National Chairman shall be the Chief Executive officer, leader and symbol of party and shall preside over the meeting of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee as well such other ad-hoc committee and or standing Committee of the Party in which he/she is a member.

2) DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN:

The Deputy National Chairman shall preside in the absence of the National Chairman, and shall, pending fresh elections, succeed the National Chairman.

3) NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN

The National Vice Chairman shall, in the absence of the National Chairman, represent him/her at all Public functions in their zone. They shall also preside at all zonal meetings of the Party.

4) NATIONAL SECRETARY:

The National Secretary shall:

- (1) Take or cause to be taken all minutes of meeting and to keep same in the proper books and or achieves for the purpose of all minutes of the National Convention, National Executive Committee and National Working Committee.
- (2) Conduct all and any such correspondences as may be required.
- (3) Prepare the other of business for meanings of all National organs of the party with the approval of the National Chairmen.
- (4) Supervise the working of the National Secretary of the party and be responsible for tis control.

(5) In the event of dismissal or resignation, the National Secretary shall immediately hand over to the National Chairman, or nominees, all records, files and other properly of the party in his/her possession.

5) THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY:

Shall deputies in the absence of the National Secretary and assist in the performance of all the duties of the National Secretary.

6) THE NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES:

Shall assist the National Secretary by performing such duties as may be delegated to them by the National Secretary or the Deputy National Secretary and shall serve as Secretaries at all zonal meetings

(7) NATIONAL TREASURER:

The National Treasurer shall:

- (i) Receive and promptly pay into the party's account all monies receive for and on behalf of the party.
- (ii) Keep an approved imprest account as and when authorised by the National Executive Committee.
- (iii) Pay or cause to be paid all authorised party expenditures.

(8) NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

The national Financial Secretary shall:

- (i) Collect all monies due to the party and such monies to the National Treasurer not later than seven days after collection.
- (ii) Prepare arid submit proposals for the raising of party funds for the consideration of the National Committee

(9) THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

The Assistant National Financial Secretary shall deputies for the National Financial Secretary and assist in the performance of the duties of the National Financial Secretary

(10) THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The national Publicity Secretary shall be ho wage maker of the party and shall be responsible for all-Party propagando services and activities, all of which must be consistent with this constitution and the party manifesto.

(11) THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The National Publicity Secretary shall deputies for and assist in the performance the duties of the National Publicity Secretary

(12) THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISRE

The National Adviser shall advice the party on all legal n otters and shall arrange for the legal defense of the party and it s members when over necessary

(13) THE ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER

The assistant Legal Adviser shall deputies for and assist in the performance of the duties of the National Adviser.

(14) THE NATIONAL ADUITOR:

The National Auditor shall audit and or cause the audit of the books of accounts of the party and report annually to the annual convention and may be called upon by the National Executive and or the National Working Committee to audit such accounts from time to time.

(15) THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL ADUITOR

- a. The Assistant National Auditor shall deputies for and assist in the performance or the duties of the National Auditor
- b. The above provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to State, Local Government and ward officers.

(16) THE NATIONAL ORGANISING SECRETARY

The National Organising Secretary shall formulate the organisation and preparation of programmes and strategies for the expansion of the party, through research department cause to conduct research into the overall political activities in the country and from findings there from proposals for moving the party forward towards the attainment of its objectives as set out in this constitution and in the party's manifesto.

(17) THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The Assistant National Organising Secretary shall assist the National Organising Secretary in the performance of his duties and carry out such functions is as the National Organising Secretary.

(18) NATIONAL SOCIAL SECRETARY

The National Social Secretary shall handle and advice the Party on all social matters of the Party and its members when necessary.

(19) NATIONAL ASSISTANT SOCIAL SECRETARY

The National Assistant Social Secretary shall assist the National Social Secretary in the discharge of their duties

ARTICLE 26 - NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

1. The National Working Committee shall consist of:

- (i) The National Chairman
- (ii) The Deputy National Chairman
- (iii) The National Secretary
- (iv) The Deputy National Secretary
- (v) The National Publicity Secretary
- (vi) The National Auditor
- (vii) The National Financial Secretary
- (viii) The National Legal Adviser
- (ix) National Social Secretary
- (x) The party leader in the Senate and the party leader in the House of Representatives.

2. POWER AND FUNCTION:

- (i) The national working Committee shall be responsible for the day-today administration for the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee.
- (ii) The National Working Committee shall perform any other functions and roles assigned to by the National Executive Committee

3. MEETINGS

- (i) The national Working Committee shall meet at any time or at the request of the Chairman or one third of the members.
- (ii) Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority.

4. QUORUM

The quorum at any meeting of the National working Committee shall be one third of the total membership of the committee, provided the National Chairman, Deputy Chairman or National Secretary are in attendance

ARTICLE 27- NATIONAL LECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. The National Executive Committee shall consist at:
 - a. National Chairman
 - b. The Deputy National Chairman.
 - c. Six National Vice Chairman one from each of the six geographical zone.
 - d. National Secretary
 - e. Deputy National Secretary
 - f. Six Assistant National Secretaries
 - g. National Treasurer
 - h. National Financial Secretary
 - i. Assistant National Legal Adviser
 - j. National Publicity Secretary
 - k. National Legal Adviser
 - I. Six Assistant national Legal Advisers

- m. National Auditor
- n. Three Assistant National Auditors
- o. Social Secretary
- p. The President and Vice-President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime
- q. Minister, if produced by the party.

ARTICLE 28 - DISQUALIFICATION

- 1. Any member who holds any party office and wishes to office from such position six months before contesting
 - i. Office of the President
 - ii. Office of the Vice-President:
- iii. Office of the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister;
- iv. Governor and Deputy Governor;
- v. Ministers and Special Adviser;
- vi. Commissioners and Special Advisers;
- vii. Senators and Legislators at State and National Level;
- viii. Chairman of the Local Government and Councillors;
- ix. Any member who holds any party office and wishes to contest for any elective office from such position six months before contesting for the desired office.
 - (i) Ordinary Expulsion:-The order for this expulsion shall be for life.
 - (ii) Expulsion with dishonor shall be for life.
- a. Where it is proposed to expel a member of the Executive Committee, political office holder, or a member of a legislative House from membership of the party, such a proposal shall he submitted to the national Executive Committee which, after deliberations on the matter, nay confirm or reject the proposal.
- b. A decision to expel a member of the party taken or confirmed by the National Executive Committee shall become effective only if ratified by the National Convention.
- c. The National Executive Committee shall on receipt of the report of the fact finding committee makes a decision on the matter within fourteen days.

5. APPEAL

(i) A member aggrieved by a decision of any organs o the party shall have the right of appeal within 14 days of the decision to the immediately higher organ of the party in that Successive order up to the National Convention whose decision shall be final and binding.

- (ii) An appeal shall he determined by the appropriate appeal body within a period of 30 days, from the date of receipt of the appeal by the Executive Committee concerned, except whore the applles to the National Conception or any congress of the party.
- (iii) Where a decision or action taken by an organ of the party is appealed against, the decision or action shall remain in force and binding until the appeal or appeal had been determined. Thereafter, the decision or action shall cease to be binding if the appeal is uphold by the appellate body.

ARTICLE 29 - RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT:

The political and manifesto of the party within the frame work of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be supreme.

ARTICLE 30 – LIFE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP

All Ex-Presidents, who are members of the party shall be life Ex-officio members of the National Executive Committee for as long as they are members of the party.

- (i) The trustees shall hold all the properties of the party of trust subject to the directive of the National Executive Committee and shall each sign all documents to which the common seal of the party shall be affixed as required by law
- (ii) A Treasurer may be removed from office by the National convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee stating clearly the reasons for the removal which may amongst others, be on grounds of infirmity, insanity, bankruptcy, fraud, resignation, expulsion from party, or any unseeingly conduct.
- (iii) In the event of death or resignation or removal of a trustee from office, the vacancy shall be filled by the National Executive Committee subject to the ratification by National Convention.
- (iv) The National Secretary of the party prepare an inventory of all the properties, movables and immovable, real and personal belonging to the party and shall deposit copy of the said inventory with the Trustees.

ARTICLE 31 - SECRETARIES:

The State Secretary, at the State Level and the National Secretary and Deputy National Secretary, at the National Level, are responsible for the smooth running and the functions of their respective Secretaries below them, the Secretariat shall be staffed by full time career officials whose remuneration's, cancer prospects and end of service benefits shall be such that they could regarded as the party's Civil Service.

ARTICLE 32 - ZONING, ROTATION AND FEDERAL CHARACTER

- a. the party shall take into consideration, and shall ensure compliance with the principles of Rotation arid Power Shunning enshrined in the Constitution on of the Federal republic of Nigeria, and accordingly no member of the party shall be qualified to contest for nomination or be nominated as the party's candidate to contest for a political office to which a person from that member's zone had at some time prior to that nomination exercise been once elected unless and until all other zones grouped together for the purpose of ratation of election to that office C have had their turns in having a person from their respective zones elected to, and occupy, that office. Provided that this provision did not go against the new Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- b. There shall be Six zones for the purpose of power sharing and Federal Character in the party as follows:

i. SOUTH-SOUTH ZONE

Comprising of Delta, Edo, E3ayclsa, Rivers Cross Rivers Akwa-Ibom States

ii. SOUTH-EAST ZONE

Comprising of Enugu Abia, Ebonyi, Anamnra, Imo States

iii. NORTH-WEST ZONE

Comprising of Sokoto, Kebbi, Jigawa, Kano, Katisna, Kaduna, and Zamfara State

iv. NORTH-EAST ZONE

Comprising of Borno, Yobo, Adamawa, Taraba and Gombo States

v. NORTH- CENTRAL

Comprising of Keg, Benue, Nassarawa, Plateau, Kwara, Niger Sates and F.CT

vi. SOUTH-WEST ZONE

Comprising of Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Oyo, and Osun States

c. At the national level, posts in the National Executive Committee of the party shall

ARTICLE 33 – OTHER DUTIES

Notwithstanding the provision of any related section of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee may assign ANY OTHER DUTIES TO ANY NATIONAL officers of the party.

ARTICLE 34 – TENURE OF OFFICE

- 1) All National Officers of the party shall remain in office for a period of years unless re-elected by the Convention provided that no officer that no officer shall remain in office for more than two terms.
- 2) Should any vacancy occur in the ranks of the National Officers, the National Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute subject to ratification at the next Convention and or the conduct of fresh election into such an office. Such officers so appointed shall remain in office for the unexpired period of the term of the office.
- 3) Party elections shall held every years. Any officer or officers may be removed within the four years provided that a vote of no Confidence against any of them is carried with two-third majority.
- 4) The above provision shall apply mutatis mutandis to State, Local Government and Wards officers.

ARTICLE 35 – DISCIPLINE OF PARTY MEMBERS

a. Subject to the provision of this Article and the right to fair hearing, the party shall have power to discipline party members. This power shall be exercised or behalf of the party by there respective Executive Committee of the party at all levels.

b. OFFENCES

Offences against the Party shall include the following:

- (i) A breach of any provision of this Constitution.
- (ii) Anti-party activities or conduct in a manner which is likely to embarrass the party or bring the party into hatred, contempt, ridicule or disrepute in whatever manner.
- (iii) Disobedience or negligence in carrying our lawful directives of the party or of the other officers of the party.
- (iv) Flouting the rule and decisions of the party, engaging in dishonest practices, defrauding the party, continuously being absent at meetings, carrying our anti-party propaganda, or any other activities which tend to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient organization of the party or which activities are inconsistent with the attainments of the aims and objectives of the party.

- (v) Assuming names and titles not recognized by the Constitution of the party.
- (vi) Giving wrong information to any organ of the party unauthorized publicity of party dispute without exhausting all avenues of settlement or redness within the Party.

3. **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- (i) When a complaint or allegation is receive by the Executive Committee of the party at any level from a member of the party against the party, political office holder, or member, the Executive Committee concerned shall immediately constitute a Disciplinary or Fact Finding Committee of (5) members to examine the matter and report back to it.
- (ii) Complaint or allegations against members of the National Executive Committee, the National Assembly, and public office holders shall be submitted directly to the National Executive Committee
- (iii) The executive committee concerned shall not debate or discuss the complaint or allegation before sending to the disciplinary at fact finding committee
- (iv) The Disciplinary Committee of Fact Finding shall he headed by the Legal Adviser of the Party, or any other legal practitioner appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser

4. PUNISEMENT

- 1. The party shall have power to impose the following punishment in accordance with the nature and seriousness of the offence.
 - i. Expulsion from the party
 - ii. Suspension
 - iii. Removal from office
 - iv. Debarring from holding office
 - v. Fine
 - vi. Censure
 - vii.Reprimand.

2. EXPULSION

i. Expulsion with dishonour: The order for this expulsion shall be published in the media

ARTICLE 36 – FINANCE

The funds of the Party shall derive from:-

- i. Subscription, fees, or other levies imposed on members.
- ii. Donations public collections and other lawful means of fund raising
- iii. Proceeds from lawful investments
- iv. Gift and grants by individual or group of persons as allowed by law.
- v. The party SHALL NOT hold possess any funds or other asset outside Nigeria nor shall it retain any funds or assets remitted or sent to it from outside Nigeria and any such funds or other assets remitted or sent to it from outside shall be paid over or transferred to the INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC) not later than 21 says of their receipt, together with such information as it may required.

ARTICLE 37 - AUDIT OF ACCOUNT AND ASSETS

The National Executive Committee shall appoint a competent firm accountants to audit accounts and assets of the party annually for presentation to the national convention the party for approval and onward transmission to the INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)

ARTICLE 38 - AUDIT OF ACCOUNT AND ASSETS

The party shall maintain bank accounts in the towns or cities where the party secretariats are located at the various level of organisation, provided that where banking facilities are not available, the services of the nearest bank shall be utilsed. The Executive Committee of each level shall appoint its own Bankers.

The Chairman, Secretary and treasurer shall be signatories of the account of the party at the respective levels.

The Executive Committee at each level is empowered to appoint a signatory where any of the stipulated signatories is absent or unable, to sign due to one reason or the other.

ARITCLE 39 - COMMON SEAL:

The Common seal of the Party shall be a design approved by the National Executive Committee and shall be in custody of the national Secretary of the Party.

ARTICLE 40 - TRUSTEES:

There shall be six Treasurer of the Party one from each zone who shall be registered members of the party. However party office holders at any level of those holding Executive or Legislative office are not eligible for appointment as trustees.

There shall be six appointed by the national Executive Committee of the party subject to ratification by the National Convention.

a. RESPONSIBILITY

- i. To provide an effective and official Administration set up that responds to the party's needs and aspirations.
- ii. To provide required efficient and effective personnel that can provide the best service to the party.
- iii. To prepare and upon approval, implement staff welfare packages at all levels.
- iv. To prepare a short list of all vacancies that are available and upon approval advertise and facilitate the recruitment to fill the vacancies having regard to the Federal Character requirement;
- v. To recommend personnel standards that are consistent with current personnel pretties and upon approval administrator same.
- vi. To develop and maintain human resources and training programmes that can improve the efficiency of the staff;
- vii. To recommend appropriate options of transportation and other logistical system that are efficient cost effective and relevant;
- viii. Ensure hitch free travel arrangements for all party executive and officials.
- ix. To lilies with Director of Organisation to ensure that all travel arrangement requited for campaigns and rallies are mat: TO PROVIDE efficient and adequate protocol needs and other requirements for all party officers and functionaries;

- x. To ensure the implementation of appropriate maintenance schedule for all the party's fleets, and obtain the best maintenance arrangement which is cost effective and efficient;
- xi. To recommend standardization where appropriate, of party's vehicles etc.
- xii. Any other duties as assigned by the Party's authorities etc

b. DIRECTOR OF ORGANISATION

Report to: National Secretary

ROLE: Develop and maintain an effective and efficient responsive

system that can positively and mobiles the masses of this

country.

Responsibilities:

- Develop a system that can easily appeal to the masses of this country to respond to the party's aspirations;
- ii. To ensure a very strong grassroots base membership drive
- iii. To install appropriate shelties that can sustain and retain all category of a member within the party.
- iv. To evolve an effective and efficient campaign strategy that is truly indigenous and national in out look so that it can respond to the needs and aspirations of Nigerian.
- v. To arrange and organise in the most cost effective way, the most efficient of resources at all the party's campaigns and rallies
- vi. To undertake any other functions assigned by the authorities at the party.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

Report to: National Financial Secretary

Role: Develop an appropriate suitable Financial and Accounting standards that are internally efficient and should respond positively to the immediate and future needs of the party.

Responsibility:

- Implementation of approved Financial Accounting politics of the party.
- ii. Preparation of Management accounts, Monthly, Quarterly and Annually
- iii. Accounting actually for all the Financial transactions in accordance with the best commercial standards.
- iv. Maintenance of Ledgers and accounting records;

- v. Preparation of each floe attainments;
- vi. To ensure the gathering and collection of reliable and useful intelligent information at all levels and scientifically same for party's use;
- vii. To maintain close liaison with political research institutions/organisations within and outside the country;
- viii. To organize seminars tutorial conferences debate etc, in order to sell the party's programmes and policies to all Nigerians;
- ix. To prepare position papers, situation reports etc. for the use of the party;
- x. To publish material that are of benefit to the party and get [hem widely circulated and translated into the major Nigerian languages for the information of the generality of Nigerians
- xi. Any other duties as assigned by the Party authorities.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Report to: National Auditor

ROLE: Develop and appropriate and suitable Internal Controls

Systems, that can safe guard the Human, Financial and

Material Resources of the Party.

Responsibility

- i. To develop and maintain suitable Internal Controls systems, Audit plans, and work programme for the party.
- ii. To ensure compliance and adherence to all approved policies, rules, regulations, and all resources;
- iii. To implement pro-Audit at all levels;
- To review and verify financial statements/balances/presented by the financial secretary so as to ensure proper rendition of accounts and documentation;
- v. To carry out Ad-hoe investigations as directed h' the party:
- vi. To conduct cash counts of officials holding as well as monthly spot checks of inventory;

- vii. To prepare reports for review by the Auditor on findings, and recommendation of each party assignment implement previously accepted recommendations:
- viii. To conduct special audit when ever the need arises;
- ix. Any other duties assigned by the party authorities

LIBRARIAN

REPORTS TO: Director Planning and Research

Role: Develop, maintain, update, depository and books

periodicals and all other

i. To ensure sate custody of all party publications, periodicals etc:

- ii. To ensure the provision of all books etc that are of relent to the party's need and requirement;
- iii. To recommend appropriate and must relevant reading material that are of value to the party;
- iv. To acquire past and current publications that are periodical in nature and adjudged relevant to the party's needs;
- v. Liaise with national library and other institution and private libraries that stock materials relevant to the party's needs;.
- vi. Any other duties assigned by party authorities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

The Administrative Secretary heads the secretariat and co-ordinates the activities of various heads of department. He will be responsible for control and proper management of both staff and assets of the Party. The Administrative Secretary shall be appointed add will relates directly to National Secretary of the Party.

a. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Report to: National Secretary

Role: Develop and maintain an effective and efficient

administrative and personnel functions that can respond positively to the needs and requirement of the Party at all

levels.

ARTICLE 41 - ELECTIONS

Nomination of candidates for elective offices in the party shall be conducted on the basin of closed direct promotion as provided for in scheduled of this constitution.

ARTICLE 42 - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Without prejudice to any other rules that may be adopted by the National Executive committee or the National Convention, the rules for the,

conduct of meetings in t Party shall be as provided in schedule 2 this Constitution.

ARTICLE 43 - OATHS OF OFFICE

Every elected appointed officer of the party shall subscribe to the oath of allegiance and as provided in schedule 3 of this constitution before a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary public.

ARTICLE 44-DECLARATION OF ASSETS

All member of the Executive Committee of the Party of Local Government Area, State, make a sworn Declaration of Assets and Liabilities immediately after the election of office.

SCHEDULE III

OATHS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

So Help Me God.

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ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Arab Ngulde

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Garba Umar

NATIONAL ANTHEM

ARISE, O compatriots, Nigeria's Call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith,
The labours of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To sere with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity

O God of creation, direct our noble cause,
Guide thou our leaders' right,
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice reign.

The pledge

I pledge to Nigeria my country

To be faithful, loyal and honest

To serve Nigeria with all my strength

To defend her unity

And uphold her honour and glory

So help me God.

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