

CONSTITUTION OF THE DLA

DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

"Securing Our Future"

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PREAMBLE

We, the founding members and committed supporters of the Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA), united in vision, purpose, and conviction, and inspired by the enduring values of Pan-Africanism, do solemnly establish this Party as a transformative political movement dedicated to the social, economic, and political liberation of the Nigerian people.

Firm in our belief in the sovereignty, dignity, and unity of the Nigerian nation and the broader African continent, we acknowledge the urgent need for a new political order anchored in ethical leadership, scientific advancement, inclusive justice, and people-centered governance.

We affirm that Nigeria's future must be secured by visionary, principled, and competent leaders, trained in leadership, shaped by civic consciousness, and committed to a coherent ideological foundation. To this end, we affirm compulsory leadership and civic training as a prerequisite for all who seek to serve under our banner, ensuring a legacy of accountable, enlightened, and credible governance.

We declare that it is time to return governance to the people through institutional reforms, inclusive economic opportunities, and a national development agenda rooted in science, technology, and innovation. We resolutely reject all forms of corruption, political opportunism, and exploitative leadership. In their place, we pledge to cultivate a loyal, purpose-driven political culture, anchored in mandate protection, party discipline, and fidelity to the will of the people.

Our Gold uniform stands as a symbol of shared identity, unity, ecological consciousness, and commitment to growth. Our party flag, bearing a white background for purity, vigilance, and hope, and a golden pen to rewrite our history and our name inscribed in gold, represents our unwavering pursuit of integrity and excellence.

We commit ourselves to building a Nigeria rooted in equity, productivity, social development, environmental sustainability, and African solidarity. Guided by our motto: "Securing Our Future", and our slogan: "DLA – Leading with Courage, Serving with Integrity", we proclaim that the time for Nigeria's rebirth is now.

In full awareness of our historical responsibility and inspired by the struggles and resilience of generations past, we pledge to uphold the ideals and objectives of the Democratic Leadership Alliance, and to work tirelessly for a just, prosperous, and self-reliant Nigeria for ourselves, our children, and the generations yet unborn.

So, help us God

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: NAME OF THE PARTY

The name of the Party shall be DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (hereinafter in this Constitution referred to as "The Leadership Party" and with the abbreviation "DLA").

SECTION 2: SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY CONSTITUTION

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

SECTION 3: MOTTO

The motto of the Party shall be "SECURING OUR FUTURE". This reflects the Party's focus on long-term stability, sustainability, and national security.

SECTION 4: SLOGAN

The slogan of the Party shall be: "DLA – Leading with Courage, Serving with Integrity."

SECTION 5: FLAG AND EMBLEM

The flag of the Party shall have a white background with a golden pen at the center. The Party acronym "DLA" shall be inscribed in Gold.

SECTION 6: REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered Head Office of the Party shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, or in such other place as may be decided by the National Executive Committee (NEC).

Branch offices may be established in the States of the Federation as determined by the NEC or other authorized organs of the Party.

SECTION 7: MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Party at all levels, shall be held at their respective Party Secretariats, except in exceptional circumstances as approved by the appropriate Working Committee.

SECTION 8: CODE OF CONDUCT, CHARACTER AND ETHICS OF MEMBERS

1. INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- a. Members shall uphold the highest standards of honesty, truthfulness, and financial transparency.
- b. Public office is a trust leader and office holders must remain accountable to the people, the Party, and their conscience.
- c. Abuse of office, embezzlement, or personal enrichment at public expense is condemned and punishable under Party rules.

2. DISCIPLINE AND DUTY

- a. Members must demonstrate discipline in behavior, dress, language, and adherence to Party protocols.
- b. Compliance with the official Leadership Party uniform during functions signifies unity and Pan-African pride.
- c. Punctuality, diligence, and self-control are core expectations of all Leadership Party officials.

3. LOYALTY AND COMMITMENT TO MANDATE

- a. Members must pledge unwavering allegiance to the Democratic Leadership Alliance and its ideology.
- b. Elected officeholders must uphold the trust placed in them by the people and the Party.
- c. Aspirants shall sign a formal commitment agreement affirming the platform shall not be used for political defection.

4. LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE

1. Party leaders and elected officials shall model excellence in conduct, speech, and community service.
2. Leaders shall mentor emerging leaders, especially youth and marginalized groups, in line with DLA's renewal vision.

5. RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Members shall uphold the Nigerian Constitution and the principles of justice and human dignity.
2. The Party prohibits discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, gender, or social class.

6. COMMITMENT TO KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION

1. All leaders and aspirants must pursue continuous learning and complete compulsory leadership training.
2. The Party rejects ignorance and mediocrity in leadership.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Members shall promote green development and eco-conscious public policy.
2. Actions that harm the environment or public health violate the Party's identity and vision.

8. PAN-AFRICAN PATRIOTISM AND CULTURAL PRIDE

1. Members shall promote African dignity, heritage, and continental solidarity.
2. Public conduct shall reflect pride in African identity and opposition to neocolonialism.

SECTION 9: ETHICAL VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS

Any violation of the Party's ethical code shall be investigated by the Party Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (PEDC). Sanctions may include:

- (a) Formal warning or public apology
- (b) Suspension from Party activities
- (c) Disqualification from contesting under the Party
- (d) Withdrawal of Party mandate
- (e) Legal action or public censure, depending on severity

SECTION 10: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LEADERSHIP PARTY

1. To promote ethical, people-driven leadership through structured training, mentorship, and civic education.
2. To reform public institutions, including the justice system, civil service, and electoral commission for transparency and impartiality.
3. To support inclusive economic growth through innovation, agribusiness, MSMEs, cooperatives, and public-private partnerships.
4. To build a science-based economy focused on digital transformation, renewable energy, health innovation, and local R&D.
5. To empower youth and women through education reform, political inclusion, and fair resource distribution.
6. To safeguard Nigeria's cultural and Pan-African heritage through identity-based policies and regional integration.
7. To eliminate systemic inequality and promote social justice across ethnic, religious, and economic lines.
8. To invest in climate-resilient communities through eco-friendly policies, green energy, and infrastructure.
9. To institutionalize democratic governance through decentralization, credible elections, and protected civic freedoms.
10. To build a loyal and value-driven political culture where leaders serve with integrity and defend the people's mandate.

CHAPTER 2: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 11: MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Membership in the Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) is open to all Nigerians who believe in the Leadership Party's core values of Pan-Africanism, ethical leadership, justice, economic inclusion, scientific innovation, and national transformation.
2. The Leadership Party is committed to promoting political participation that is democratic, transparent, disciplined, and inclusive, in accordance with Section 40 of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria (as amended) and relevant provisions of the Electoral Act.

SECTION 12: PRINCIPLES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The strength of the Democratic Leadership Alliance lies in its members trained, committed, and ideologically aligned with the principles of African liberation, ethical leadership, and social transformation.
2. Membership is both a privilege and a responsibility, and every DLA member is a steward of the Leadership Party's vision to secure Nigeria's future through unity, justice, and innovation.

SECTION 13: CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The Democratic Leadership Alliance recognizes the following categories of membership:
 - a. General Membership: Open to any Nigerian citizen aged 18 years and above, who subscribes to the vision and constitution of the Party.
 - b. Youth Membership: Open to Nigerians aged 15–30 who wish to participate in DLA youth forums, civic training, and development programs. Full political rights are granted at age 18.
 - c. Associate Membership: Open to non-citizens of Nigerian origin or Pan-African sympathizers who align ideologically with the Leadership Party but cannot vote or contest for public office.
 - d. Honorary Membership: Granted to distinguished individuals or veterans who have contributed to African liberation, democratic governance, or national development.

SECTION 14: QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. To Qualify for Membership, an individual must:
 - a. Be a Nigerian Citizen by birth, registration, or naturalization (per Nigerian laws).
 - b. Be at least 18 years of age (for full membership).
 - c. Be of sound mind and not legally disqualified from political participation.
 - d. Subscribe to the Constitution, Code of Conduct, and Ethical Values of the Leadership Party.
 - e. Not be a current member of another political party (dual membership is prohibited under Nigerian law and Party rules).
 - f. Commit to wearing the official Gold Party uniform during official functions, legislative and executive duties and to attend ideological or leadership training when required.

SECTION 15: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Steps for membership application

STEP 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- a. Interested individuals must complete an Expression of Interest Form, which may be submitted online via the Party's website or in person at the nearest Ward or Local Government Chapter office.

STEP 2 – SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants must provide the following:

- a. Two recent passport-sized photographs
- b. Photocopy of a valid means of identification (e.g., National ID, PVC, international passport, or driver's license)
- c. Proof of residence or Local Government Certificate of Origin
- d. Signed Declaration of Allegiance to the DLA Constitution, Code of Ethics, and Pan-African Leadership Principles.

STEP 3 – SCREENING AND VERIFICATION

- a. All Applications will be screened by the Membership and Ethics Committee at the Ward level
- b. A brief background check will be conducted to confirm identity and legal eligibility
- c. Youth and associate members shall be subject to an orientation or induction process.

STEP 4 – ISSUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP CARD

Upon approval, the applicant shall be issued a Party Membership Card with a unique identification number and will be entered into the National Membership Register.

STEP 5 – INDUCTION AND ORIENTATION

All new members are expected to attend a Basic Political Orientation Session, which covers:

- a. DLA's Ideology and Objectives
- b. Code of Conduct and Ethics
- c. Party Structure and Dress Code
- d. Rights and Duties of Members
- e. Introduction to the Pan-African Framework.

SECTION 16: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Every registered member of the Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) shall have the right to:

1. Vote and be voted for in internal party elections, upon satisfying eligibility conditions.
2. Participate in policy discussions, training programs, and public campaigns.
3. Be protected from discrimination based on gender, religion, ethnicity, or social status.
4. Contest for elective public office under the Leadership Party, subject to successful completion of mandatory leadership training and signing of the mandate protection agreement.
5. Access Leadership Party publications, leadership forums, and development platforms.

SECTION 17: MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER AND WITHDRAWAL

1. A Member wishing to transfer to another DLA chapter must complete a Transfer Form and obtain clearance from the Local Government and State Secretariat.
2. A Member who wishes to resign shall submit a letter of resignation to the Ward Chairman, accompanied by the return of the Leadership Party membership card.
3. Defection to another political party while holding office under the DLA shall be deemed gross misconduct and shall attract immediate disciplinary action, including withdrawal of mandate, in accordance with the Leadership Party's mandate protection clause.

SECTION 18: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

1. A member found guilty of violating the Leadership Party's ethics, including criminal conduct, insubordination, financial misconduct, or political betrayal, may face any of the following penalties:
 - A. Warning or Reprimand
 - B. Suspension for a defined period
 - C. Expulsion with public notice, upon recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee and approval by the appropriate Executive Committee
2. All disciplinary procedures shall follow the principles of fair hearing, as provided by Nigerian law and the Party Constitution.

SECTION 19: MEMBERSHIP RECORDS AND DATA PROTECTION

1. The Leadership Party shall maintain a secure digital and physical database of all members.
2. Members' data shall be managed in compliance with the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR).
3. The Leadership Party registers at the Ward, LGA, and State levels shall be updated annually and submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), in accordance with the Electoral Act.
4. Membership in the DLA is a privilege and a responsibility. Every member is a steward of the Leadership Party's vision to secure Nigeria's future through unity, justice, and innovation.
5. A person who voluntarily withdrew from the Leadership Party may rejoin by:
 - a. Reapplying at their Ward through the Ward Secretary and
 - b. Paying the necessary readmission fees and any outstanding dues, unless exceptional reasons are accepted.
6. In cases of expulsion, a returnee shall require a waiver granted by the Zonal Working Committee, upon the recommendation of the Ward Chairman and Secretary. Such members must:
 - a. Pay all outstanding dues and registration fees and
 - b. Be placed on probation for six (6) months, during which they may attend meetings but shall not vote or contest for elective office.

SECTION 20: DUES AND THE LEADERSHIP PARTY REGISTER

1. Members shall pay monthly dues using their biometric card (where applicable). Dues shall be paid into a dedicated national Party account (TSA).
2. Any member who fails to pay dues for six (6) consecutive months shall have their membership deemed lapsed and must reapply or seek a waiver.
3. The Membership register shall be computerized to ensure transparency and prevent fraud.
4. All new registrations shall close one month before Party Congresses or the National Convention.
5. Procedures for maintaining membership records shall be standardized across all Party levels.
6. Members shall have the right to verify and update their information with the Ward Chairman and Secretary before nomination periods.
7. Not later than thirty (30) days before any National Convention or Congress, a seven (7)-day window shall be provided for the publication of the register of members in good financial standing. This shall be displayed at Ward offices and published on the official Party website.
8. Ward Executives shall receive and review complaints or corrections to the register within fourteen (14) days of publication. Membership cards and registers are classified as Party documents and are accessible only upon request.

SECTION 21: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member who fails to renew their membership by paying the monthly subscription within six (6) months of the due date shall forfeit the rights and privileges of membership.
2. If default continues for twelve (12) months, the member shall cease to be recognized as a member of the Leadership Party.
3. Reinstatement shall only occur upon full payment of all outstanding dues and penalties, as determined by the Leadership Party.
4. Members removed for reasons other than non-payment may be readmitted based on the recommendation of their Ward Executive Committee, through the Local Government Area Executive Committee.

SECTION 22: STATUS OF RETURNEE MEMBERS

1. Any person who previously decamped from the Leadership Party but seeks to return shall forfeit all seniority and privileges tied to their former status.
2. Such individuals shall not be eligible to contest for elective office until they have:
 - a. Spent a minimum of one (1) year in the Leadership Party after return and
 - b. Contributed actively to the Leadership Party programs and development.

CHAPTER 3: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 23: DUTIES OF THE LEADERSHIP PARTY MEMBERS

Every member of the Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) shall:

1. Abide by the provisions of the Party Constitution, Code of Ethics, and all disciplinary rules and regulations.
2. Uphold the Party's public image by observing the official gold dress code during Party events, outings, executive and legislative functions.
3. Strive to understand the social, cultural, political, and economic challenges affecting Nigeria.
4. Combat any form of propaganda detrimental to the Party and defend the policies, programs, and principles of the Party.
5. Oppose all forms of ethnicity, religious and political intolerance, and discrimination in any form.
6. Observe discipline, act with honesty, and loyally carry out the decisions of the Party, including those taken by its higher organs.
7. Refrain from publishing or distributing to the public any material purporting to represent any faction or tendency within the Party without proper authorization.
8. Ensure that they are registered voters in the constituency in which they reside.
9. Pay all fees, dues, and levies as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee or any authorized organ of the Party.
10. Be eligible to vote and be voted for in Party meetings or elections, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
11. Remain loyal to the Party and refrain from any conduct inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
12. Not divulge the proceedings or decisions of the Party without express authorization.
13. Ensure that all public officers elected or appointed on the Party's platform adhere strictly to the Party's manifesto, rules, and decisions.
14. Not publicize internal disagreements or conflicts within the Party unless expressly authorized.
15. Not align with other political parties or groups in a manner that undermines the Party or its elected government.
16. Not engage in violent conduct or acts capable of inciting violence at any Party gathering or function.
17. Not initiate legal proceedings against the Party or any of its officers without first exhausting all internal conflict resolution mechanisms provided in this Constitution.
18. Where an officer initiates legal action without following due internal procedures, such officer shall be suspended from office and all-Party activities pending the final decision of the court.
 - a. If the court rules in the officer's favor, they may resume office and participate in Party affairs.

- b. If the case is lost, as determined by the final court decision, the officer may be expelled from the Party.

SECTION 24: FACTIONS AND DEFECTIONS

1. Any member intending to defect to another party must first resign from any position held by providing three (3) months' written notice of intention to withdraw from the DLA.
2. It shall be unlawful for a defector to transfer an electoral mandate won under the DLA platform to another political party.
3. Any such position shall be declared vacant and the Party shall have the right to present a new candidate for a fresh contest.
4. Any member who aligns with another party with the intention of undermining the aims and objectives of the DLA shall be liable to expulsion.
5. Any individual or group who declares a faction within the DLA shall be deemed to have lost their membership and shall no longer have any rights to participate in Party activities.
6. A leadership dispute shall not be considered a faction unless at least 50% of the executive committees of all 36 states and the FCT align with the disputing group.
7. Where the 50% threshold is not met, such a dispute shall be treated as a leadership tussle, to be resolved through the internal dispute resolution not as fractionalization of the Party.
8. Any aspirant or candidate of the Leadership Party, upon being elected into public office under the platform of the Party, shall not transfer, carry, or take the mandate of the Party into another political party in the event of defection.
9. Defection from the Leadership Party by an elected office holder shall operate as an automatic and immediate forfeiture of the office won under the Party's platform, without prejudice to further disciplinary measures of the Party.
10. This provision shall apply to all elective offices, including but not limited to:
 - a. President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - b. Governors and Deputy Governors of States
 - c. Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - d. Members of the House of Representatives
 - e. Members of the State Houses of Assembly
 - f. Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Local Government Councils
 - g. Councilors of Local Government Councils
 - h. Any other contestable office in respect of which the Party fields candidates.

SECTION 25: OBLIGATION OF THE LEADERSHIP PARTY TO MEMBERS AND OATH OF LOYALTY AND AFFIDAVIT OF FORFEITURE OF INTENDING ASPIRANT

1. The party shall:

- a. Create opportunities for members to serve and actively participate in Party structures and decision-making.
- b. Adopt strategies to encourage volunteerism and promote social cohesion among members, including periodic gatherings and community-building events.
- c. The National Working Committee (NWC) shall produce an Annual Status of the Party Report, to be presented at one of the biannual meetings of the National Executive Committee (NEC).

2. The intending aspirant shall:

As a condition precedent to screening and nomination under the Party platform, every aspirant shall depose to an affidavit before a Court of competent jurisdiction, affirming and swearing that:

- a. He or she shall not defect from the Party after being elected into public office under the Party's platform.
- b. In the event of defection, he or she shall automatically lose the office won under the Party's platform, without prejudice to the Party's right to reclaim the said mandate.
- c. The affidavit so sworn shall form part of the Party's official record and shall be enforceable as a binding undertaking by the aspirant.
- d. Any breach of this oath shall be deemed gross misconduct and a betrayal of Party trust, warranting immediate invocation of this Article and other disciplinary measures provided in the Constitution of the Party.

CHAPTER 4: PARTY STRUCTURE

SECTION 26: ORGANS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LEADERSHIP PARTY

1. The party shall be organized and administered at the following levels:

- a. Polling Unit
- b. Ward
- c. Local Government Area (LGA)
- d. Senatorial District
- e. State
- f. Zonal
- g. National

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

- a. The State House of Assembly Constituency
 - b. The Federal Constituency
 - c. The Senatorial District
3. There shall be a Party Secretariat at all levels of the Leadership Party, except at the Polling Unit level.
4. For the purpose of the organization of the party, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja shall be deemed to be a State.
5. The organs of the party shall consist of the following:
- a. The Polling Unit Committee
 - b. The Ward Executive Committee
 - c. The Ward Congress
 - d. The Local Government Executive Committee
 - e. The Local Government Area Congress
 - f. The Senatorial District Working Committee
 - g. The State Working Committee
 - h. The State Executive Committee
 - i. The State Congress
 - j. The Zonal Working Committee
 - k. The Zonal Executive Committee
 - l. The Zonal Congress
 - m. The National Working Committee
 - n. The Board of Trustees
 - o. The National Executive Committee
 - p. The National Management Committee
 - q. The National Convention
 - r. The Women's Wing
 - s. The Youth Wing

SECTION 27: THE POLLING UNIT COMMITTEE

1. There shall be in each Polling Unit, a Polling Unit Committee consisting of:
 - a. Polling Unit Chairperson

- b. Polling Unit Deputy Chairperson
- c. Polling Unit Secretary
- d. Polling Unit Assistant Secretary
- e. Polling Unit Treasurer
- f. Polling Unit Assistant Treasurer
- g. Polling Unit Woman Mobiliser
- h. Polling Unit Assistant Woman Mobiliser
- i. Polling Unit Youth Mobilizer
- j. Special (Physically Challenged) Mobilizer
- k. All members of the National, State, Local Government Area, and Ward Executive Committee from the Polling Unit

SECTION 28. WARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall consist of:
 - a. The Chairperson
 - b. The Deputy Chairperson
 - c. The elected Chairperson of the Local Government Council, the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Local Government Council and the elected Councilors of the Wards who are members of the party
 - d. The Secretary
 - e. The Assistant Secretary
 - f. The Treasurer
 - g. The Financial Secretary
 - h. The Organizing Secretary
 - i. The Publicity Secretary
 - j. The Woman Mobilizer
 - k. The Youth Mobilizer
 - l. Five other members elected at the Ward Congress, two of whom shall be women
 - m. The members of National, Zonal, State and Local Government Executive Committees of the party from the Ward
 - n. The members of the National Board of Trustees from the Ward
 - o. The members of the National and State Assemblies from the ward, who are members of the party

- p. The Ward Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
- q. The Ward Auditor
- r. Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Woman Mobilizer, Polling Unit Youth Mobilizer, Polling Unit Special (Physically Challenged) Mobilizers from all the Polling Units in the Ward
- s. Former Councilors and local government appointees from the ward who are members of the party
- t. Former and present political office holders from the Ward who are members of the Party, that is:
 - (i) Former and Current Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if they are from the Ward
 - (ii) Former and Current Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if they are from the Ward
 - (iii) Former and Current State Governors or Deputy Governors if they are from the Ward
 - (iv) Former members of the National and State Executive Committees, who are still members of the party if they are from the Ward

SECTION 29: FUNCTIONS

1. The functions of the Ward Executive Committee shall be:

- a. Administration of the Party at the Ward level
- b. Raising funds for the party
- c. Membership drive for the party
- d. Drawing up strategies for political campaigns
- e. Mobilizing voters for the party
- f. Implement the decisions of the Ward Congress and other organs of the party
- g. Producing every quarter, the Status of the Party Report
- h. Producing the Ward Auditor's Report
- i. Perform such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party and as may, from time to time, be assigned to it by higher organs of the Party

SECTION 30: MEETINGS

1. The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
2. Meetings of the Ward Executive Committee shall be called by the Ward Chairperson.
3. An extraordinary meeting of the Ward Executive Committee shall be held if requested by at least two-thirds of the members of the Ward Executive Committee or if requested by one-third of the registered members of the Ward. Such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.

4. The quorum at a Ward Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 31: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION WARD CONGRESS

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

SECTION 32: FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Ward Congress shall be to:

- 1 Receive state of the party and reports of officers of the Ward
- 2 Receive Auditors' reports
- 3 Approve the budget of the Ward
- 4 Elect members of the Ward Executive Committee
- 5 Elect Ward delegates to the Party Congress
- 6 Conduct primaries for the Ward elections
- 7 Carry out such other functions as may be in the interest of the Party
- 8 Receive a written expression of interest to run for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

SECTION 33: MEETINGS

1. The Ward Congress shall be summoned by the Chairperson of the Ward Executive Committee at least once a year.
2. The quorum of the Ward Congress shall be one-third of the registered members of the Ward and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
3. A special Ward Congress shall be held if requested by two-thirds of the members of the Ward Congress, and such Congress shall hold within seven days of the request.

CHAPTER 5: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

34. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Local Government Executive Committee which shall consist of:
 - a. The Chairperson
 - b. The Deputy Chairperson
 - c. All Ward Chairperson
 - d. The Treasurer
 - e. The Secretary

- f. The Assistant Secretary
- g. The Financial Secretary
- h. The Publicity Secretary
- i. The Assistant Publicity Secretary
- j. The Organizing Secretary
- k. The Auditor
- l. The Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
- m. Five other ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be women
- n. The Woman Mobilizer
- o. The Youth Mobilizer

SECTION 35: FUNCTIONS

1. The functions of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be to:
 - a. Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the Local Government area as well as receive and implement reports from the wards on:
 - i. Membership
 - ii. Fund raising
 - iii. Strategies for political campaigns and electoral success, and
 - iv. Mobilization of voters
 - v. Accept and review the state of the party report every quarter
 - vi. Provide strategies for effective communication between the Polling Units, Wards and the local government area
 - vii. Undertake general administration of the Party in the local government area
 - viii. Implement the decisions of the Local government Congress and other higher organs of the party and
 - ix. Employ all Secretarial staff for the Local Government branch of the party.

SECTION 36: MEETINGS

1. The Local Government Executive Committee shall meet not less than twice a month.
2. The meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary on the directive of the Chairman.
3. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-thirds of the members of the Local Government Executive Committee and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.

4. The quorum of the Local Government Executive Committee shall be one-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the Wards in the Local Government Area and a resolution shall be passed by simple majority.

SECTION 37: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CACUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.

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

- a. The Local Government Area Chairperson of the Party, who shall be the Chairperson
- b. The Local Government Party Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Woman and Youth Mobilizer
- c. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary of the Local Government Area and three supervisory Counselors selected by the Chairperson, who are members of the Party and
- d. Five elders of the party in the Local Government, two of whom shall be women chosen by the caucus.
- e. Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Woman Mobilizer, Polling Unit youth Mobilizer, Polling Unit Special (Physically Challenged) Mobilizers, from all the wards in the Local Government Area.

SECTION 38: FUNCTIONS

1. The Local Government Area Caucus shall consider urgent and important issues affecting the politics and relating to the Party Manifesto and other issues arising from Local Government Area and State.
2. The Local Government Area caucus shall also receive and review the state of party report for the Local Government Area.

SECTION 39: MEETINGS

1. The Local Government Area Caucus shall meet at least four times a year.
2. The extra-ordinary meeting of the Local Government Area caucus shall be held if requested for by two third of the members and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
3. The quorum of the Local Government Area Caucus shall be one-third of the members of the caucus and a resolution shall be passed by simple majority.

SECTION 40: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- a. The Local Government Chairperson of the Party and other members of the Local Government Area Executive Committee
- b. The Elected and former Local Government Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Counselors, who are members of the party
- c. All Former and current Chairpersons and Secretaries of the Ward Executive Committees from the Local Government Area

- d. Three Delegates from each Ward of the Local Government Area elected at the Ward Congress, at least one of whom shall be a woman, all of whom shall cease to function at the conclusion of congress for which they were elected
- e. Elected and former political office holders from the Local Government Area, who are members of the Party,
- f. Polling Unit Chairperson, Polling Unit Secretary, Polling Unit Woman Mobilizer, Polling Unit youth Mobilizer, Polling Unit Special (Physically Challenged) Mobilizers, from all the wards in the Local Government Area.

SECTION 41: FUNCTIONS

1. The Functions of the Local Government Area Congress shall be to-
 - a. Elect members to the Local Government Executive Committee of the Party
 - b. Elect Local Government Council Chairmanship Candidates of the Party
 - c. Elect Local Government Party delegates to the National Convention
 - d. Approve the budget of the Party at the Local Government level.
 - e. Receive the Local Government Auditor's Report.
 - f. The Local Government Area Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to contest for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries

SECTION 42: MEETINGS

1. The meetings of the Local Government Area Congress shall be held not less than once a year.
2. The Chairman of the Local Government Committee shall summon the Local Government Area Congress.
3. An extra-ordinary Local Government Area Congress shall hold if requested for by at least two-third of the Chairmen of the Wards constituting the Local Government Area.
4. The quorum for the Local Government Area Congress shall be one-third of the delegates to the Congress provided that not less than two-third of all the wards in the Local Government Area are represented, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

CHAPTER 6: SENATORIAL DISTRICT

SECTION 43: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Senatorial District Executive Committee which shall consist of:
 - a. The State Vice Chairperson from the Senatorial District, who shall be the Chairperson
 - b. Former and current President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Vice President, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District

- c. Former and current State Governor or Deputy Governor, who are members of the Party from the Senatorial District
- d. Former and current Members of the Board of Trustees from the Senatorial District
- e. Members of the National, Zonal and State Executive Committees of the Party from the Senatorial District
- f. Former and current Local Government Party Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers from the Senatorial District
- g. Former and current Elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party
- h. The Senatorial Women Mobilizer elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee.
- i. The Senatorial Youth Mobilizer elected by the Senatorial District Executive committee
- j. Five ex-officio members elected by the Senatorial District Executive Committee, at least two of whom shall be women
- k. Former and current Members of the National and State House of Assembly from the Senatorial District, who are members of the Party.
- l. Former and current Local Government Council Councilors from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party.

SECTION 44: FUNCTIONS

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

SECTION 45: MEETINGS

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

2. The Assistant State Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Secretary of the Senatorial District Executive Committee, while the Assistant State Organizing Secretary from the Senatorial District shall be the Senatorial District Organizing Secretary.
3. The quorum of the Senatorial District Executive Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the Local Government Areas in the Senatorial District and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
4. Constitution of sub- committee to handle and manage specific issues relating to the senatorial area including interfacing on behalf of the party with representatives from the specific senatorial zone.

SECTION 46: SENATORIAL CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Senatorial District Caucus of the Leadership Party in each Senatorial district of the Federation, which shall consist of the following members-
 - a. Chairperson to be appointed by the State Executive Committee
 - b. The State Vice Chairperson who shall be the Vice Chairperson
 - c. All National, Zonal and State Party Executive Committee members from the Senatorial District
 - d. All members of the National Assembly from the District who are members of the Party
 - e. All House of Assembly members from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party
 - f. All members of the State Executive Council from the Senatorial District who are members of the Party
 - g. Former members of the National and State Assemblies from the Senatorial zone who are still members of the Party
 - h. Political office holders from the Senatorial District who are members of The Party Fifteen Elders of the party from the Senatorial District, five of whom shall be women.

SECTION 47: FUNCTIONS

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

SECTION 48: MEETINGS

1. The Senatorial District Caucus shall meet not less than three times in a year.
2. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be held if requested by two thirds of the members and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
3. The quorum of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be one third of the members of the Caucus and a simple majority shall pass a motion.

CHAPTER 7 STATE WORKING COMMITTEE

SECTION 49: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a State Working Committee which shall consist of-
 - (a) The State Chairperson
 - (b) The State Deputy Chairperson from the same zone as the Chairperson
 - (c) The State Deputy Chairperson from a different zone from the Chairperson
 - (d) The State Secretary
 - (e) The State Treasurer
 - (f) The State Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner
 - (g) The State Financial Secretary
 - (h) The State Publicity Secretary
 - (i) State Auditor
 - (j) The State Organizing Secretary
 - (k) The State Woman Mobilizer
 - (l) The State Youth Mobilizer
 - (m) The State Persons with special needs Mobilizer
 - (n) The Senatorial Chairperson

SECTION 50: FUNCTIONS

1. The State Working Committee shall:
 - a. Undertake the day-to-day administration of the Party in the State and shall be responsible to the State Executive Committee and
 - b. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the State Executive Committee.
 - c. Prepare the State of the party report biannually for onwards transmission to the headquarters through the zonal executive Committee.
 - d. Prepare a quarterly status of the Party report for onward transmission to the Headquarters, such report shall reach the Headquarters not later than the last week of every quarter.
 - e. Transmit promptly all subsisting internal disputes which the SWC is unable to resolve to the Zonal Working Committee and copy the National Working Committee for their attention.
 - f. Provide a biannual report on the implementation of the Party Manifesto and the Campaign Promises of the candidates.

- g. Generate annually a Plan of Action for all elected representatives of the Party and share the same with members of their respective constituency.

SECTION 51: MEETINGS

1. The State Working Committee shall meet not less than twice a month at the instance of the Chairman.
2. An extraordinary meeting of the State Working Committee shall be held if requested by two-third of the members of the Committee, and such a meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
3. The quorum of the State Working Committee shall be one- third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts in the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 52: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF STATE CAUCUS

1. There shall be a State Leadership Party Caucus in each state of the Federation which shall consist of the following members:
 - a. The State Chairperson of the Leadership Party, who shall be the Chairperson
 - b. Former and current State Deputy Chairperson (which shall be of the opposite sex)
 - c. Former and current President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party
 - d. Former and current State Governor and Deputy Governor, who are members of the party
 - e. Former and current Members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party from the State
 - f. Former and current Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the State House of Assembly, who are members of the Party
 - g. Members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees of the Party from the State.
 - h. The members of the Board of Trustees from the state.
 - i. The State Party Secretary
 - j. The State Party Treasurer
 - k. The State Party Legal Adviser.
 - l. The State Party Woman Mobilizer
 - m. The State Party Youth Mobilizer
 - n. Former State Chairpersons and State Secretaries who are still members of the Party and
 - p. Six (6) persons who have to be young men and women of not more than 35 years old to work within the state caucus.

SECTION 53: FUNCTIONS

1. The State Caucus shall meet from time to time, to consider urgent and important issues affecting the Party, the State or the Nation.
2. The State caucus shall give expression to the manifesto of the party and hold the governor of the state and/or all representatives of the government and elected persons accountable at a solemn assembly tagged with the public.

SECTION 54: MEETINGS

1. The State Caucus shall meet not less than once every quarter, at the instance of the Chairperson and one of such meetings shall be the solemn assembly with the people of the state.
2. An extraordinary meeting of the State Caucus shall be held if requested by two-third of the members of the Caucus and such meeting shall be held within seven days of the request.
3. The quorum of the State Caucus meeting shall be one-third of the members of the Caucus drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
4. Review the annual report on the status of the party in the state before it is presented to the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 55: STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.

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

- a. The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman
- b. The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party
- c. The State Governor and Deputy Governor, if members of the Party
- d. Members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party
- e. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Party Leader and Party Whip in the State House of Assembly, if members of the Party
- f. All elected and former members of the House of Assembly
- g. All National and Zonal Executive Committee members of the party from the state
- h. Members of the Board of Trustees from the state
- i. The State Deputy Chairpersons.
- j. The three State Vice Chairperson.
- k. The State Secretary and the State Assistant Secretary
- l. The State Treasurer and the Assistant State Treasurer
- m. The State Organizing Secretary and the State Assistant Organizing Secretary
- n. The State Financial Secretary and the State Assistant Financial Secretary
- o. The State Publicity Secretary and the State Assistant Publicity Secretary

- p. The State Legal Adviser and the State Assistant Legal Adviser, all of whom shall be a legal practitioner
- q. The State Auditor and the State Assistant Auditor
- r. The State Woman Mobilizer
- s. The State Youth Mobilizer
- t. The State Persons with Special Needs Organizer
- u. Two ex-officio members, one of whom shall be a woman, from each of the three Senatorial District elected by the State Congress
- v. All elected and former Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party
- w. All elected and former Local Government Area Party Chairmen in the State
- x. All former members of the National and State Executive Committee members who are still in the Party and
- y. All former members of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party
- z. 15 youth from the Youth Wing of the Party, 10 Women from the Women's Wing of the Party and 5 Persons with special needs from the Organizer provided that in representation for youth and persons with special needs the 35% affirmative action for women is observed.

SECTION 56: FUNCTIONS

1. The Functions of the State Executive Committee shall be to: -
 - a. Identify and resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the State.
 - b. Undertake the general administration of the party in the state and implement the decisions of the State Congress, and the directives of the National Working Committee, the National Executive Committee and the National Convention and
 - c. Prepare the annual budget of the State Branch of the party and convey the same to the National Secretariat of the party for appropriation, such a budget shall have a section for all the organs of the party under the SWC.
 - d. Monies not appropriated by the National Executive Committee cannot be expended or procured by the State Working Committee or any organ thereunder.

SECTION 57: MEETINGS

1. The State Executive Committee shall meet at the instance of the Chairman not less than once every quarter.
2. An extra-ordinary meeting of the State Executive Committee shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the State Executive committee.

3. The quorum for the State Executive committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 58: STATE PARTY CONGRESS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a State Party Congress which shall consist of:
 - a. The State Chairman, who shall be the Chairman
 - b. The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party from the state
 - c. The Governor, Deputy Governor of the State if members of the Party
 - d. The Gubernatorial Candidate of the Party
 - e. The members of the Board of Trustees from the State
 - f. Members of the National and Zonal Executive Committees from the State
 - g. The members of the National Assembly from the State and the members of the State House of Assembly, who are members of the Party
 - h. All elected Local Government Council Chairmen and Vice Chairmen who are members of the Party
 - i. All Local Government Party Secretaries and Treasurers
 - j. All Local Government Women and Youth Mobilizers
 - k. Three delegates per Ward elected at Ward Congresses at least one of whom shall be a woman, and all of whom shall cease to function after the conclusion of the Congresses for which they were elected
 - l. Former members of State Working Committee who are still members of the Party:
 - m. Former Governors and Deputy Governors produced by the Party who are still members of the Party
 - n. Former Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the State House of Assembly produced by the party who are still members of the party
 - o. Former members of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party
 - p. Former members of the National and State Executive Committee who are still members of the Party.
 - q. 30 members of the Youth wing, 24 members of the women's wing and 6 members of persons with special needs. In making this representation, not less than 35% shall be women and there shall be equal representation from the senatorial districts.

SECTION 59: FUNCTIONS

1. The Functions of the State Congress shall be to:
 - a. Approve the Budget of the State Branch of the party.
 - b. Elect officers of the State Executive Committee.

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

SECTION 60: MEETINGS

1. The State Congress shall meet once in every two years on a date and at a venue to be determined by the State Executive Committee provided that the State Congress shall be held before the National Convention.
2. The quorum of the State Congress shall be two-third of the members drawn from the three Senatorial Districts of the State and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 61: STATE ASSEMBLY CONGRESS

1. There shall be a State Assembly Congress, which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the State Assembly Constituency and other members of the Local Government Executive Committee from the State Assembly constituency who are not delegates to the State Congress.
2. The State Assembly Congress shall receive a written expression of interest to run for a position at least six months before the conduct of primaries.
3. The Functions of the State Assembly Congress shall be to elect the state House of Assembly candidate of the party.

SECTION 62: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRESS

1. There shall be the congress for the House of Representatives, which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the Federal Constituency.
2. The Functions of the House of Representative Congress shall be to elect the House of Representative Candidate of the Party.
3. The House of Representative Congress shall receive a written expression of interest from aspirants to run for elective position at least six months before the conduct of primaries.

SECTION 63: SENATE DISTRICT CONGRESS

1. There shall be the Senatorial District Congress which shall be constituted by all delegates to the State Congress from the Senatorial District.
2. The Functions of the Senatorial District Congress shall be to elect the senatorial candidate of the party.

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

CHAPTER 8: ZONAL LEVEL

SECTION 64: ZONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Zonal Working Committee which shall consist of:
 - a. The National Vice Chairperson from the Zone, who shall be the Chairperson
 - b. The Zonal Secretary
 - c. The Zonal Treasurer
 - d. The Zonal Financial Secretary
 - e. The Zonal Organizing Secretary
 - f. The Zonal Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner
 - g. The Zonal Publicity Secretary
 - h. The Zonal Auditor
 - i. The Zonal Woman Mobilizer
 - j. The Zonal Youth Mobilizer

SECTION 65: Functions

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

SECTION 66: MEETINGS

1. The Zonal Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight, and its quorum shall be two-third of its membership drawn from at least two-third of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass a motion of the Zonal Working Committee.
2. Notwithstanding Section 46(3) above, the Zonal Working Committee shall periodically call dispute resolution meetings to address all issues of disagreements arising from the zone.

SECTION 67: ZONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Zonal Executive Committee which shall consist of-
 - a. The National Vice Chairperson from the Zone, who shall be the Chairperson
 - b. Current and former President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria who are members of the party from the Zone
 - c. Current and former Members of the National Assembly from the Zone who are members of the party.
 - d. The current and former State Governors and Deputy Governors from the Zone, if members of the party.
 - e. Members of the National Executive Committee from the Zone.
 - f. Members Board of Trustees from the Zone.
 - g. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker Party Leader and Party Whip in the State Houses of Assembly in the Zone, who are members of the party
 - h. The Zonal Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Committee
 - i. The State Chairpersons, State Secretaries, Treasurers, Women Mobilizers and Youth Mobilizers of the party from the Zone
 - j. The Zonal Treasurer
 - k. The Zonal Financial Secretary
 - l. The Zonal Publicity Secretary
 - m. The Zonal Legal Adviser, who shall be a legal practitioner
 - n. The Zonal Woman Mobilize
 - o. The Zonal Youth Mobiliser
 - p. The Zonal Organizing Secretary
 - q. The Zonal Auditor.
 - r. One ex-officio member from each of the states in the zone.

SECTION 68: FUNCTIONS

1. The Functions of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be to:
 - a. Harmonize, co-ordinate and review all activities of the party within the zone
 - b. Establish ad-hoc or standing committees of the party within the zone
 - c. Prepare agenda for and summon meetings of the Zonal Congress
 - d. Prepare reports and budgets for the consideration of the zonal congress and

- e. Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 69: MEETINGS

1. The Zonal Executive Committee shall meet not less than once in every quarter at the instance of the National Vice Chairperson, provided that two-third of the members of the Committee shall have power to summon an extra-ordinary meeting.
2. The quorum of the Zonal Executive Committee shall be one- third of the membership of the Committee drawn from at least two-third of the States in the zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 70: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION ZONAL CONGRESS

1. There shall be a Zonal Congress to consist of the following members from all the states in the Zone-
 - a. All members of the Zonal Working Committee.
 - b. The Zonal Executive Committee.
 - c. The States Executive Committee.
 - d. All former members of the Zonal Working Committee who are still members of the Party.
 - e. All delegates to the National Convention from all the States in the zone.

SECTION 71: FUNCTIONS

1. The Functions of the Zonal Congress shall be to-
 - a. Undertake oversight of the implementation of program and projects by the states in the zone
 - b. Elect officers of the Zonal Working Committee
 - c. Receive the reports of officers of the party in the zone and
 - d. Receive the Zonal Auditor's report.

SECTION 72: MEETINGS

1. The Zonal Congress shall meet every two years at the instance of the National Vice Chairperson from the Zone.
2. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Zonal Congress shall be held if requested for, by at least two-third of the members of the State Executive Committees.
3. The quorum of the Zonal Congress Meeting shall be two-thirds of the members of the States in the Zone and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

CHAPTER 9: NATIONAL LEVEL WORKING COMMITTEE

SECTION 73: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a National Working Committee of the party which shall consist of:

- a. The National Chairperson
 - b. Two Deputy National Chairpersons
 - c. The National Secretary
 - d. The Deputy National Secretary
 - e. Six Zonal Vice Chairmen that is for the (6) Geopolitical Zones
 - f. The National Treasurer
 - g. The National Financial Secretary
 - h. The National Organizing Secretary
 - i. The National Publicity Secretary
 - j. The National Auditor
 - k. The National Legal Adviser
 - l. The National Woman Mobilizer
 - m. The National Youth Mobilizer
 - n. The Deputy National Youth Mobilizer
 - o. National Welfare Officer
 - p. Deputy National Welfare Officer
 - q. Thirty-Seven (37) Ex Officio Members
 - r. The National Zonal Officers from the Six Geo Political Zones.
 - s. The National Mobilizer for persons with special needs
 - t. National Vice Chairpersons of the 6 geopolitical zones
2. The National Working Committee shall-
- a. Be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the party and shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee.
 - b. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 74: MEETINGS

1. The National Working Committee shall meet not less than once every fortnight at the instance of the Chairperson, or two-third of the members of the National Working Committee.
2. The quorum of the National Working Committee will be two-thirds of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the Zones in the country and a simple majority shall pass any motion.

SECTION 75: NATIONAL CAUCUS ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a National Caucus of the party which shall consist of:
 - a. The National Chairperson, who shall be the Chairman
 - b. The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party.
 - c. The Senate President and Deputy Senate President, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the Party in the Senate, who are members of the Party.
 - d. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip of the party in the House of Representatives, who are members of the party.
 - e. Six (6) Governors who are members of the Party nominated by the National Executive Committee from the six geopolitical zones.
 - f. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Board of Trustees and one member drawn from each of the six geo- political zones.
 - g. The Deputy National Chairpersons.
 - h. The National Secretary of the Party, who shall be the Secretary of the National Caucus.
 - i. The National Legal Adviser and the National Treasurer.
 - j. The National Woman Mobilizer and the National Youth Mobilizer

SECTION 76: FUNCTIONS

1. The National Caucus shall-
 - a. Harmonize the relationship between the Executive and legislative arms of government and coordinate their activities and those of the party
 - b. Consider, review and advise on policies and programs of the government.

SECTION 77: MEETINGS

1. The National Chairman shall at least once in a quarter, summon the meeting of the National Caucus, to consider important issues affecting the party and the nation. If, however the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is a member of the Party, the Chairman shall liaise with his office.
2. An extra-ordinary meeting of the National Caucus shall be held if requested for, by two-third of the members of the Caucus and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
3. The quorum of the National Caucus shall be two-third of its membership.
4. The meeting of the National Caucus shall except in exceptional circumstances approved by the National Working Committee held at the National Secretariat of the Party.

SECTION 78: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- a. The National Chairman, who shall be the chairman
 - b. The President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if members of the party
 - c. Chairman and Secretary Board of Trustees
 - d. All other members of Board of Trustees
 - e. The President of the Senate, the Deputy President of the Senate, the Senate Leader and Deputy Senate Leader, Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip, two Senators from each of the geo-political zones who are members of the party
 - f. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and Deputy Chief Whip in the House of Representatives, three members from the House of Representatives from each geo-political zone, who are members of the party
 - g. All current and former State Governors, who are members of the party
 - h. The Deputy National Chairpersons North and South
 - i. The National Vice Chairmen
 - j. The National Secretary and the Deputy National Secretary
 - k. The National Treasurer and the Deputy National Treasurer
 - l. The National Financial Secretary and the Deputy National Financial Secretary
 - m. The National Organizing Secretary and the Deputy National Organizing Secretary
 - n. The National Publicity Secretary and the Deputy National Publicity Secretary.
 - o. The National Legal Adviser and the Deputy National Legal Adviser.
 - p. The National Auditor and the Deputy National Auditor.
 - q. The National Woman Mobilizer and the Deputy National Woman Mobilizer.
 - r. The National Youth Mobilizer and the Deputy National Youth Mobilizer
 - s. All the State Chairmen.
 - t. Six ex-officio members, at least two of whom shall be women, elected from each of the six geo-political zones.
 - u. All former National Chairmen, Deputy National Chairmen, National Secretaries, Chairmen and Secretaries of the Board of Trustees, who are still members of the Party.
2. There shall be a National Management Committee which shall comprise of:
 - a. National Chairperson who shall be the Chairperson.
 - b. National Deputy Chairperson
 - c. National Secretary

- d. National Organizing Secretary
- e. Publicity Secretary.
- f. National Auditor

SECTION 79: FUNCTIONS

1. The National Executive Committee shall:
 - a. Convene the National Convention and appoint a Convention Organizing Committee which shall circulate Convention information in advance and ensure that the concerns of the membership are reflected on the agenda.
 - b. Ratify the appointment of a convention chairman on the recommendation of the National Working Committee.
 - c. Carry out the decisions and instructions of the National Convention.
 - d. Supervise and direct the work of the party and all its organs including the National, Zonal, State and Local Government organs.
 - e. Ensure that all the organs of the party function democratically and effectively.
 - f. Appoint Caretaker Committee where necessary, for any state, following the dissolution of state executive committee in accordance with this constitution, provided that the period from the dissolution to the election of a new executive committee shall not exceed three months from the date of such appointment
2. The Caretaker Committee so appointed shall comprise a Chairman and a Secretary and shall reflect the geographical spread and Senatorial District of that State. Such appointees shall be drawn from the parts of the state which produce members of the dissolved state executive committee
3. Appointees who shall be indigene of that state shall reflect the gender ratio provided for in this constitution
4. The National Publicity Secretary Shall Serve as the Secretary of the National Management Committee
5. The National Management Committee Shall Deliberate on House Keeping Issues as Well as Serve as Finance and general-purpose Committee For vetting Proposed expenditure For the Chairperson's Consideration and Approval

SECTION 80: MEETINGS

1. The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter at the instance of the National Party Chairman or at the request of two-third of its membership, who shall notify the Chairman at least seven days prior to the meeting and an emergency meeting be summoned by the National Chairman having regard to all the circumstances of the agenda.
2. The quorum of the National Executive committee shall be two-third of the membership drawn from at least two-third of the zones in the Federation, and a simple majority shall pass any motion.
3. The National Management Committee Shall Meet Every Monday to Deliberate on Party Issues Arising from States and FCT For Necessary Action.

CHAPTER 10: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 81: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Leadership Party (BOT) which shall consist of-
 - a. All past and serving Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who held or hold the respective posts as members of the party and who are still members of the Leadership party.
 - b. All Past and serving National Chairmen, Deputy National Chairmen and National Secretaries of the Party, who are still members of the party.
 - c. All past and serving Presidents of the Senate and Speakers of the House of Representatives who are still members of the party.
 - d. All founding members of the party as defined in this Constitution.
 - e. Three women selected from each of the six geo- political zones.
 - f. Person(s) not exceeding six, who have contributed immensely to the growth of the party and found suitable by the Board, provided that membership of the Board of Trustee shall reflect the Federal Character of Nigeria

SECTION 82: ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

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

SECTION 83: QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. A person shall qualify for membership into the Board of Trustees if he or she-
 - a. Is a registered card-carrying member of the Party for not less than five (5) years consecutively.
 - b. Has been paying his annual subscription fees as when due.
 - c. Has attained the age of fifty years.

- d. Is a person of integrity

SECTION 84: FUNCTIONS

1. The Board of Trustees shall subject to the provision of this constitution-
 - a. Ensure highest standards of morality in all the activities of the Party by acting as the conscience of the Party, with power to call to order any officer of the Party whose conduct falls below the norms
 - b. Ensure high morale of members of the party and that the party enjoys a good image before the Nigerian populace and is in good political health.
 - c. Harmonize, co-ordinate, review and advice on policies, programs and activities of the party at the national level.
 - d. Co-ordinate the sourcing of party funds.
 - e. Be vested with the assets of the Party and shall serve as custodians of such assets.
 - f. Participate in the mediation of disputes within the Party Executive, including the Legislative arms of Government.
 - g. Offer advice on party matters to the National Executive Committee of the party.
 - h. Promote reconciliation and facilitate the settlement of disputes in an amicable manner among members of the party.
 - i. Ensure that peace and tranquility prevail in the Party and when necessary, intervene to restore peace.
 - j. Attend any meetings of any other organs of the party, except the National Caucus and the National Working Committee.
 - k. In the event of a leadership crisis at the national level, the Board of Trustees shall assume responsibility for the running of the affairs of the Party for a period not exceeding Six (6) months within which an elected National leadership shall be put in office.
 - l. Convene the National Convention of the Party with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of its members where there is a situation that prevents the National Executive Committee from functioning.
 - m. Undertake all other functions and activities as may be referred to it by the National Executive Committee or the National Convention.

2. The Board of Trustees shall regulate its own proceedings and shall draw up a code of conduct for its members.

SECTION 85: REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

1. A member of the Board of Trustees shall-
 - a. Be removed from office by a resolution of the National Convention on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee on grounds of infirmity or misconduct or

b. If he/she resigns his membership of the Board of Trustees by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairperson of the party.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, a member of the Board of Trustees shall lose his membership of the Board if-

a. He/she is expelled from the party or

b. He/she is removed from the office which made him or her an automatic member of the BOT under this Constitution.

3. Fresh selection shall be made to fill any vacancies in the Board of Trustees where applicable.

SECTION 86: MEETINGS

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

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

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

CHAPTER 11: NATIONAL CONVENTION

SECTION 87: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

a. The National Chairperson of the party, shall be the Chairman of the National Convention.

b. However, in a Convention in which a sitting National Chairperson is seeking re-election, the Convention shall be Chaired by an eminent member appointed by the National Executive Committee in consultation with the Board of Trustees. In the event of a deadlock the decision of the Board of Trustees shall prevail.

c. The serving and former President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who are members of the party.

d. Current and former members of the National Assembly, who are members of the Party

e. Current and former State Governors and Deputy Governors, who are members of the party

f. All Gubernatorial candidates of the party who shall be automatic delegates to the convention

g. Members of the State Houses of Assembly, who shall be automatic delegates to the Convention.

h. The members of the Board of Trustees.

i. Members of the Zonal Working Committee and State Party Chairmen and Secretaries, including those of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

- j. Party chairmen of the Local Government Areas.
- k. Three National delegates from each Local Government Area to be elected at the Local Government Area congress for the purpose which shall include (a woman and youth)
- l. All elected Local Government Council Chairmen, who are members of the party.
- m. Former members of the National Working Committee who are still members of the Party and
- n. Former Senate Presidents and Deputy Presidents, former Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives and other Principals Officers of the National Assembly who are still members of the Party.

SECTION 88: FUNCTIONS

1. The National Convention shall be the supreme and controlling authority of the party within the limits prescribed in this Constitution and it shall be the principal representative, policy making and administering body of the party.
2. Any policy(s) of the party derived from the resolutions of the National Convention shall ONLY be amended or revoked by a subsequent resolution of the National Convention duly convened for that purpose.
3. The National Convention shall have and exercise authority to:
 - a. Formulate policies and program for the party
 - b. Present the winner of the National Chairmanship election.
 - c. Present the winner of the party Presidential primary election.
4. Demand and receive reports from the National Executive Committee and from any other committees or organs of the party and take appropriate action on such reports.
5. Appoint such committees, as it may deem necessary, desirable or expedient and assign to them such powers and functions as it may deem fit.
6. Examine the actions taken or legislation proposed by any government under its control whether federal, state or local government council and ensure that they are in conformity with the policies and programs of the party.
8. Consider reports from the states and local government branches of the party and take such decisions and actions as may be necessary to protect, advance and consolidate the gains and interest of the party.
9. Raise adequate funds for the management and sustenance of the party
10. Exercise control and take disciplinary action against all officers and members of the party.
11. Determine the type and membership of standing committees to be set up by the National Executive Committee.
12. Review and amend the constitution of the party, from time to time, as the need arises and the power of the National Convention to propose amendments to the Constitution shall not be delegated.

13. Delegate any of its powers, except the power to amend the Constitution, to the National Executive Committee or to any other organ of the party.

14. Take such other actions as may aid or facilitate the realization of the objectives of the party.

15. Determine the minimum rate of annual subscription to be paid by members and the proportion of income from such subscription to be remitted to the National Secretariat of the party.

SECTION 89: MEETINGS

1. The quorum of the National convention shall be two-third of its membership and a simple majority shall pass any resolution.
2. The National Convention shall meet every four years and shall alternate with the National Party Conference which shall hold bi-annually
3. A non-voting National Convention of the party otherwise known as National Conference shall hold bi-annually (every two years) for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the party in governance at all levels
4. The National Convention shall determine its own procedure in accordance with democratic principles
5. A Special National Convention may be convened at any time at the instance of the National Executive Committee or if requested for by two-third of all State Congresses and the Special National Convention shall meet to discuss only special matters which shall be specified in the notice summoning the Convention.

CHAPTER 12: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

SECTION 90: THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

1. There shall be National Officers of the Party, who shall be men and women of integrity and demonstrable competence and shall perform the functions assigned to them in this constitution.

2. The National Officers of the Party shall comprise:

- a. National Chairperson
- b. Two Deputy National Chairpersons (One from the South and One from the North)
- c. National Secretary
- d. Deputy National Secretary
- e. Six Zonal Vice Chairpersons (for the six geopolitical zones)
- f. National Treasurer
- g. Deputy National Treasurer
- h. National Financial Secretary
- i. Deputy National Financial Secretary

- j. National Organizing Secretary
- k. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- l. National Publicity Secretary
- m. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- n. National Auditor
- o. Deputy National Auditor
- p. National Legal Adviser
- q. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- x. National Woman Mobilizer
- y. Deputy National Woman Mobilizer
- z. National Youth Mobilizer
- aa. Deputy National Youth Mobilizer
- bb. National Welfare Officer
- cc. Deputy National Welfare Officer
- dd. Thirty-Seven (37) Ex officio members
- ee. Six (6) Zonal Secretaries
- ff. Six (6) Zonal Women Leaders
- gg. Six (6) Zonal Youth Leaders
- hh. Six (6) Zonal Treasurers
- ii. Six (6) Zonal Auditors
- jj. Six (6) Zonal Financial Secretaries
- kk. Six (6) Zonal Publicity Secretaries
- ll. Six (6) Zonal Organizing Secretaries

SECTION 91: THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

1. There shall be a National Chairman who shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the Leadership Party, and his functions shall be to:
 - a. Preside over the meetings of the National Working Committee, National Caucus, National Executive Committee, National Conference and National Convention of the party as duly convened by the National Executive Committee except in a National Convention in which he is a candidate for re-election
 - b. Provide firm and effective leadership and direct the activities of the party
 - c. Under the overall supervision of the National Executive Committee

- d. Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programs of the party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Committee outlining the policies, programs and activities of the Party.
- e. In the event of a vacancy, the Deputy National Chairperson from the Region where the Chairperson comes from shall automatically assume the position of the Chairman in an acting capacity for the unexpired term of the previous holder of that office.
- f. Delegate his powers to the Deputy National Chairperson.
- g. Cast votes if and when necessary.
- h. Prepare and present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the party and the political situation generally.
- i. Ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and do all such other things as shall promote the growth and welfare of the party.
- j. Receive and review quarterly state of the party from the state branches of the party.
- k. Prepare and defend the annual budget of the party before the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 92: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRPERSONS

- 1. There shall be two Deputy National Chairpersons who shall come from the Northern and the Southern part of the country.
- 2. In the event of a vacancy, the Deputy National Chairperson from the Region where the Chairperson comes from shall automatically assume the position of the Chairman in an acting capacity for the unexpired term of the previous holder of that office provided, that the period of acting shall not exceed one calendar year before the next National Convention subject to the ratification of the National Executive Committee.
- 3. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy into any office of a member of the National Working Committee such a vacancy for the unexpired term of that office shall be filled in compliance with provisions of Section 92(2) above.
- 4. Where the Deputy National Chairperson assumes the position of Chairperson, the Vice Chairman from the same zone with the immediate past Deputy Chairperson shall automatically become the Deputy Chairperson of the Party.
- 5. The Deputy National Chairman shall perform the following functions-
 - a. Assist the National Chairman in the discharge of his duties.
 - b. Deputies for the National Chairman in the latter's absence.
 - c. Performing such other party functions as may be assigned to him by the Chairman.

SECTION 93: THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

- 1. There shall be a National Secretary and whose functions shall be to:

- a. Supervise the day-to-day activities of the party under the general direction of the National Chairman
- b. Conduct or direct the conduct of the correspondences of the party and cause to be issued notices of meetings of the National Convention, the national conference, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee.
- c. Keep or cause to be kept all records of proceedings of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, the National Caucus and the National Working Committee, as well as other records of the party.
- d. Render a written annual report of the activities of the party to NEC, and National Convention.
- e. Ensure the implementation of the decisions and directives of the National Convention, national conference, National Executive Committee, National Caucus and the National Working Committee and ensure that all units of the party carry out their duties promptly and efficiently.
- f. Carry out any other duties as may be assigned to him or her, from time-to-time by the National Convention, National Caucus, National Executive Committee, National Working Committee and the National Chairman.
- g. The National Secretary of the party shall be the custodian of the common seal of the party.

SECTION 94: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY

1. A Deputy National Secretary shall assist the National Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties and shall act for him or her in his or her absence or whenever so directed by the National Chairman.

SECTION 95: THE SIX ZONAL VICE CHAIRPERSONS

1. There shall be six (6) Zonal Vice Chairpersons of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone of the Federation.
2. Their functions shall be to:
 - a. Provide political leadership and coordinate Party activities within their respective zones under the supervision of the National Chairperson and the National Working Committee.
 - b. Preside over zonal caucus meetings and ensure harmony among State, Local Government, and Ward structures.
 - c. Promote the integrity, programs, and policies of the Party in the zone and act as its spokesperson subject to national directives.
 - d. Mobilize members and resources for congresses, conventions, campaigns, and elections within the zone.
 - e. Submit periodic reports on the state of the Party in the zone and liaise with elected officials to advance Party interests.
 - f. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National Chairperson, the National Working Committee, or the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 96: THE NATIONAL TREASURER

1. The National Treasurer who shall be an Accountant with a proven track record of prudence shall perform the following functions:

- a. Receive and promptly pay into the party's accounts all monies received for and on behalf of the party and keep all cheque books and other banking documents of the party.
- b. Ensure prudent management of the party's funds.
- c. Ensure that all funds received by the party are paid into the party's accounts immediately and if for any reason that is not possible, the fund shall be paid within 48 hours after collection.
- d. Prepare and submit monthly statements of account and reports to the National Chairperson and National Working Committee.
- e. Prepare and present through the National Chairperson to the National Executive Committee a quarterly account and report.
- f. The National Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget of the party after due inputs from all the organs of the party for the consideration and approval of NEC.

SECTION 97: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL TREASURER

1. There shall be a Deputy National Treasurer who shall assist the National Treasurer in the discharge of his duties and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 98: THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

1. There shall be a National Financial Secretary whose functions shall be to-
 - a. Collect and keep records of all dues, levies, subscriptions and donations paid or made to the party
 - b. Prepare and submit proposals for raising funds for the party for the consideration of the National Executive Committee
 - c. Undertake strict supervision of budgeting, budgetary control and financial reporting
 - d. Protect the assets of the party and institute operating procedures through internal control
 - e. Establish and co-ordinate policies for the investment of funds to generate income for the party.

SECTION 99: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

1. There shall be a Deputy National Financial Secretary who shall assist the National Financial Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 100: THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

1. There shall be a National Organizing Secretary whose functions shall be subject to the supervision of the National Chairperson:
 - a. Initiate programs for the general mobilization of the members of the party and the recruitment of new members.
 - b. Appraise the problems of the party and proffer solutions to such problems
 - c. Harmonize all information and devise appropriate strategy for winning elections

- d. Coordinate all field activities of the party
- e. Organize seminars, workshops, rallies and campaign programs for the attainment of the party's objectives and
- f. Liaise with the National Woman Mobilizer, Disabled persons, and Youth Mobilizers for the harmonization of the programs for the attainment of the party's success at all elections.

SECTION 101: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY

1. There shall be a Deputy National Organizing Secretary who shall deputize for the National Organizing Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 102: THE NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

There shall be a National Publicity Secretary whose functions shall be to:

- 1. Co-ordinate all information and public relations of the party.
- 2. Be the chief image maker of the party and Cause to be publicized, the policies and programs of the party in line with the aims and objectives of the party.

SECTION 103: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY.

1. There shall be a Deputy National Publicity Secretary who shall deputize for the National Publicity Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 104: THE NATIONAL AUDITOR

1. There shall be a National Auditor of the party, who shall be an Accountant and whose functions shall be to-

- a. Audit the books of account of the party annually and report to the National Executive Committee.
- b. Present the audited account of the party to the National Convention and carry out pre-payment and post-payment audit of the expenses of the party.
- c. Receive annual audited accounts from Zonal and State chapters of the Party including the FCT.
- d. Protect the assets of the Party and institute operating procedures through internal audit.
- e. Carry out periodic audits of registered members.
- f. Carry out any other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 105: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL AUDITOR

1. There shall be a Deputy National Auditor who shall be an Accountant and who shall assist the National Auditor in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 106: THE NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

- 1. There shall be a National Legal Adviser of the Party who shall be a lawyer of not less than 1 year post-call and whose functions shall be to-

- a. Advise the party on all legal matters
- b. Conduct all litigation and prosecute and defend actions on behalf of the party, including its organs and officials in so far as the subject of the litigation affects the interest of the party.
- c. Interpret the laws, regulations and Constitution of the party in the event of any ambiguities.

SECTION 107: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

1. There shall be a Deputy National Legal Adviser, who shall be a lawyer of not less than 10 years post call shall deputize for the National Legal Adviser in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 108: THE NATIONAL WOMAN MOBILIZER

1. There shall be a National Woman Mobilizer, who shall be responsible for:
 - a. Mobilizing and organizing women
 - b. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to Nigerian women and
 - c. Coordinating the activities of the Zonal and State Woman Mobilizers.

SECTION 109: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMAN MOBILIZER

1. There shall be a Deputy National Woman Mobilizer who shall assist the National Woman Mobilizer in the discharge of his or her duties and shall deputize for her or him in her or his absence.

SECTION 110: THE NATIONAL YOUTH MOBILIZER

1. There shall be a National Youth Mobilizer, whose functions shall be-
 - a. Mobilizing the youth for the attainment of the objectives of the party
2. Initiating and implementing strategic programs and policies aimed at endearing the party to the Nigerian youth and Co-ordinating the activities of the Zonal and State Youth Mobilizers.

SECTION 111: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL YOUTH MOBILIZER

There shall be a Deputy National Youth Mobilizer who shall deputize for the National Youth Mobilizer in the discharge of his or her duties, and shall deputize for him in his absence.

SECTION 112: WOMEN WING

There shall women wing which shall be an appendage of the Leaders Party. The women wing shall operate only at the polling unit and national levels and administered by the National Woman Mobilizer.

SECTION 113: THE NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER

There shall be a National Welfare Officer of the Party whose functions shall be to:

- a. Oversee the welfare needs of members and ensure support systems are available during Party activities.
- b. Coordinate welfare initiatives across all organs of the Party.
- c. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 114: THE DEPUTY NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER

There shall be a Deputy National Welfare Officer who shall assist the National Welfare Officer in the discharge of his or her duties and act in his or her absence.

SECTION 115: THIRTY-SEVEN (37) EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

There shall be Thirty-Seven (37) Ex-officio Members, one from each State of the Federation and the FCT, who shall attend meetings of the National Executive Committee and contribute to its deliberations.

SECTION 116: THE SIX ZONAL SECRETARIES

There shall be six (6) Zonal Secretaries of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall assist the Zonal Vice Chairpersons in administrative duties and keep records of zonal meetings.

SECTION 117: THE SIX ZONAL WOMEN LEADERS

There shall be six (6) Zonal Women Leaders of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall mobilize and organize women in their respective zones under the direction of the National Woman Mobilizer.

SECTION 118: THE SIX ZONAL YOUTH LEADERS

There shall be six (6) Zonal Youth Leaders of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall mobilize and organize youth in their respective zones under the direction of the National Youth Mobilizer.

SECTION 119: THE SIX ZONAL TREASURERS

There shall be six (6) Zonal Treasurers of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall manage zonal finances subject to the supervision of the National Treasurer.

SECTION 120: THE SIX ZONAL AUDITORS

There shall be six (6) Zonal Auditors of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall audit zonal accounts and submit reports to the National Auditor.

SECTION 121: THE SIX ZONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

There shall be six (6) Zonal Financial Secretaries of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall collect and record all dues, levies, and donations in their zones under the supervision of the National Financial Secretary.

SECTION 122: THE SIX ZONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARIES

There shall be six (6) Zonal Publicity Secretaries of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall publicize the policies and programs of the Party within their zones under the direction of the National Publicity Secretary.

SECTION 123: THE SIX ZONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARIES

There shall be six (6) Zonal Organizing Secretaries of the Party, one for each geopolitical zone, who shall coordinate Party activities, mobilization, and organization within their zones under the supervision of the National Organizing Secretary.

SECTION 124: PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES (WOMEN WING)

1. The Aims and the objectives of the women wing shall be:
 - a. To Mobilize, organize and unite Nigerian women to fully participate in the activities of the party
 - b. To spearhead the Objectives, policies and programs of the DLA Women Wing and the DLA amongst women in particular, and society in general
 - c. To spearhead the emancipation of women within the DLA and its structures and at all levels of government and Nigerian Society as a whole
 - d. To promote the all-round development of women and help in building their own confidence and to interpret their needs nationally
 - e. To promote among and through women and young women in particular, national consciousness, patriotism, unity and a sense of accountability at all levels.
 - f. To promote women's participation in every sector of public life and to strive for women's participation in every office
 - g. To combat discrimination in public and in private life and institutions and to work actively towards the dismantling of the patriarchal system, the elimination of laws, customs, practices and structures which militate against equality and to oppose any strengthening of patriarchy
 - h. To campaign for the adoption and implementation of affirmative action programs to combat the legacy of past gender and race discrimination
 - i. To campaign for an end to all forms of violence against women, children and other vulnerable groups
 - j. To co-operate with democratic organizations for the promotion of peace and development locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and
 - k. To campaign for a culture and recognition of women's rights as human rights.

SECTION 125: DUTIES, RIGHTS AND POWERS OF OFFICIALS (WOMEN WING):

1. There shall be the under listed as duties, rights and powers of the officials of the Women Wing

a. CHAIRPERSON/CHIEF WOMAN MOBILIZER

1. She shall preside in the Executive meetings.
2. She shall be responsible for due performance of duty by each official.
3. She shall supervise the carrying out of the decisions and resolutions of the Executive Committee meeting.

4. She shall be a member of all the Organs of the Party at the National level.

b. VICE CHAIRPERSON

1. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall enjoy the same rights, exercise the same power and discharge the same duties as the Chairperson.

c. SECRETARY:

1. She shall call all meetings by letter or any other approved method.
2. Shall take and keep the minutes of the meeting as well as of the Executive Committee meetings.
3. She shall read the minutes of a previous meeting or meeting and move that such minutes be accepted.
4. She shall receive and keep all letters etc. addressed to women wing and write and dispatch all letters to individuals or bodies.
5. She shall keep copies of all official letters written unless and until the Executive decides otherwise.

d. TREASURER:

1. She shall collect, receive and bank all monies belonging to the women wing.
2. She shall issue receipts to all payers.
3. She shall lay before the meeting /General Assembly plans for raising funds for the women wing.
4. She shall sign all cheques on behalf of the women Wing
5. She shall present to the General Assembly at the end of each year an audited revenue and expenditure account and a balance sheet made out for the year the same shall be presented to the Executive Committee.

SECTION 126: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN WING:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officials and five additional members all shall be supervised by the polling unit committee. Vacancies shall be filled by co- option by the Executive Committee.
2. Duties of the Executive Committee:
 - a. To promote and implement the aims of the women Wing.
 - b. To initiate and speak on measures and proposals and to arrange a definite programmed and agenda before the Conference.
 - c. To carry out the wishes and decisions of the Conference.
 - d. To report all its activities in every general Conference.
 - e. To appoint or elect officials other than the Chairperson.
 - f. To expel, or cause to resign, any official if it deems it right in the interests of the women Wing.

g. The Branch and Provincial Executive Committees shall meet every second week of the month. The National Executive shall meet once every three months. Emergency meetings may be convened at any time.

SECTION 127: YOUTH WING:

1. There shall be a youth wing which shall be an appendage of the Party. The youth wing shall be supervised and administered by the National Deputy Chairperson, delegated to do so by the National Chairperson

2. The Youth Wing shall operate only at the ward and national levels Programs of the Youth Wing;

a. To arouse and encourage national consciousness and unity among Nigerian Youth in the party

b. To assist, support and reinforce the Party's image and ensure the inclusiveness of youth.

c. To study political, economic and social problems of Nigeria, Africa and the world.

d. To strive and work for educational, moral and cultural advancement of Nigerian Youth.

SECTION 128: COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE:

1. There shall be officials of the Youth Wing and shall be as follows: -

a. Chairperson,

b. Vice Chairperson,

c. Secretary.

d. Deputy Secretary,

e. Treasurer,

f. Publicity Secretary,

g. Mobilization and Organizing Secretary

SECTION 129: DUTIES, RIGHTS AND POWERS OF OFFICIALS:

1. There shall be the following offices

a. CHAIRPERSON/CHIEF YOUTH MOBILIZER

1. He shall preside in the Executive meetings.

2. He shall be responsible for due performance of duty by each official.

3. He shall supervise the carrying out of the decisions and resolutions of the Executive Committee as well as those of the meeting.

b. DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON (YOUTH/ DEPUTY CHIEF MOBILIZER)

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall enjoy the same rights, exercise the same power and discharge the same duties as the President.

c. SECRETARY:

1. He/she shall call all meetings by letter or any other approved method.
2. Shall take and keep the minutes of the meeting as well as of the Executive Committee meetings.
3. He/she shall read the minutes of a previous meeting or meeting and move that such minutes be accepted by the meeting or meeting as a correct record of a previous meeting.
4. He/she shall receive and keep all letters etc. addressed to youth wing and write and dispatch all letters to the press, individuals or bodies but those dealing with organizational matters must go through the Officer for Propaganda and mobilization
5. He/she shall read meeting official letters received.
6. He/she shall keep copies of all official letters written unless and until the Executive decides otherwise.

d. TREASURER:

1. He/she shall collect, receive and bank all monies belonging to the youth wing.
2. He/she shall issue receipts to all payers.
3. He/she shall lay before the meeting /General Assembly plans for raising funds for the youth wing.
4. He/she shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Youth Wing.
5. He/she shall present to the General Assembly at the end of each year an audited revenue and expenditure account and a balance sheet made out for the year the same shall be presented to the Executive Committee.
6. He/she shall see to it that the true attitude and policy of the youth wing is reflected in the press and in public.
7. He/she shall send articles at least once a month to the press unless the executive deems it harmful or prejudicial to the interests of the Youth Wing
8. He shall organize the branches of the Youth Wing and report in the Executive Committee meetings, in the General Assembly and in the press about the party's activities.
9. He/she shall hand over to the Treasurer all monies that he/she may receive on behalf of the youth wing.

SECTION 130: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF YOUTH WING:

1. There shall be an Executive Committee

a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officials and five additional members all shall be supervised by the polling unit committee. Vacancies shall be filled by co- option by the Executive Committee.

b. Duties of the Executive Committee:

i. To promote and implement the aims of the Youth Wing.

- ii. To initiate and speak on measures and proposals and to arrange a definite program and agenda before the Conference.
- iii. To carry out the wishes and decisions of the Conference.
- iv. To report all its activities in every general Conference.
- v. To appoint or elect officials other than the President from among the 10 elected members of the Executive.
- vi. To expel, or cause to resign, any official if it deems it aright in the interests of the Youth Wing
- vii. The Branch and Provincial Executive Committees shall meet every second week of the month. The National Executive shall meet once every three months. Emergency meetings may be convened at any time.

CHAPTER 13: REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND DEATH OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION 131: THE RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

1. The National Officers may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
2. Whenever a notice of any allegation in writing, signed by not less than one-third (2/3) of the members of the National Executive Committee:

a. Stating that the holder of the National Office is guilty of gross misconduct or any of the offences listed in (b) below, in the course of the performance of the functions of his office, detailed particulars of which shall be specified.

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

I. Falsification of records

II. Suppression of records

III. Conviction on a criminal charge (other than a minor traffic or sanitary offence or the like)

IV. False claims against other Party officials

V. Bankruptcy/serious financial embarrassment

VI. Unauthorized disclosure of official information

VII. Bribery

VIII. Corruption

IX. Embezzlement

X. Misappropriation

XI. Violation of oath of secrecy

XII. Action prejudicial to the security of the state

XIII. Advance fee fraud (Criminal code 419)

XIV. Nepotism or any other form of preferential treatment

XV. Divided loyalty

XVI. Sabotage

XVII. Willful damage to party property

XVIII. Sexual harassment of Party Workers

XIX. Any other act unbecoming of any member of the party hierarchy

3. The Chairman of the Leadership Party shall within seven (7) days of the receipt of the notice cause a copy thereof to be served on the holder of the office and on each member of the National Executive Committee and shall also cause any statement made in reply to the allegation by the holder of office to be served on each member.

4. The National Executive Committee shall also raise a seven (7) man panel which shall be chaired by a retired judge or any other person from the Bench/Bar who is a member of the Party. Other members of the panel shall include highly reputable and experienced members of the Party who shall thoroughly investigate the allegation(s) and submit its report within twenty-one (21) days.

5. Should the petition be against the National Chairman and he was found guilty by the duly constituted panel, a minimum of two thirds (2/3) voting members of the National Convention is required to ratify the removal of the National Chairman from office.

6. In the case of the other National Officers of the Party, its recommendations to the National Executive Committee to effect the appropriate recommended disciplinary action pending the National Convention.

7. The resignation or removal of National Officers shall be carried out:

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

b. In the case of the National Chairman, he/she shall hand over to the Deputy National Chairman who shall act as the National Chairman pending the election of a replacement.

c. In the case of a National Secretary, he/she shall hand over to the Deputy National Secretary.

8. This provision shall apply only to the National level of the Party structure.

9. In the event of the death of a National Officer or an elected member of the Party before assumption of office, the following provisions shall apply:

a. Where a serving National Officer of the Party dies while in office:

The officer shall be deemed to have vacated office.

The National Executive Committee shall appoint an acting officer to fill the vacancy pending ratification or fresh election at the next National Convention.

b. Where the deceased is the National Chairman, the Deputy National Chairman shall immediately assume office in an acting capacity pending the election of a substantive National Chairman by the National Convention.

c. Where a person duly elected to a National Office die before being sworn into office:

The position shall be declared vacant.

The appropriate organ of the Party shall initiate the process of conducting a fresh election to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Party's electoral guidelines and fresh election must be conducted within thirty (30) days of the official notification of death.

d. In either case, the acting or newly elected officer shall perform the functions of the office with full authority upon appointment or swearing-in, as applicable.

e. These provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis to all other levels of the Party structure.

SECTION 132: POWERS OF OFFICERS AT OTHER LEVELS

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

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

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

SECTION 133: TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS

1. All National, Zonal, State, Local Government Area and Ward Officers of the Party shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term and no more.

2. The election of National Officers shall be at the National Convention, while that of those at the lower levels shall be at the respective congresses.

3. Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the Party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days' notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be effective within the period stipulated in the guideline issued for such elective office by the State Executive Committee in respect of Local Government elections.

4. Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint another person from the area or zone where the officer originated from, pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 134: PROHIBITION FROM HOLDING DUAL OFFICES

1. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, any member holding any office in the party at any level shall be deemed to have resigned from that office, if he or she assumes any of the following offices-

- a. President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- b. Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- c. Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or
- d. Federal Minister or
- e. Secretary to the Government of the Federation or
- f. Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the President or Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or
- g. Membership of the National and State Assemblies or
- h. Ambassador or
- i. Board Chairman of major parastatals.
- j. Governor or Deputy Governor of a state or
- k. Commissioner, Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of a State or
- l. Chairman, Vice Chairman or Counselor of a Local Government Council or
- m. Any full-time employment or appointment in the public service of the federation, state or local government.

CHAPTER 14: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (DETAILED MECHANISM)

SECTION 135: FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Party shall be founded on the principles and values of justice, equity, fairness, inclusiveness, common good, accountability, consultations and consensus building, respect for the popular will of the people and the sanctity of the rule of law.
2. The Party shall adhere strictly to the principle of zoning and rotation of political offices. Accordingly:
 - a. The office of President and the National Chairman of the Party shall rotate between the North and South and amongst the six (6) geopolitical zones.
 - b. The office of the Governor and the State Chairman shall rotate among the three (3) Senatorial Districts in that State.
 - c. The office of Chairman of a Local Government Area/Council shall rotate within the demarcated three (3) zones within the Local Government Area.
3. A first term President shall have the right of first refusal if such President:
 - a. Declares interest to seek re-election not later than twelve (12) calendar months before the expiration of the subsisting term:
 - b. Has implemented the Party manifesto and programs for national development and

c. It is overwhelmingly reaffirmed by Party members across the thirty-six (36) States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) through either direct or indirect primary elections conducted at the Ward level.

4. A first term Governor shall have the right of first refusal if such Governor:

a. Declares interest to seek re-election not later than twelve (12) calendar months before the expiration of the subsisting term

b. Has implemented the Party manifesto and programs for the development of the State and

c. Is overwhelmingly reaffirmed by Party members across all Local Government Areas in a direct primary at the ward level in the State.

SECTION 136: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION INTO PUBLIC OFFICES

1. The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the Electoral Act (as amended) and this Constitution, formulate guidelines and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election into public offices at all levels and shall be the final authority for resolving all disputes relating to the choice of candidates for the Party for any election and for conveying to the Independent National Electoral Commission, or any other authority to whom it may concern, confirming the names or list of names of candidates of the Party in any elective public office in the federation.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions any provision in this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall regulate the procedure for selecting the Party's candidates for elective offices in the following manner prescribed below:
 - (a) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the primary shall be held at the National Convention of the Party specially convened for that purpose,
 - (b) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of Governorship of a State, the primary shall be held at the State Congress of the party specially convened for that purpose;
 - (c) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at Senatorial Constituency headquarters;
 - (d) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for the post of member of the House of Representatives, the primaries shall be held at the Constituency headquarters;
 - (e) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidate for member of Local Government Council Chairman and House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the Local Government Constituency headquarters;
 - (f) The Party shall forward the winner's name to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).
 - (g) Where an aspirant emerges through consensus, a yes-or-no vote shall confirm the consensus to avoid imposition.

(3) Congress for the election of Ward Officers, Councillorship candidates and the 3 delegates to Local Government Congress and State Congress, out of which at least one (1) shall be a woman, shall be by direct primaries in which all card carrying members of the Party at Ward level shall participate;

(4) In considering the waiver mentioned in this Section, the following shall apply:

(a) for members aspiring for nomination for election to the post of Councilor, Local Government Council Chairman or membership, the deciding authority shall be the State Executive Committee; and

(b) For members aspiring for Party positions or nomination for State House of Assembly election, National Assembly, posts of Governors or Deputy Governors, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee, provided that the process of clearance of the waiver starts from the ward level.

(5) In respect of any decision under subsection 4(a) of this section, any aggrieved person shall have recourse to appeal to the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee of the Party.

(6) There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to be considered for political appointment, but this is without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority

(7) Where the appropriate Committee rules to the contrary, the ruling must be approved by the immediate higher Executive Committee, save for the National Executive Committee which is final authority.

SECTION 137: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR LEADERSHIP PARTY EXECUTIVE POSITION

All candidates for party positions must possess a minimum of secondary school certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest except waived by the Executive Committee concerned.

(1). Candidates for National, Zonal, and State levels: minimum of a first University degree or its equivalent, unless waived.

(2). Candidates for Polling Unit, Ward, and LGA levels: minimum of a secondary school certificate or its equivalent.

(3). Nomination qualifications for aspirants in national elections conducted by INEC shall comply with the provisions of the Electoral Act and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

SECTION 138: PARTY POSITION FOR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

(1). At least sixty percent (60%) of electable Party positions shall be zoned to special interest groups as follows:

a. Youths – 25%

b. Persons with Disabilities – 5%

c. Women – 30%.

(2). The Party shall apply the zebra formula: where one gender holds a position, the deputy must be of the opposite gender.

CHAPTER 15: FUNDING

SECTION 139: POWERS AND CONTROL OVER FUNDS

1. All revenues or other money raised or received by the Party shall be paid into and form one Consolidated Revenue of the Party. These shall include but not limited to
 - a. Membership dues, levies, subscription fees (b) Subventions and donations
 - b. Gifts and grants by individuals or groups as authorized by law
 - c. Proceeds from investments made by the Party
 - d. Loans approved by National Executive Committee
 - e. Such other monies as may be lawfully received by the Party
2. No money shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Party except to meet expenditure that is charged upon the fund by this Constitution or where the issue of that money has been authorized by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
3. No money shall be withdrawn from the Party's Consolidated Revenue Fund except in the manner prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
4. The party may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the funds established pursuant to Section 139 (of this Constitution: -
 - a. To defray the cost administration of the party.
 - b. To reimburse members or members of any committee set up by the party for such expenses as may be expressly authorized by the party in accordance with the rate approved by it.
 - c. To the payment of the salaries, fees or other remuneration or allowances and pensions, superannuation allowance and gratuities payable to the officers and servants of the party.
 - d. To the maintenance of any property vested in the party. To all or any of its functions under this Constitution.
5. The National Chairman of the Party shall cause to be prepared and laid before the National Executive Committee at any time in each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the Party for the next following financial year.
6. The heads of expenditure contained in the estimates shall be included in a proposal, to be known as DLA Appropriation Proposal, providing for the issue from the DLA Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure and appropriation of those sums for the purposes specified therein.
7. If in respect of any financial year it is found that:
 - a. The amount appropriated for any purpose is insufficient, or
 - b. A need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated.Supplementary estimates showing the sums required shall be laid before the National Executive Committee and the heads of any such expenditure shall be included in a Supplementary Appropriation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 140: ALLOCATIONS

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

- A. Wards.....15% of all contribution by members of that Ward
- B. Local Government Area.....5% of all contribution by members of that Local Government Area
- C. Zones.....5% of all contribution by members of that Zone
- D. States.....15% of all contribution by members of that State
- E. National Headquarters.....30%
- F. Election Processes.....30% shall be retained at the National Headquarters of the Party

SECTION 141: NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE (NFC) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION

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

- a. Chairman, who shall be a Party member of repute and high integrity
- b. Two (2) members drawn from each of the 6 geopolitical zones of the country
- c. The National Treasurer of the Party
- d. Financial Secretary of the Party

- e. National Auditor of the Party
- f. Two (2) Representatives of the National Assembly
- g. The Deputy National Financial Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee
- h. Except for the ex-officio members of the Committee, the Chairman and other members are to be appointed by the National Working Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 142: FUNCTIONS

1. The National Finance Committee shall be responsible for-

- a. Organizing a National Chairman's Annual Fund-Raising Dinner, at which participants (i.e. friends and members of the Party) shall pay for the dinner according to the sitting arrangements, among other criteria to be worked out by the Committee charged with the organization of such dinner.
- b. Embarking on other fund-raising activities and solicitations for party, provided that such activities and solicitations must be in conformity with the extant laws
- c. Ensuring the broadening and sustainability of the Party's revenue base, including, subject to the provisions of this constitution, investment of the party funds in to long term viable ventures such as government securities, blue-chip companies and real estates and
- d. Establishing any business ventures that do not violate the provisions of any sections of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Electoral Act and this constitution.
- e. Provided that there shall be a State Finance Committee, which shall be constituted along the lines of the National Finance Committee and to perform like functions.

SECTION 143: FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall be headed by the National Treasurer as Chairman and shall comprise of Seven (7) members including the National Financial Secretary to be nominated and approved by the National Executive Committee and shall advise the Party on ways and means of generating funds and investing these Funds for the Party in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

SECTION 144: BORROWING POWER

- 1. The Party may, with the consent of or in accordance with any general authority given by the National Executive Committee, borrow, by way of loan or overdraft, from any source, any money required by the party to meet its obligations and functions under this Constitution within the ambit of the law.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of this constitution and the conditions of any trust in respect of any property, the party may invest all or any of its funds with the consent or general authority of the National Executive Committee.

SECTION 145: TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARTY FINANCES

1. For the purpose of ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of finances of the party,
 - a. The National Executive Committee shall design Standard Financial regulations to govern the management of party's finances at all levels.
 - b. At the National level, the National Chairman of the party in liaison with the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senate Leader and House of Representatives Leader if members of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution with regards to payment of membership dues and levies.
 - c. At the State level, the State Chairman of the party in liaison with the Governor of the State, Leader of the State House of Assembly if a member of the party shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution as with regard to payment of membership dues and levies.
 - d. At the local government level, the Chairman of the party at the local government council area in liaison with the Leader of Local Government Legislative House shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this constitution with regards to the payment of membership dues and levies.

SECTION 146: BANK ACCOUNTS

1. The party shall:
 - a. Maintain a Bank Account at the city or town where its headquarters is situated and where bank facilities are not available, the services of the bank nearest to the city or town shall be utilized.
 - b. The Executive Committee of the party at any level shall decide the banks to be used in keeping the account.
 - c. The authorized signatories to the bank account and other financial transactions shall be the following officers, as the case may be The National Chairman or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, Local Government and Ward levels
 - d. The National Secretary or his or her counterparts at Zonal, State, local government and ward levels
 - e. The National Treasurer or his or her counterpart as zonal, state, local government and ward levels and provided that withdrawals from or debit instructions on the account shall be valid only if authorized by the National Chairman or his counterpart at the other levels, and any of the two signatories, that is, the National Secretary or Treasurer of the party at the appropriate levels.

SECTION 147: AUDIT OF PARTY ACCOUNTS

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

CHAPTER 16: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

SECTION 148: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the Party at every level consisting of seven members with proven integrity, one of whom shall have a legal background.
2. The Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the appropriate Executive Committee of the Party.
3. The Working Committee, at any level of the Party, and the Executive Committee (at the Ward Level) may, after preliminary hearings, suspend a member from the Party for a period not exceeding one month, during which period the member so suspended shall lose his right of contest any election, and shall be referred to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.
4. Where an allegation is made against a member of the Party, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the member in writing of the allegations made against him and the place and time of hearing the case against him or her.
5. A member who appears before a Disciplinary Committee shall be given opportunity to present his case orally or in writing either in person or through a counsel of his choice and shall be allowed to call witnesses.
6. Any decision taken against a member who has not been informed of the charges against him or has not been given any opportunity of defending himself shall be null and void.
7. Notwithstanding any other provision relating to discipline, no Executive Committee at any level, except the National Executive Committee, shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee, Deputy Governors or members of the National Assembly.
8. Provided that nothing in this Constitution shall preclude or invalidate any complaint submitted through the National Working Committee to the National Executive Committee concerning any person whatsoever.

SECTION 149: OFFENCES

- 1 Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Party shall have power to discipline any member who:
 - a. Commits any breach of the Party's Constitution, and or Manifesto.
 - b. Says or does anything likely to bring the party into disrepute, hatred or contempt.
 - c. Disobeys or neglects to carry out lawful directives of the party or any organ or officer of the party.
 - d. Engages in dishonest practices, defrauds the party, its members or officials.
 - e. Persistently absent from meetings or other official duties.
 - f. Engages in anti-party activities.
 - g. Engages in disorderly conduct at meetings or rallies or at any party function.

- h. Engages in any conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or is likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party.
- i. Engages in unauthorized publicity of disputes within the party or creates a parallel party organ at any level.
- j. Promotes factions or belongs to any group under the guise of the party and by whatever name called, not being one provided for in this constitution.
- k. Organizes, retains, trains, equips or encourages the organization, retention, training, equipping of any member or group of members for the purpose of employing violence or coercion or any form of intimidation whatsoever.
- l. Resort to court action or litigation on any disputes or on any matter whatsoever concerning rights, obligations and duties of any member of the party without first availing himself or herself of the remedies provided by the party under this constitution.
- m. Fails, refuses or neglects to treat a petition, complaints or appeal timeously.

SECTION 150: SANCTIONS

1. Any member of the Party who commits any of the offences listed in Section 149 of this Constitution shall be liable to any or a combination of the following penalties-

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

2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committee, at any level of the Party, shall have power to decide on any of the disciplinary measures to be taken against any member at that level.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution relating to discipline, no Executive Committee at any level except the National Executive Committee shall entertain any question of discipline as may relate or concern a member of the National Executive Committee, President, Vice President, Governors, Deputy Governors, Ministers, Ambassadors, Special Advisers or member of any of the legislative houses.

4. The appropriate Executive Committee shall have the power to initiate and take necessary disciplinary action against other categories of Executive Committee members, public Office Holders and other members of the Party.

SECTION 151: REMEDIES

- 1. If any member of the party is aggrieved, he shall report to the appropriate authority.

2. If he or she is not satisfied, an appeal shall lie with the next higher party authority.
3. All appeals must be dealt with timely, expeditiously in any event not later than 2 weeks after the filing of the appeal.
4. The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the final arbiter, provided that failure, refusal or neglect to treat a report, petition, complaint or appeal on the part of the arbiter shall, in itself, constitute an offence.

SECTION 152: APPEAL

1. Any member of the Party who is aggrieved by a decision taken against him by any of the organs or officers of the Party shall have the right of appeal to the immediate higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision.
2. An appeal shall be determined by the appropriate appeal body within twenty-one days from the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal by the appropriate Executive Committee.

CHAPTER 17: MANDATORY LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PARTY MEMBERS AND ASPIRANTS

SECTION 153: LEADERSHIP TRAINING REQUIREMENT

1. No person shall be eligible to hold any Executive position at the Ward, Local Government, Senatorial District, State, Zonal and National level office within the Leadership Party unless he or she has successfully undergone a Leadership Training Course established by the Party or duly authorized by the Party.
2. The Leadership Training Course shall run for a minimum duration of three (3) months, and participants shall obtain a Certificate of Leadership issued or recognized by the Party upon completion.
3. The requirement under this Section shall be compulsory and no waiver shall be granted in respect thereof.

SECTION 154: LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ASPIRANTS

1. Any member of the Party seeking nomination to contest for elective office under the platform of the Party must undergo the prescribed Leadership Training Course for a minimum duration of three (3) months.
2. Such aspirants shall present the Certificate of Leadership as a mandatory requirement during the screening and vetting process.
3. Failure to satisfy the requirement of this Section shall disqualify the aspirant from consideration, nomination, or sponsorship by the Party.

SECTION 155: ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

1. The Party shall establish clear procedures to ensure compliance with the provisions of Sections 153 and 154 of this Chapter.

2. The Screening Committee, in collaboration with the Training Directorate of the Party, shall verify the authenticity of Leadership Certificates presented by members and aspirants.
3. Any breach or falsification of Leadership Training requirements shall attract disciplinary measures, including disqualification, suspension, or expulsion from the Party.

CHAPTER 18: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 156: CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

1. The party shall:

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

SECTION 157: COMMON SEAL

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

SECTION 158: OATH OF OFFICE

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

SECTION 159: AMENDMENTS PROCESS

1. The party shall:
 - a. Have the power to amend this constitution, save that no amendment of the constitution shall be valid unless made by a motion passed by two-third majority of members present and voting at the National Convention.
 - b. The Notice of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be given to the National Secretary, at least two months before the date of the National Convention and the notice, which shall be in writing, shall contain a clear statement of the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment.
 - c. The Secretary upon receipt of the notice shall cause it to be circulated to the State branches of the party for publication at least one month before the date of the National Convention.

SECTION 160: INTERPRETATION

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

- a. **“Aspirant”** means a person who aspires or seeks or strives to contest an election to a political office.
- b. **“Congress”** a large formal meeting or series of meetings where representatives from different party levels discuss ideas, make decisions, pass resolutions and conduct election
- c. **“Constitution”** means Constitution of the Democratic Leadership Alliance
- d. **“Delegates”** - Are elected or nominated representatives of the party at any level of the structure of the party
- e. **“Founding Members”** mean foundation members
- f. **“Funds”** include valuable properties
- g. **“He” or “His”** shall include the female gender
- h. **“Legal Incapacity”** means a person disqualified under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) or the Electoral Act or any other Law, Rules and Regulations from registering as a voter or from contesting elections.
- i. **“Local Government Area”** means Local Government Area recognized and existing by virtue of Sections 3(6) of the Constitution and set out in Part I and II of the first schedule thereof and any additional Government provided for by an Act of the National Assembly in accordance with Section 8 of Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended).
- j. **“Month”** means calendar month
- k. **“National”** - This refers to the Federal level as contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- l. **“National Assembly”** means the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- m. **“National Convention”** - The largest meeting of DLA at National level which is the highest authority of the party where decisions are ratified and the election of Presidential candidates and National Officers of the Party are ratified
- n. **“Primaries”** means an intra-party election by delegates of DLA to nominate candidates for elective office in accordance with this Constitution.
- o. **“State”** - This refers to a geographical entity as defined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.
- p. **“The Leadership Party”** means Democratic Leadership Alliance
- q. **“Party”** means Democratic Leadership Alliance
- r. **“Ward”** - This refers to the area delineation of the Local Government Area by the Independent National Electoral Commission.
- s. **“Where”** computation of any figure in this Constitution results in a fraction, the figure obtained shall be approximated to the nearest whole number

- t. **"Youth"** means a member between the ages of 18 and 35 years.
- u. **"Zonal"** - This refers to each of the geo-political entities viz. North East, North Central, North West, South East, South West, South- South.
- v. **"Electronic format"** refers to the electronic version of the register of party members created, recorded, transmitted or stored in digital form or other intangible form by electronic, magnetic or optical means or by any other means that has capability for creation, recording, transmission or storage similar to those means and which may be converted to or reproduced in a paper document.

SCHEDULE I: OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

So, help me God.

SCHEDULES II: OATH OF OFFICE

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

So, help me God.

SCHEDULE III: PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

1. The proceedings of the meetings of the party at all levels shall be in the English language or any Nigerian language understood by a majority of members of the party at respective levels
2. All the meetings of the Leadership party shall be chaired by the Chairman or in his or her absence, the Deputy Chairman at the relevant level and in the event of the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, members present shall elect a member from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.

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

SCHEDULE IV: STAFF RULES

1. Employees of the party shall be subject to the direct control and discipline of the National, Zonal, State, and Local Government area and ward secretariat of the party and appeals on matters of the discipline and routine administration matters shall lie with the Secretary at the various levels, in compliance with the establishment manual. All employees of the party shall be bound by the provisions of this constitution, the rules and regulations of the party and the decisions of the National Executive Committee and other authorized organs of the party.

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

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

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

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

6. The remuneration and other conditions of service of employees of the party shall be determined as follows:

a. For employees of the party at the National level, the National Convention on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee

b. For employees of the party at the State level, by the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee

c. For employees of the party at the ward level, by the Local Government Area Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Executive Committees.

SCHEDULE V

Transitional Schedule: Regularization of the National Working Committee (NWC)

1. The National Working Committee (NWC) of the Democratic Leadership Alliance (DLA) shall be duly regularized within a period not exceeding three (3) months from the date of registration of the Leadership Party with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), or within such further period as may be approved by the National Executive Committee.
2. The responsibility for initiating and overseeing the regularization process shall reside with the National Executive Committee
3. Pending the election of substantive members of the NWC, the NEC shall appoint Interim National Working Committee to administer the affairs of the Party.

4. The Interim National Working Committee, shall act solely in an interim capacity for the purpose of administering the Party and facilitating the conduct of the Party's first National Convention.
5. The first National Convention shall be convened by the NEC within the six (6) months from the date of registration.
6. The purposes of the Convention shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) the election of substantive members of the NWC;
 - (b) the ratification of relevant provisions of the Constitution; and
 - (c) the endorsement of key Party policies and structures necessary for effective governance.
7. The mandate of all Interim National Working Committee, shall automatically cease upon the successful election and swearing-in of substantive members of the NWC.
8. Any extension of the Interim mandate beyond the regularization period shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority resolution of the NEC.
9. Upon the successful conclusion of the first National Convention and inauguration of substantive National Working Committee off, this Transitional Schedule shall automatically lapse and cease to have effect.

MADE THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025



MEMEH M. SAMUEL

Interim National Chairperson



MUNIRAT I. ADAMA

Interim National Secretary