

FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE



CONSTITUTION

2015

CONSTITUTION OF FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE AS AMMENDED

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Uganda has had a history of political instability as a result of intolerance and lack of respect for the diversity of views in the country;

WHEREAS the political instability has manifested itself in violence leading to untold human suffering and economic mismanagement;

WHEREAS poverty, ignorance, disease has afflicted the people of Uganda as a result.

WE BEING COMMITTED to eradicating conditions which give rise to political instability and building a social-economic and political order which benefits all the people of Uganda.

DO HEREBY append our names, addresses and signatures to this Constitution and constitute ourselves into founding members of the Forum for Democratic Change, a political party to do all such things as will further the

aims and objectives of this Constitution which we now adopt for the Forum for Democratic Change.

CHAPTER ONE

1. NAME

The name of the Party shall be **Forum for Democratic Change (FDC)** hereinafter called the Party.

2. LEGAL PERSONALITY

The Party shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal, may sue, be sued and do such other things as a body corporate may lawfully do.

3. HEAD- QUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Party shall be situated in Kampala with branches in districts, constituencies and such places in Uganda and the Diaspora, as the National Executive Committee shall determine.

CHAPTER TWO

4. FLAG, EMBLEM, SYMBOL AND MOTTO

The Flag shall comprise the colors; Sky blue, Red, yellow, green and in which shall be superimposed the hand showing the “V” sign and the key being the symbol of the Party as described and shown in the first schedule of this Constitution.

5. MOTTO

The motto of the Party shall be “One Uganda, One People”

CHAPTER THREE

6. GOAL

The goal of the Party shall be the establishment of a truly united and peaceful Uganda; and the empowerment of the people of Uganda to achieve a better quality of life for all Ugandans.

7. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

The aims and objectives for which the Party is formed are to:

- a) Unite and facilitate reconciliation between and among the people of Uganda.
- b) Achieve sustainable peace, development, a culture of dialogue, compromise, tolerance and good governance.
- c) Eliminate inequalities created by mismanagement of public affairs
- d) Fight poverty, ignorance, disease, and all forms of discrimination.
- e) Establish and maintain good relationships between Uganda and her neighbors,
- f) Promote sub-regional and regional integration efforts
- g) Act as a platform to promote democracy, good governance, constitutionalism and rule of law.
- h) Enhance integrity, transparency, and accountability in the management of public affairs.
- i) Strengthen institutions of Government and promote the principle of separation of powers and democracy.

- j) Pursue constitutional, non-partisan and professional management of the public service, the army, prison service, the police and other security organs.
- k) Support cultural and traditional institutions
- l) Establish a policy of zero tolerance on corruption.
- m) Engage in mutually beneficial relationships with the international community.
- n) Support and promote the struggle for the rights of women, children, the aged, the disabled and all other marginalized groups through the implementation of affirmative action.
- o) Cooperate with other organizations with similar objectives and where possible work jointly to achieve the said objectives.

8. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The guiding principles of the Party shall be:

- a) Service to the country and the party
- b) Good governance, democracy social justice, transparency, accountability, honesty and integrity,
- c) Promotion and protection of the fundamental freedoms,

- d) Gender equality and equal opportunities for all and in particular the youth, workers, women, the aged, disabled persons and all other marginalized groups.
- e) Peaceful resolution of conflicts.
- f) Constitutionalism and rule of law for all.

9. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- (1) In order to ensure that women are adequately represented in all party structures, the party shall implement a program of affirmative action for women of at least 40% in all its structures.
- (2) The method of achieving such implementation shall be detailed in all party guidelines, party
- (3) Platform and manifesto.

CHAPTER FOUR

10. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership of the party includes the following categories;
 - a) Life membership
 - b) Annual membership
 - c) Corporate membership
 - d) Honorary membership

- (2) The National Executive Committee may from time to time determine other categories of the said membership.
- (3) Membership of the party shall be open to all Ugandans irrespective of sex, tribe, color, creed and economic status who accept its principles and programs, and are prepared to abide by this Constitution and rules.
- (4) An applicant for membership of the Party shall complete a registration form specified in schedule 2 to this Constitution and submit it to the branch office or the headquarters of the party.
- (5) Upon approval, payment of membership and annual subscription fees, the relevant authority shall issue the member with a card.
- (6) A member can apply for life membership according to regulations made by the National Council which may also bestow life membership upon persons who have made outstanding contribution in the development of the party
- (7) The National Council may on its own or on recommendation of any organ of the Party grant honorary membership to persons who have demonstrated unwavering commitment and support to the party.

11. RIGHTS

In accordance with this constitution, a member of the Party other than an honorary member shall have a right to:

- a) Take full and active part in the discussion, formulation and implementation of the policies of the Party.
- b) Attend meetings and freely express views on any matter under discussion.
- c) Participate in any party activity.
- d) Submit a question, petition or statement to any organ of the Party for consideration.
- e) Appeal against any decision made by any party organ against him/her where such appeal is expressly provided for by this constitution or any of its regulations.

12. DUTIES

It is the duty of every member to:

- a) Protect the name of the party
- b) Work honestly and efficiently for the party
- c) Promote the aims and objectives of the party

- d) Register and vote
- e) Pay his or her party dues
- f) Canvass support for the party.

12. CESSATION

Membership shall cease on occurrence of any of the following;

- a) Death of a member
- b) Resignation by a member in writing to the Secretary General
- c) Dismissal of a member by the party's recognized constitutional organ.
- d) If a member joins another party or in an election, stands as an independent
- e) Engage in activities hostile to the party.

Provided that dismissal of a member under this article shall not bar a fresh application in respect of the same membership.

CHAPTER FIVE

14. PARTY STRUCTURES

The party shall have structures at Village, parish, Sub County, Constituency, District, National and Diaspora level for its efficient organization.

15. VILLAGE BRANCH

1. Every Village shall have a Party branch comprising all the members of the party resident in that Village.
2. The Village party branch [hereinafter referred to as the Party branch] shall be the nucleus of the Party and every member desirous of becoming a party member shall do so by registering at Village Party branch.
3. For the avoidance of doubt in institutions of learning where there may be no Villages, an organizational unit shall constitute a Party branch and carry out such other functions as any other branch would have carried out.
4. Every party branch shall elect once in every five years, a Party branch committee at elections authorized by the Party's National Council.
5. The Party branch Committee shall comprise;
 - a) The Chair Person
 - b) Vice Chair Person
 - c) General Secretary
 - d) Treasurer

- e) Secretary for Mobilization Information and Publicity
- f) Secretary for Women
- g) Secretary for Male (Youths)
- h) Secretary for Female (Youths)
- i) Secretary for the Elderly, Veterans and Pensioners
- j) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities
- k) Secretary for security

16. THE PARISH CONFERENCE

- (1) The Parish Party Conference shall elect, at elections authorized by the Party National Council the Party parish committee comprising of the same offices as those at the village level
- (2) The party shall have a parish conference whose membership shall consist of all Village Branch Executive Committee members and the Executive Committee of the parish.
- (3) The Parish Party Conference shall elect, at elections authorized by the Party National Council the Party parish committee comprising:
 - 1. The Chair Person
 - 2. Vice Chair Person
 - 3. General Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer

5. Secretary for Mobilization Information and Publicity
6. Secretary for Women
7. Secretary for Male (Youths)
8. Secretary for Female (Youths)
9. Secretary for the Elderly, Veterans and Pensioners
10. Secretary for Persons with Disabilities
11. Secretary for security

17. THE SUB-COUNTY CONFERENCE

- (1) The party shall have a Sub-County Party Conference whose membership shall consist of all Parish Party branch Committee members and the sub county executive;
- (2) The Sub-County Party Conference shall elect, at elections authorized by the Party National Council, the Party Sub-County committee comprising;
 - a) The Chair Person
 - b) Vice Chair Person
 - c) General Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Secretary for Mobilization Information and Publicity
 - f) Secretary for Women
 - g) Secretary for Male (Youths)
 - h) Secretary for Female (Youths)
 - i) Secretary for the Elderly, Veterans and Pensioners

- j) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities
- k) Secretary for security

18. THE PARTY CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCE

- (1) The party shall establish a Constituency Party Conference whose membership shall comprise the following;
 - a) The Constituency Executive,
 - b) The Sub County executives,
 - c) Sub County elected leaders in local Government
 - d) Constituency Member of Parliament
 - e) Local Council 5 Chairperson
 - f) Woman Member of Parliament
 - g) Local government District Councilors in the constituency and
 - h) All party flag bearers who lost in the general elections from LC3 to constituency level that are still members of the party.
- (2) The party constituency committee shall comprise;
 - a) The Chair Person
 - b) Vice Chair Person
 - c) General Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Secretary for Mobilization Information and Publicity

- f) Secretary for Women
- g) Secretary for Male (Youths)
- h) Secretary for Female (Youths)
- i) Secretary for the Elderly, Veterans and Pensioners
- j) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities
- k) Secretary for security

19. DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(1) There shall be a district conference that shall be convened by the chairperson comprising of the following;

- a) The District Executive
- b) The Constituency Executive,
- c) The sub county executives,
- d) Sub county elected leaders
- e) Constituency Member of Parliament
- f) Local Council 5 Chairperson
- g) Woman Member of Parliament
- h) Local government District Councilors in the constituency and
- i) All party flag bearers who lost in the general elections from LC3 to constituency level that are still members of the party.

(2) There shall be established a District Executive Committee for each District, which shall comprise of;

- a) The Chair Person

- b) Vice Chair Person
 - c) General Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Secretary for Mobilization Information and Publicity
 - f) Secretary for Women
 - g) Secretary for Male (Youths)
 - h) Secretary for Female (Youths)
 - i) Secretary for the Elderly, Veterans and Pensioners
 - j) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities
 - k) Secretary for security
- (3) In a one constituency district the constituency executive shall also be a district executive.
- (4) The chairperson of the committee shall convene meetings of both the conference and the committee.
- (5) "District" has the same meaning as district under the Local Government Act provided that in case of Kampala, a division shall have the same meaning and be equivalent to a district under this constitution.
- (6) Functions of The Party Local Organs
The functions of the Party Organs Shall be as follows:
- a) Transmission of Party Decisions from a lower to an upper organ and vice versa

- b) Implementation of Party Policies and Programs at each respective level,
- c) Supervise the implementation of the Party Policies and programs at that level,
- d) Receive reports from lower level consider and make decisions and where necessary recommendations
- e) Receive and act on information as it may deem fit,
- f) Supervise the collection of Membership fees,
- g) Co-ordinate the activities of the party at the respective level
- h) Be responsible for Party mobilization and recruitment of members,
- i) Initiate plans and organize party activities,
- j) Manage and keep records.

In this section “Party organs” refers to a village, parish, sub county, constituency or district executive committee.

20. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

- (1) There shall be a National Council of the Party consisting of the following officials:
- a) District Chairpersons of the party
 - b) All National Executive Committee Members
 - c) All Members of Parliament
 - d) Three Members representing Elders Council

- e) Three Members representing the Youth league
 - f) Three members representing the Women League
 - g) One flag bearer representing Parliamentary seat flag bearers of each sub region who were unsuccessful in the general elections
 - h) All Elected Local Government District Chairpersons and Mayors
- (2) The functions of the national council shall be.
- a) To receive reports from NEC,
 - b) To Act for and on behalf of the National Delegates Conference as and when the conference so directs,
 - c) Generate the policy for consideration by the National Delegates Conference,
 - d) To Approve the Party Budget,
 - e) Supervise and direct the work of NEC and other National Party Organs and
 - f) Approve appointments as provided in this Constitution and fill vacant positions on recommendations of the National Executive Committee

21. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be an Executive Committee comprising of the following:
- a) The Party President

- b) The Four Deputy Presidents
- c) The Party Chairperson
- d) The Four Deputy Chairpersons
- e) Secretary General
- f) The Deputy to the Secretary
- g) General Treasurer General
- h) Secretaries For Mobilization
- i) Secretary for Information and Publicity
- j) Secretary for Women Affairs
- k) Secretary for Youth Affairs
- l) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities,
- m) Secretary for International and Regional Affairs,
- n) Secretary for Legal Affairs,
- o) Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources,
- p) Secretary for Labour and Pensions,
- q) Secretary for Presidency,
- r) Secretary for Culture, Ethics and Religious affairs
- s) Secretary for Education, Sports and Arts.
- t) Secretary for Trade, Industry, Economy and Investments
- u) Secretary for Defense , security and Internal Affairs,
- v) Secretary for Agriculture,
- w) Secretary for Health,
- x) Secretary for Works,
- y) Secretary for Transports and Communications
- z) Secretary for Local Government
- aa) Secretary for Post Conflict and Reconstruction and

- bb) Secretary for Elders.
 - cc) All deputy secretaries for the various ministries mentioned above.
 - dd) Ten District Local Government Chairpersons elected by District Chairpersons caucus and
 - ee) Twenty Members of Parliament
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- (2) Members of the National Executive Committee shall be elected by the National Delegates Conference
 - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions articles 20(2) and 21(3) (a), Deputy Secretaries shall be appointed by the President and approved by the National Executive Committee
 - (4) The offices of Deputy Secretaries shall be proposed by the President and approved by the National Council
 - (5) Each Secretary shall present a quarterly report to the National Executive Committee.
 - (6) The functions of the National Executive Committee are:
 - a) Originate policy for consideration by the National Council,
 - b) Supervise the National Secretariat
 - c) Implement decisions of the National Conference and National Council
 - d) Prepare reports for the National Council
 - e) Receive reports from the Working Committee
 - f) Levy such fee on a member holding an elective office by reason of the party ticket and refer the

matter to the disciplinary committee where there is noncompliance.

- g) Give guidance to the District Executive Committees
 - h) Supervise the district Executive Committees
 - i) Issue and send directives and instructions to and receive reports from the Districts
 - j) Suspend or dissolve any District committee where necessary and call for a new election where there has been a breach of this constitution or disregard of democratic principles and the district conference has failed to act
 - k) Manage and control all national and international property and other assets of the party.
- (7) The National Executive Committee may establish such committees as it may deem necessary for the efficient discharge of the party functions
- (8) The National Executive Committee may through a two thirds majority of all its members make rules and regulations

22. WORKING COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a Working Committee of NEC which body shall act as the Cabinet for the Party of composed of the following offices,
- a) The Party President,

- b) The Four deputy presidents,
- c) The Secretary General,
- d) The Leader of Opposition,
- e) Treasurer General,
- f) Secretary for Legal Affairs,
- g) Secretary for Information/spokesperson,
- h) Secretary for Mobilization,
- i) Secretary for Youth,
- j) Secretary for security,
- k) Secretary for Women

- (2) The Party Chief Administrative Officer will attend Working Committee meetings for purposes of taking minutes.
- (3) President shall have powers to co-opt and invite any person to attend Working Committee depending on the need or necessity on specific matters.

23. THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

- (1) National Delegates Conference shall be the supreme policy making organ of the party.
- (2) The membership of the National Delegates Conference shall consist of the following:
 - a) The chairperson
 - b) The vice chairpersons
 - c) All members of National Council

- d) All Members of the National Executive Committee
 - e) Four representatives from each of the special interest groups
 - f) The Chairperson, General Secretary, Secretary for mobilization, secretary for women and Secretary for Youths from each district
 - g) All members of parliament
 - h) Two representatives from each parliamentary constituency being the chairman and the general secretary one of whom shall be female
 - i) Ten eminent members of the party nominated by the National Executive Committee and approved by the National Council
 - j) Ten representatives of the Diaspora
- (3) The functions of the National Delegates Conference shall be:
- a) Elect the National Executive Committee (NEC)
 - b) Determine the program and policies of the party and take policy positions on any matter
 - c) Receive, discuss and make decisions on reports from any organ of the party
 - d) Consider the reports of the National Council
 - e) Set up a National Campaign Task Force in an election year

- f) To receive reports of the Party President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer General
- (4) The national delegates' conferences shall meet once every three years on such date and at such place as the Chairman may determine provided that a special delegates conference may be convened at any time to consider urgent matters.
- (5) An extra ordinary meeting shall be convened by the chairperson in any of the following circumstances:
- a) When the chairperson so decides
 - b) On receipt of a petition from one half of the District Executive Committees
 - c) On receipt of a petition from 30% of the delegates from at least 50% of all districts in the country
 - d) Where the National Executive Committee requests

CHAPTER 6

24. SPECIAL ORGANS

- (1) There shall be established Party Leagues, Caucuses and structures for the Diaspora.
- (2) There shall be the following party Leagues:

A) YOUTH LEAGUE

- i. There shall be a Youth League formed by all Youth members of the party
- ii. The Youth League shall be constituted at the Village branch, parish, Sub County, constituency, District and national levels
- iii. The league shall have a constitution to manage its affairs approved by the National Executive Committee and in alignment with and subordinate to the Party Constitution
- iv. Youth means any youth between 18-30 years of age. The Youth League Elections shall be conducted and monitored by the Party Electoral Commission.
- v. The Youth League shall have its leadership based at sub regional level. Each sub Region shall have an executive of at least five and not more than seven Members.
- vi. All District Chairpersons shall be members of the Sub regional conference.
- vii. The Youth Chairperson will automatically become the Secretary for the Youth at the relevant level of the party structure.
- viii. There shall be a Youth Executive committee from the village to the District level that shall include the following offices: The Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; General Secretary; Treasurer; Secretary for Mobilization and Production;

Secretary for Publicity; Secretary for Education and Sports; Secretary for Health and Hygiene and Secretary for people with Disability

- ix. There shall be a Youth National Executive committee at the National level that shall include the following offices: The Chairperson; Four Vice Chairpersons; Secretary General; Mobilization; Treasurer; Secretaries for Research and Publicity; Legal, human rights and Constitutional affairs; Women; PWDs; Education, Sports and Students; Health and Environment
- x. There shall be a youth National Conference charged with a duty to elect the National Youth Leadership

B) WOMEN LEAGUE

- i. There shall be a Women League formed by all female members of the party
- ii. The Women League shall be constituted at the Village branch, parish, Sub County, constituency, District and national levels
- iii. The league shall have a constitution to manage its affairs approved by the National Executive Committee and in alignment with and subordinate to the Party Constitution.

- iv. The Women League Elections shall be conducted and monitored by the Party Electoral Commission; The Women League shall have its leadership based at sub regional level; each sub Region shall have an executive of at least Five Members;
- v. All District Chairpersons shall be members of the Sub regional conference. And the Woman Chairperson will automatically become the Secretary for the Women at the respective party structure.
- vi. There shall be a Woman Executive committee from the village to the District level that shall include the following offices: The Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; General Secretary; Treasurer; Secretary for Mobilization and Production; Secretary for Publicity; Secretary for Education and Sports; Secretary for Hygiene and Health and Secretary for people with Disability
- vii. There shall be a Women Executive committee from the National level that shall include the following offices: The Chairperson; Four Vice

Chairpersons; Secretary General; Mobilization; Treasurer; Secretaries for Research and Publicity; Legal, human rights and Constitutional affairs; People With Disabilities; Education, Sports and Students; Health and Environment

- viii. There shall be a Women National Conference charged with a duty to elect the National Women Leadership.

C) WORKERS' LEAGUE

- i. There shall be a Workers' League formed by all unionized workers of the party;
- ii. The Workers' League shall be constituted at the District and national levels;
- iii. The league shall have a constitution to manage its affairs approved by the National Executive Committee and in alignment with and subordinate to the Party Constitution;
- iv. Each Union Executive shall send three delegates to the region to constitute the Regional conference;
- v. These will be the Chairperson, Treasurer and the Woman Representative. Each region shall send

three representatives to constitute the National Conference.

D) THE DIASPORA

- i. There shall be established Diaspora Chapters for the effective organization and management of party activities in the Diaspora.
- ii. The Diaspora shall be organized in Chapters approved by the National Executive Committee .A Chapter will establish its leadership in accordance with this constitution and regulations made by the National Executive Committee.

25. CAUCUSES

- (1) Caucuses of the party shall be established at Parliamentary and local government level
- (2) There shall be established the following party caucuses:

A) PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS

- i. The parliamentary caucus shall be composed by all members of parliament of the party
- ii. The function of the caucus shall be to advance the interests of the party in the national legislature

- iii. The caucus shall elect its executive in accordance with the regulations approved by the National Executive Committee of the party.

B) DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

- i. The District Local government caucus shall be composed by all members of the party in the District Council.
- ii. The function of the caucus shall be to advance the interests of the party in the Council.
- iii. The caucus shall elect its executive in accordance with the regulations approved by the National Executive Committee of the party.

C) SUB-COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

- i. The Sub county Local government caucus shall be composed by all members of the party in the Sub-county Council.
- ii. The function of the caucus shall be to advance the interests of the party in the Council.
- iii. The caucus shall elect its executive in accordance with the regulations approved by the National

Executive Committee of the party.

D) CAUCUS OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

- i. There is established a special organ of the party to be known as Caucus of District Chairpersons comprising of elected chairpersons of all districts and mayors of municipalities.
- ii. The District Chairpersons' caucus shall be represented on National Executive Committee by ten representatives elected from amongst them.

26. PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

(1) There shall be a special organ known as Persons with disability League formed by all persons with disability in the party.

(2) The organ shall be constituted at the District and national levels. The organ shall have a constitution to manage its affairs approved by the National Executive Committee and in alignment with and subordinate to the Party Constitution.

(3) There shall be a district conference that shall be represented by one person from each sub county.

(4) There shall be a regional conference at which each district shall be represented by two members.

(5) There shall be a national conference in which, each region shall be represented by one member.

27. STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) There shall be established the following standing committees:

A) COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE

- i. There shall be a committee of discipline at National, District, Constituency, Sub County, parish and village branch level
- ii. The National committee shall consist of the Chairperson who shall be one of the vice chairpersons of the National Delegates Conference, organization and Mobilization Secretary, and four committee members elected by the National Delegates Conference on recommendation of the National Executive Committee.

- iii. The disciplinary committees of lower organs of the party and shall be constituted in the same manner with appropriate modifications
- iv. Functions of the committee of Discipline shall be:
 - a) Exercise disciplinary control over all members of the party
 - b) To enforce the Code of Conduct
 - c) To do such other things as the National council may from time to time direct
- v. A CODE OF CONDUCT approved by National Executive Committee shall guide the ethical standards and probity of members.

B) FINANCE AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

- i. The committee on Finance and Welfare shall consist of the Treasurer General, Deputy Treasurer General, Deputy Secretary General (Administration) Organization and mobilization Secretary,, two members of the national executive committee elected annually by the National council. The Treasurer General shall be chairperson of the committee.

- ii. The functions of the committee shall be to:
 - a) To raise funds for the Party
 - b) Supervise the auditing of the party accounts.
 - c) Ensure accountability and sound financial management of party funds
 - d) Perform any other functions, which the National Executive may assign it.

C) ELECTORAL COMMITTEE:

- i. The Electoral committee shall be the line committee in respect of electoral matters relating to policy but no operational matters.

D) LEGAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- i. There is established in the party a Legal, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs committee.
- ii. The committee shall comprise of the Secretary for Legal affairs and such number of members as the National Council may determine.

- iii. The members to the committee shall be appointed by the Party President with approval of National Council.
- iv. The function of the committee shall be:
 - a) To give legal advice to the party organs and officials on any subject
 - b) To represent the Party and its officials in the courts of law
 - c) Draw and peruse agreements which the party wishes to enter into
 - d) Perform any other function as may be assigned

E) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- i. There is established in the Party a Publicity committee
- ii. The committee shall comprise the Secretary for Information and Publicity and such other number of members as the National Council may determine.
- iii. The said members shall be appointed by the President with approval of the National Council
- iv. The functions of the committee shall be:

- a) Promote the corporate image of the party
- b) Communicate policies, programs and decisions of the party to all branches
- c) Provide information to the media
- d) Implement the party communication guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee

F) SECURITY COMMITTEE

- i. There is established in the Party a Security committee
- ii. The committee shall comprise the Secretary for Security such other number of members as the National Council may determine.
- iii. The said members shall be appointed by the President with approval of the National Council
- iv. The functions of the committee shall be:
 - a) Promote the Security of the party and its members
 - b) Ensure the safety of party property
 - c) Advise all organs of the party on matters relating to security

G) THE NATIONAL ELECTION TRIBUNAL

- i. There is established National Election Tribunal whose chairperson shall be one of the Deputy Presidents and shall comprise the Secretary for organization and mobilization, Secretary for information and Publicity, a representative of the disciplinary committee and the Chairman of the Legal Committee, provided that where the holder of any of the said offices is contesting for any elective office, he / she shall be disqualified from taking part in the proceedings.
- ii. The function of the Committee shall be to resolve disputes arising out of party elections.
- iii. The lower organs of the party shall have elections tribunals at the sub county and district level and shall be constituted in the same manner with appropriate modifications

H) THE MOBILIZATION AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- i. There is established a committee for Mobilization and recruitment in the party

- ii. The committee shall comprise 10 members under the Chairmanship of the organization and Mobilization Secretary
- iii. The said members shall be appointed by the President with approval of the National Council
- iv. The functions of the committee shall be:
 - a) To recruit and enroll members for the party
 - b) To mobilize party supporters.

I) ELDERS COMMITTEE

- i. There shall be an Elders committee composed of members not exceeding eleven elected by the National Delegates Conference from among the elders of the party to arbitrate any disputes between organs and leadership of the party or its leadership.
- ii. The committee shall have powers to interpret this constitution when arbitrating disputes and the decision of the committee shall be final and binding

CHAPTER SEVEN

28. PARTY OFFICES

(1) PARTY CHAIRPERSON

- a) There shall be a Chairperson and four Vice Chairpersons of the Party
- b) The chairperson shall:
 - i. Convene and chair the National Delegates Conference, and the National Council
 - ii. Oversee discipline and overall ethical standards in the party
 - iii. Ensure harmony within the party
 - iv. Receive periodical reports from the presidency and government performance when the party is in power
 - v. Mobilize support for the Party internally and internationally
- c) He/she must be able to rise over and above the differences within members of the Party.
- d) He/she must be of a distinguished personality in both the party and society

- e) He/she must have earned respect in the society and amongst his or her peers.
 - f) He/she must have served the country and the party with distinction.
 - g) Any person to run for this office should not go to run for other electoral offices within the party.
 - h) He/she must be a person who acts with impartiality
- (2) The Vice Chairpersons shall deputize the chairperson.
- (3) PARTY PRESIDENT
- a) There shall be a President and four Deputy of the Party.
 - b) The President shall:
 - i. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party and shall represent the party.
 - ii. He shall chair the Party Working Committee.
 - iii. The president may recommend disciplinary action against any member who fails in his duties and absconds from party business and meetings without any reasonable excuse. In case of such recommendation the President

may appoint anyone to act in such capacity pending approval of the relevant body.

(4) THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- a) There shall be a Secretary General and two Deputies of the Party
- b) The Secretary General shall be:
 - i. The principal executive and accounting officer of the party
 - ii. The head of the secretariat
 - iii. Secretary to Delegates conference
 - iv. Responsible for compliance with all legal obligations of the party
 - v. The custodian of the Party Seal
 - vi. Responsible for maintaining the corporate image of the party
 - vii. Responsible for such other activities as may be assigned from time to time.

(5) NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

- a) There shall be a national secretariat under the direct supervision of the Secretary General

- b) The functions of the Secretariat shall be:
- i. To implement the policies of the Party
 - ii. To implement decisions of the National Delegates conference, National Council and National Executive Committee
 - iii. To provide secretarial and administrative services to the organs the party.
 - iv. To prepare policy papers as instructed.
 - v. To provide support staff to the national offices
 - vi. To constantly liaise with District branches
 - vii. To ensure safe custody of the property of the party
 - viii. To perform any other functions as may be mandated
- c) The Secretariat required staff shall be recruited by an appointments committee to serve on such terms as the National Executive Committee may determine.
- i. The National Secretariat shall consist of the Chief Administrative Officer and such other

officers as the Working Committee of NEC
may determine

(6) TREASURER GENERAL

- (1) There shall be a Treasurer General and two Deputies of the Party**
- (2) The Treasurer General shall:**
 - a) Be responsible for the party finances**
 - b) Maintain an accurate record of the party assets and liabilities**
 - c) Prepare the budget of the party**
 - d) Oversee the fundraising activities of the party**
 - e) Be an ex official member of the special organs of the party**
 - f) He or she be a signatory to the Party bank accounts including the league Accounts.**

29. THE PARTY ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- (1) There shall be established an electoral Commission of the Party comprising the Chief Electoral Commissioner and not less than three other**

commissioners elected by the National Delegates Conference.

- (2) The Electoral Commission shall :
- a) Organize, manage and oversee all party elections
 - b) Liaise with the National Electoral Commission on all matters concerning elections.
 - c) Maintain records of all national and Party elections
 - d) Issue electoral guidelines with the approval of the National Executive Committee.
 - e) In liaison with the legal department, advise on the filing of election petitions
 - f) Oversee the training, placement of agents, electoral monitors and supervisors at national and party elections.
 - g) Be in charge of voter and civic education.
 - h) Ensure that all members contesting for elective positions go through a vetting process.
- (3) The Electoral Commission shall if it so requests be assisted by an Electoral Committee.

30. VACANCIES

- (1) Any office in the Party shall fall vacant upon occurrence of any of the following:
- a) Death
 - b) Resignation
 - c) Dismissal
 - d) Bankruptcy adjudged by the Courts of Law
 - e) Inability to perform duties or unjustified absence from office, if so determined by the National Executive Committee
 - f) Where the office of the President falls vacant nine months to the end of his or her term of office, no election shall be held, the deputy shall be president and shall sit in to complete the term of office.
 - g) Whenever any other office falls vacant the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution in respect to the procedure in which such office was first filled.

- h) Where it is impractical to do so by reason of difficulty in convening the relevant organ, a person shall be appointed by the National Executive Committee to act in that capacity pending the decision of the relevant organ.
- i) If the vacancy cannot be immediately filled by reason of any Constitutional requirement the office shall be filled by the next senior person in rank. An office in the party shall fall vacant if the relevant organ passes a vote of no confidence in the holder of the office following the procedure set out under rules of procedure issued by the National Executive Committee.
- j) The Party President, Secretary General and Party Chairperson can only be relieved of his/her duties by the Delegates conference.

CHAPTER EIGHT

31. MEETINGS AND NOTICES

- (1) The National Delegates Conference shall require three months' notice but a Special National Delegates Conference shall require one month's notice.
- (2) The National Council shall require a one Month's notice.
- (3) In case of emergency, the National Council shall require a two weeks' notice.
- (4) The District Conference shall meet once a year and shall require two weeks' notice.
- (5) The Constituency conference shall meet twice a year and shall require a two weeks' notice.
- (6) All Executive Committees shall meet at least quarterly and require one week's notice.

32. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of all party officials shall be five years renewable only once.

33. PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The following shall constitute the Electoral College for Party Primaries:

a) Parliamentary Primaries:

- i. There shall be primaries held to determine the party candidate for each Parliamentary constituency
- ii. The Electoral College shall be constituted by the following: Chairpersons of the village executive Committees; all Parish Executive Committees; all Sub County Executive Committees and the Constituency Executive Committee.

b) District woman Member of Parliament and District Chairperson:

- i. There shall be primaries held to determine the party candidate for the woman member of parliament per district and the district chairperson
- ii. The Electoral College shall be constituted by the following: all sub-county Executive Committees; all the Constituency Executive Committee and all District Executive Committees.

c) City Mayor

- i. There shall be primaries held to determine the party candidates for City Mayor
- ii. The Electoral College shall be the Division executive committees
- d) Sub-County Chairpersons and District Councilors:
 - i. There shall be primaries held to determine the party candidate for both the sub county chairperson and District councilors
 - ii. The Electoral College shall be constituted by the following: Chairpersons of the Village Branches; all Parish Executive Committees and Sub- County Executive Committees
- e) Sub-County Councilors:
 - i. There shall be primaries held to determine the party candidates for the sub county.
 - ii. The Electoral College shall be constituted by the following: all Village Executive Committees; Parish Executive Committee
 - iii. NEC shall approve regulations for campaigns in primaries and prescribe sanctions for any contravention.

CHAPTER NINE

34. PARTY FUNDS

- (1) The Party shall raise funds from the following sources:
 - a) Membership subscriptions
 - b) Donations
 - c) Fundraising
 - d) Interest
 - e) Sale of assets, publications and promotional items
 - f) Investments
 - g) Loans, credit and grants
- (2) The finances of the Party shall be raised, managed and expended in accordance with procedures, manuals and regulations approved by the National Council.
- (3) The Party shall open accounts in banks approved by the National Executive Committee
- (4) The party shall have authority to borrow funds for its activities
- (5) The accounts of the Party shall be audited annually
- (6) The party shall maintain a register of party assets

CHAPTER TEN

35. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEAL OF THE PARTY

- (1) The Party shall have a seal reflecting its name and symbol and may be affixed on Party Documents as may be prescribed in the rules

AMENDMENT

- (2) This constitution may be amended by two thirds (2/3) majority of all members of the National Delegates Conference.
- (3) An amendment to the constitution may be proposed by the National Executive committee to the National Council. If approved, the National Council approval shall forward it to the Delegates conference.
- (4) Any member may propose an amendment of the constitution to the National Executive Committee
- (5) No amendment shall be introduced in the National Delegates conference unless the proposer has given a 3

months' notice of the proposed amendment in writing to the Secretary General.

- (6) A proposed amendment may be amended without notice in the National Delegates conference
- (7) Any member who contravenes this Constitution or regulations of the party shall be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with guidelines approved by National Executive Council.

36. DISSOLUTION

- (1) The National Delegates Conference or the special conference may dissolve the party by two thirds (2/3) majority of all delegates of the National Delegates Conference and transfer the assets and liabilities of the party.
- (2) There must be a notice of at least six months.
- (3) There must be a resolution from 2/3rds of the district conferences.
- (4) The resolution must be supported by at least 80% of the attendance of the delegates' conference.

The Schedule 1

- A. “District” has the same meaning as district under the Local Government Act provided that in case of Kampala, a division shall have the same meaning and be equivalent to a district under this constitution.
- B. Definition of Youth: Youth means any youth between 18-30 years of age. The Youth League Elections shall be conducted and monitored by the Party Electoral Commission.
- C. In a one constituency district the executive will act as both constituency and district executive.
- D. All leaders of the Party can only be elected to serve a five year term renewable only once.
- E. National Sub regions in this Constitution shall include the following;
 - 1. Acholi
 - 2. Bugisu
 - 3. Bukedi
 - 4. Bunyoro
 - 5. Busoga
 - 6. Central Buganda
 - 7. East Ankole
 - 8. East Buganda

9. Kampala
10. Karamoja
11. Kigezi
12. Lango
13. North Buganda
14. Rwenzori
15. Sebei
16. South Buganda
17. Teso
18. Toro
19. WestAnkole
20. West Nile

The Schedule 2
MEMBERSHIP FORM



**FDC Membership
Application Form**



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