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**PREAMBLE**

We, the young leaders and advocates of Sierra Leone, recognizing the fundamental need for equality, respect, and active citizenship, hereby establish the Liberty for All Movement. Rooted in the principles of inclusivity, justice, and empowerment, we stand firm in our commitment to fostering a society where every individual regardless of gender, tribe, or region has a voice and an opportunity to thrive.

Founded in November 2024, this Movement is dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights, with a special focus on the social, economic, educational, and cultural welfare of our communities, particularly the youth.

Recognizing the vital role of young leaders in shaping the future of Sierra Leone, 'Liberty for All Movement' stands as a beacon of empowerment, inclusion, and advocacy. This movement is committed to fostering a culture of respect, equality, and active citizenship, ensuring that all individuals regardless of gender, tribe, or region have a platform to learn, discuss, and champion critical issues affecting their communities.

With a firm dedication to promoting and protecting human rights, Liberty for All Movement places particular focus on the social, economic, educational, and cultural welfare of Sierra Leonean youth. Through meaningful engagement and unwavering commitment, the movement aspires to create opportunities for young leaders to rise, contribute, and drive positive change. In unity, we build a society where every voice is heard, and every potential is realized.

Whereas the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone provides for freedom of association and the electoral Act provides for multi-party democracy in Sierra Leone.

Whereas there are more than five (5) registered political parties with their manifesto, constitution, logo and symbols in Sierra Leone.

It has equally become obvious that our present democratic value process has failed in all its ramifications to deliver the dividends of development to the majority of Sierra Leonean people. This situation remains the primary and major challenge to building an all-embracing foundation for the nation's unity and progress. The Liberty For All Movement (LFA) is born not only as a response to these oddities but equally out of the need to reawaken the consciousness of our great nation by introducing and pursuing the singular agenda of inclusive governance and citizens' participation in our democratic process. As a Movement towards a new vision for Sierra Leone, it is a people driven and focused political movement totally committed to building a new peaceful Sierra Leone and working for its unity and progress. To this end, LFA is determined to create a new political party which is imbued with the values of empathy, social justice and knowledge of the deprivations and marginalization of the majority of citizens.

In view of the above and in cognisance of the fact that the right to freedom of association is an inalienable right of man;

We believe that organising ourselves into a political party will ensure that our people participate fully in the politics of our country to sustain democracy;

We are conscious of the need to share and rotate key political offices among the diverse peoples of our country;

We are determined to pursue the goals and aspirations of our people in a manner consistent with best practices the world over;

We believe that a strict enforcement of a Code of Conduct among members in and out of office will reduce corruption and ensure probity and accountability in the polity;

We are prompted by a firm conviction that the enthronement of a moral social order will result in the spiritual regeneration of the nation;

We recognise that a well ordered political system is a sine qua non to economic and social development;

We are conscious of the need to ensure the welfare of our people within a Sovereign and United country;

We recognise the need to defend and uphold the sanctity of the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone;

NOW THEREFORE, WE, MEMBERS OF LIBERTY FOR ALL MOVEMENT (LFA), for the purpose of effective administration and the promotion of the ideals and objectives of our party DO HEREBY ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES the following Constitution:-

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

##### **NAME OF THE PARTY**

The name of the party shall be the Liberation People's Party (hereinafter in this constitution referred to as "The Party") with the abbreviation LPP.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

##### **SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Sierra Leone and other existing National Laws, this Constitution shall be supreme, and its provisions shall have binding force on all members, organs and other bodies of the Party and shall be referred to as "The Liberation People's Party Constitution".

#### **ARTICLE 3**

##### **MOTTO**

**The Motto of the Party is "Liberty For All".**

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **SYMBOL**

- A. The symbol/logo of the Party is a pair of folded fists breaking free from chains with a yellow, sky blue and white spark emanating from the broken chain on a white background within a broad purple circular border. The name of the Party, "Liberation People's Party" is inscribed in the top half of the purple border, and the motto, "Liberty For All" is inscribed in the bottom half of the purple border.
- B. The flag of the Party shall be white with the logo in the centre.
- C. Every Party organisation shall use the Party's symbol.
- D. No person aspiring for elective office outside the party structure shall use the Party symbol unless he has been formally awarded it

**ARTICLE 5****COLOURS**

**The colours of the Party shall be purple and white**

**ARTICLE 6****SLOGAN**

The slogan of the Party shall be: "POWER TO THE YOUTH, POWER TO THE PEOPLE".

**ARTICLE 7****THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**

The registered Headquarters of the Party shall be situated in Freetown, Western Area of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and it shall serve as the Party's National Secretariat. There shall be offices in all regions in the Republic of Sierra Leone. Offices may be opened in all districts, constituencies and in the diaspora.

**ARTICLE 8****CHARACTER AND ETHICS**

- A. The Party shall be a democratic organization and shall pursue its objectives without regard to race, creed or ethnic affiliation.
- B. The policies and programmes of the Party shall be determined by its leadership, who shall be accountable to the membership.
- C. The Party shall contest all elections in Sierra Leone and shall, for that purpose, draw its support from all sections of the society.
- D. The Party, while striving for maximum unity of purpose, shall respect the linguistic, cultural and religious diversity of its members.
- E. The Party shall support the emancipation and participation of women by encouraging their representation at all levels.
- F. The Party shall respect freedom of expression and free exchange of ideas and information without undermining the authority and integrity of the Party and its membership.
- G. The Party shall cause to be conducted a detailed background integrity check on all prospective candidates and officials into elective position in the Party and elsewhere to ensure the quality of all its candidates for Party and public offices.

**ARTICLE 9****AIMS AND OBJECTIVES****A The aims, objectives and guiding principles of the Party shall at all times and in every circumstance**

- i. Conform with Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy;
- ii. The Party shall have a manifesto, which, shall address its fundamental goals for the country as well as embody the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone. Such a Manifesto for the Party shall be implemented by all organs of the Party and government elected under its platform and shall be subjected to oversight by the Party organs at all levels;
- iii. The Party shall have a manifesto, which, subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone, shall be implemented judiciously by all organs of the government under its platform and subject to the oversight of the Party.

**B The Party shall strive to**

- i. Promote sustainable development and changes through the implementation of the global Programme on Sustainable Development and its commitment to inclusive growth, provision of sound education, basic health care, food security, environmental preservation and conservation, issues of climate change, rapid industrial growth, adequate housing, full employment and the improvement of infrastructure and basic services;
- ii. Promote federalism and an equitable revenue sharing formula;
- iii. Promote the security of life and property, and enhance family values;
- iv. Promote self-respect, self-reliance and human dignity;
- v. Uphold the integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Sierra Leone as one united, indivisible, and indissoluble political entity;
- vi. Promote national integration and the peaceful coexistence of the diverse communities of the country;
- vii. Promote an egalitarian society founded on freedom, equality and justice;
- viii. Uphold the independence of the judiciary and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone;
- ix. Promote learning and research in science and technology and the arts;
- x. Assist in the just resolution of local and international disputes;
- xi. Promote the principles of gender equality through liberal democracy.
- xii. Advance the rights of marginalized communities, including women, children, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities.
- xiii. Advance the political, social, educational and economic interests of its members, and act as the channel of communication between them, the Government and other Political Parties or Associations.

C The Party shall pursue these aims and objectives

1. Ensuring that: the programmes of the Party, as contained in its manifesto, conform with the fundamental objectives and directive principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Sierra Leone by;
  - i. Developing and sustaining strong, dynamic and responsive economic policies and programmes that develop and protect the wellbeing of the country's economy and its people's livelihoods.
  - ii. Creating an enabling environment for investors and private sector to develop and prosper,
  - iii. Developing and operationalizing an inclusive growth policy that meets the needs of the majority and tackles the widening inequality in the country.
  - iv. Working for financial and banking sector reforms that stimulate the economy and enable the productive capacities of young Sierra Leoneans.
  - v. Addressing the jobless growth in the economy and providing for the diversification of the country's economy.
  - vi. Promoting mutual respect for, and understanding of, the religious and cultural diversity of Sierra Leone;
  - vii. Adhering to the policy of the rotation and zoning of Party and Public elective offices in pursuance of the principle of equity, justice and fairness;
  - viii. Striving towards African unity and fostering greater understanding and cohesion among all peoples of African descent;
  - ix. Co-operating with African and other nationalist movements and organizations working for the eradication of imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism;
  - x. Ensure that Sierra Leone becomes a dominant force in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Union (AU), the Commonwealth, the United Nations Organizations (UNO) and other international and regional groups;
  - xi. Undertaking any other activities as, in the opinion of the leadership, which may promote the attainment of the stated aims and objectives of the Party.

**ARTICLE 10**

**PHILOSOPHY OF THE PARTY**

The philosophy of the Party is anchored on bringing youths together to work as a team to change Sierra Leone. The motive is to take up developmental ventures that will bring about peace and tranquillity, and sustainable human development through education empowerment and employment.

**CHAPTER 2****MEMBERSHIP****ARTICLE 11****QUALIFICATION**

- i. General membership of the Party shall be open to all Sierra Leoneans resident within or outside Sierra Leone;
- ii. Who have attained the age of 18 years;
- iii. Accepts this Constitution, the aims, objectives, principles, programs and discipline of the Party;
- iv. Is not a member of another political Party in Sierra Leone;
- v. Is not a member of any association prohibited by law and unknown to the Sierra Leonean Constitution. Such membership if proven shall be grounds for dismissal from the Party.
- vi. Is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote under any rule or regulation in force in Sierra Leone
- vii. Whose application for membership shall have been accepted by the National Executive Committee of the Party or its authorized agent, and paid the requisite membership fees prescribed by the Party.
- viii. Associate membership shall be open to Sierra Leonean organizations that subscribe to the aims, objectives, policies and programs of the Party in line with guidelines prepared by National Officers and approved by NEC

**ARTICLE 12****ENROLMENT AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- i. Any person who satisfies the criteria set out in Article 11 of this Constitution may apply to the Party in a prescribed form to become a member.
- ii. Any person who wishes to become a member of the Party may apply for membership in any district that he resides or hails from, or in any other branch of the Party.
- iii. Application for membership shall be considered by the National Secretary General, the District Executive or branch in which the application is made.
- iv. Every person shall, upon being enrolled, be issued with a membership card bearing the person's name, picture, registration number, address and constituency or external branch in which the person has been enrolled.
- v. A person shall only be deemed to be enrolled as a member of the Party on the date on which his/her name is entered into the Register.
- vi. The Party shall maintain a Register of its members both physically and electronically.
- vii. Any organisation or group which is eligible for membership shall apply to the National headquarters or to Regional or District branch in line with guidelines prepared by National Officers and approved by NEC

- viii. A coherent record/register of members shall be maintained at Constituency, District, Regional, and at the Party's headquarters with information and updates supplied regularly by the Regional Executive Committees.
- ix. All Regional Executives shall forward an annual membership list to the National Executive for compilation.

### ARTICLE 13

#### CATEGORIES

There shall be two (2) categories of membership of the Party as follows: Regular or Individual membership and associate membership. All applicants for membership into any category of the Party must fulfil the qualification criteria set out in Article 11 above.

#### 1. Regular/Individual Membership

This shall be divided into the following different layers:

##### a. Ordinary

Ordinary membership is open to every Sierra Leonean who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and applies for such membership in a prescribed form and pays the requisite fees.

##### b. Patron

Patron is a registered member of the Party who undertakes to register and contribute to the Party's fund at a much higher level than for the Ordinary members. They shall apply for such membership in a prescribed form and pay the requisite fees.

##### c. Chief Patron

Chief Patron is a registered member of the Party who undertakes to register and contribute to the Party's funds at a much higher level than for the Patron. They may be called upon from time to time to raise funds for the Party. They shall apply for such membership in a prescribed form and pay the requisite fees.

##### d. Grand Chief Patron

Grand Chief Patron is a registered member of the Party who undertakes to register and contribute to the Party's funds at a much higher level than for the Chief Patron. They may be called upon from time to time to raise funds for the Party. They shall apply for such membership in a prescribed form and pay the requisite fees.

##### e. Distinguished Grand Chief Patron

Distinguished Grand Chief Patrons are highly distinguished members of the Party who have served the country and the Party at the highest levels as Presidents, Vice Presidents, Speakers and Leaders of Parliament, National Chairman and Leader, Deputy National Chairman and Deputy Leader, National Secretary General, former National chairmen and National Leaders, former Deputy National Chairmen and Deputy Leaders, former National Secretary Generals, former Heads of State, former Vice Presidents, former Presidential nominees, former Vice Presidential nominees and holders of such other offices as may be determined by the National Secretariat subject to the approval of the National Advisory Committee. Such members must apply for such membership in a prescribed form and pay the requisite fee.

Every member shall pay a one-time membership registration fee and a monthly contribution based on the Party's financial policy and regulations that shall be revised periodically.

**2. Associate Membership**

- i. Any organization wishing to be affiliated with the Party shall forward the following documents to the National Secretary General:
  - a. The Constitution and Regulations of the Organization.
  - b. Number of registered members of the Organization
  - c. A list of the Officers of the Organization
  - d. Affiliation with other Organizations locally and internationally.
  - e. A statement of all its other affiliations and organizational links both national and international.
- ii. The Nine Man Caucus shall review all applications and make recommendations to the National Delegates Conference for approval.
- iii. Upon acceptance of the organization, the National Delegates Conference shall determine the number of delegates it shall be entitled to for the purpose of participating in the Conference which shall be proportionate to the number of its registered members.
- iv. The organization must endorse the aims and objectives, philosophy, policies and programs of the Party.
  - a. Their membership is not based on ethnic, tribal, or regional criteria.
  - b. The organization agrees to pay the requisite subscription fees as determined by the National Delegates Conference.
  - c. To qualify to be registered as an affiliated Organization its membership shall not be less than 50 (Fifty) and to qualify for delegates status to attend the National Delegates Conference the membership shall be not less than 100 (One Hundred).
  - d. The members of the Organization must also be registered members of the Party.
  - e. To participate in the National Delegates Conference, an organization must have been registered one year prior to the date of the Conference

**CHAPTER 3****OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; RIGHTS; RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, FORFEITURE AND DISQUALIFICATION; RE-APPLICATION AND RE-JOINING****ARTICLE 14****OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES****A Party member shall**

- i. Support the Party in all its aims, objectives, programs, and endeavours to help promote the Party in and out of Sierra Leone, and take all necessary steps to understand, propagate and execute the aims and objectives of the Party.
- ii. Ensure that he is registered as a voter in the constituency where he resides and take active part in the activities of his ward;
- iii. Endeavour to acquaint himself with the social, cultural, political and economic problems of the country;
- iv. Campaign and vote for Party candidates in all elections as prescribed by law

- v. Oppose ethnicity, religious and political intolerance or any other form of discrimination.
- vi. Respect and uphold the constitution of the Party and act in accordance with its rules and regulations
- vii. Support the institutions, organs, and officials of the Party and obey any lawful directives from them.
- viii. Promote the welfare and interests of the other members of the Party and seek to resolve all grievances and complaints as they relate to the Party or its other members within the framework of the Party's organization.
- ix. Combat any propaganda detrimental to the Party and defend the policies and programmes of the Party;
- x. Observe discipline, behave honestly and carry out loyally all decisions of the majority and decisions of higher organs of the Party;
- xi. Refrain from publishing or distributing to the public, any article which purports to be the view of any faction or tendency within the Party without due authorization;
- xii. Pay membership dues promptly to the National/District Party Secretariat.
- xiii. Not engage in violent conduct or acts capable of inciting violence at any of its gatherings
- xiv. Refrain from instituting or commencing any legal proceedings against the Party or any of its officers on any subject without fully exhausting the procedures laid down in this Constitution for getting redress in the Party.
- xv. Where an officer institutes a legal proceeding in court against the Party without first exhausting the internal settlement procedures available in this Constitution, such an officer shall be suspended from office and from all Party activities pending the final determination of the matter by the court(s). Where the final decision of the court(s) is in favour of the officer, the officer may resume office including participation in Party activities. Where however, the matter is unsuccessful as may be determined by the court(s), such an officer may be expelled from the Party.

## ARTICLE 15

### RIGHTS

#### 1. Every member of the Party shall:

- i. Have the right to participate fully in the activities of the Party provided such a member is current in his financial obligations to the Party and subject to rules and regulations governing such activities;
- ii. Have the right to vote and be voted into office or post of the Party during any election in accordance with this Constitution and subject to the rules and regulations of such election provided such a member is current in his financial obligations to the Party;
- iii. Have the right to be heard whenever his activities and conduct are in question and under consideration by the Party;

#### 2. Every member shall be obliged to:

- i. Abide by the provisions of this Constitution as well as lawful rules and regulations, directives and decisions of the Party or any of its organs;
- ii. Promote the aims and objectives of the Party loyally and refrain from pursuing any cause of action which may be inconsistent with or inimical to the interest of the Party;
- iii. Accept the policies and programs of the Party;
- iv. Abide by and publicly uphold lawful decisions of the Party;
- v. Carry out his/her duties faithfully and with honesty to the best of his ability;
- vi. Participate fully in the activities of the Party and ensure that the organs and bodies of the Party work effectively and ;
- vii. Pay dues and may give donations for special programs and activities as may be decided from time to time by the Party.

3. A member may not initiate, commence, or prosecute any legal proceedings whatsoever against the Party or any other member of the Party relating to Party affairs, without first having exhausted the discipline and grievance handling procedure laid down in this Constitution in respect of grievances against the Party or any other member.

#### ARTICLE 16

#### RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, FORFEITURE, AND DISQUALIFICATION

##### 1. Resignation

**A member may resign from the Party**

- i. Upon delivering a letter addressed to the District Chairman or the National Secretary General of the Party declaring his decision to cease to be a member and forthwith surrender his membership card.
- ii. When he publicly declares his intention to resign and/or publicly declares his resignation from the Party.
- iii. When he publicly declares his intention to join another party and/or publicly declares that he has joined another Party.

##### 2. Suspension

- a. A member may be suspended from the Party, or from holding any office in the Party, pending an inquiry into his conduct by the Disciplinary Committee. A decision to suspend a member shall not be taken unless the nature of the complaint has been communicated to the member in writing, and disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against such a member. The recommendation to suspend a member shall come from the National Disciplinary Committee to the appropriate National Executive Committee.

### 3. Expulsion

A member shall be expelled from the Party

- i. When he canvasses other Party members to resign from the Party, or to join or support another party;
- ii. Being a public representative in a legislative body, in any meeting of that legislative body, votes in a manner other than in accordance with a Party Caucus decision or with a Party instruction from a duly authorised Party leader, or leaves any meeting at a time a vote is to be taken on a matter that has been agreed by the Party caucus, when leaving the meeting prevents the decision from being taken, or which causes or results in a decision being taken that is contrary to the agreed Party caucus position;
- iii. Publicly and unreasonably disparages the Party or decisions taken by its structures.
- iv. No member shall be expelled from the Party unless such expulsion is effected in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary Committee of this Constitution.

### 4. Forfeiture

- i. A member forfeits his membership of the Party when he contests as an independent candidate against the official candidate of the Party or who joins or declares his or her support for another Political Party or its candidate, or for an independent candidate when the Party has sponsored a candidate in a general or by-election shall forfeit his membership of the Party provided that such a member is found liable by a Disciplinary Committee.
- ii. Any person who ceases to be a member of the Party shall return to the Party any property of the Party in his custody or possession and shall forfeit any monies, dues or donations made to the Party.

### 5. Disqualification

A member may be disqualified

- i. From holding office or contesting any election organized by the Party if he is disqualified under this Constitution or by virtue of any provisions or sections under the National Constitution.
- ii. From being a member holding office or contesting an election organised by the Party if after going through a disciplinary procedure has been found guilty and liable for such punishment as prescribed by the Disciplinary code of conduct
- iii. If as a patron, chief patron, grand chief patron, distinguished grand chief patron, who as determined by the National Executive Council (NEC) persistently fails to pay the dues as prescribed for a maximum period of six (6) months shall cease to be such, by having his name struck off the register of those categories provided however that any such member whose name is struck off the register for this reason shall have his name re-instated upon payment of all outstanding levies.
- iv. If he fails to pay the dues as prescribed by the Party for a period of twelve (12) months consecutively SHALL NOT qualify to hold any executive position in the Party for a period not less than three (3) years

**ARTICLE 17**  
**RE-APPLICATION AND RE-JOINING**

**1. Re-Application**

**A person who voluntarily and non-raucously left the Party shall re-join the Party after leaving it by**

- i. Re-applying at his ward through the Ward Secretary for re-admission, subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 of this Constitution
- ii. Whenever a person ceases to be a member of the Party through resignation, expulsion or forfeiture of membership, the person may reapply for membership of the Party subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 of this Constitution.
- iii. Shall pay the necessary readmission fees as well as pay all outstanding Party dues to cover the period of absence except he/she is able to provide exceptional grounds for failure to make payment.
- iv. Can only be admitted as ordinary member of the Party and his eligibility for any position within the Party shall be determined by the National Secretariat.
- v. The decision to re-admit a person to the Party shall be made by the National Delegates Conference.

**2. Procedure for Re-joining**

**a. A person who desires to re-join the Party after leaving it shall -**

- i. Apply to his Ward Secretary for re-admission; and
- ii. Unless given waiver by the National Executive Council, be placed on probation for a period of not less than one year.
  - b. Subject to the provision of this Constitution, a member on probation shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Party, but shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings, nor shall he be eligible to contest for elective office on the platform of the Party.
  - c. Members shall pay their monthly subscription fees at the Ward level, which must be reflected on their membership cards, and where a member consistently fails to pay his subscription fees for six months, such membership will be deemed to have lapsed.
  - d. Procedures and processes of keeping membership records shall be standardized such that there is a uniform way of keeping and preserving them.
  - e. All Ward, Constituency, and District registers shall be closed one month to congresses.

**CHAPTER 4**  
**PARTY STRUCTURE**  
**ARTICLE 18**  
**ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Party shall be organized and administered at the following level:

- i. The National Level;
- ii. The Regional Level (including the Diaspora Region);
- iii. The District Level;
- iv. The Constituency Level;
- v. The Ward Level

C. Each of the levels shall have an appropriate functioning Executive Council.

**ARTICLE 19**

**ORGANS**

**1 WARD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**A Composition**

There shall be a Ward Executive Council at each electoral ward which shall comprise of the following positions:

- i. Ward Chairperson
- ii. Deputy Ward Chairperson
- iii. Ward Secretary
- iv. Deputy Ward Secretary
- v. Ward Organizer
- vi. Deputy Ward Organizer
- vii. Ward Youth Leader
- viii. Deputy Ward Youth Leader
- ix. Ward Women's Leader
- x. Deputy Ward Women's Leader
- xi. Ward Public Relations Officer
- xii. Deputy Ward Public Relations Officer
- xiii. Ward Treasurer
- xiv. Ward Financial Secretary
- xv. Deputy Ward Financial Secretary
- xvi. Ward Head for Muslim Affairs

- xvii. Ward Head for Christian Affairs
- xviii. Ward Auditor

## **B Duties and responsibilities**

### **The duties of the Ward Executive Council include to:**

- i. Co-ordinate the activities of the Party in all the Polling Stations and Polling Centres within the Ward.
- ii. Initially screen candidates for local council elections and properly organize Party activities within its ward.
- iii. Allocate tasks and functions to its members to carry out the day-to-day activities of the Party and submit reports on its work every month to the Constituency Executive Council.
- iv. Arrange continuous face to face meetings with the registered voters in all Polling Stations in the Ward.

## **C Election**

### **1 Eligibility**

#### **Each candidate for the office in the Ward Executive Council shall:**

- i. Be a registered and fully paid up member of the Party for at least two (2) years preceding the election
- ii. Be ordinarily resident and is a registered voter in the ward in which they are contesting
- iii. Have demonstrated active participation in the Party's activities at the Ward level
- iv. Not be serving a suspension or have been expelled from the Party with no disciplinary action pending or ongoing against them
- v. Be of sound mind and have not been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude
- vi. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of nomination
- vii. Agrees to abide by the provisions of the Party's Constitution, the Party's Disciplinary Code and any other rules and regulations which may as from time to time be approved by NEC

### **2. Election of members**

**The Executive Council of each ward shall be elected every three years by the registered members of the Party in the Ward.**

## **D Meeting**

- i. Meetings of the Ward Executive Council shall be held at least once every two month.
- ii. The quorum shall be one-third of the members of the Ward Executive Council.
- iii. Where the Chairman is absent, the Deputy shall preside.

## **2 CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

### **A Composition**

**There shall be a Constituency Executive Council at each electoral constituency which shall comprise of the following positions:**

- i. Constituency Chairperson
- ii. Constituency Deputy Chairperson
- iii. Constituency Secretary
- iv. Constituency Deputy Secretary
- v. Constituency Treasurer
- vi. Constituency Financial Secretary
- vii. Constituency Deputy Financial Secretary
- viii. Constituency Organizing Secretary
- ix. Constituency Deputy Organizing Secretary
- x. Constituency Public Relations Officer
- xi. Constituency Deputy Public Relations Officer
- xii. Constituency Youth Leader
- xiii. Constituency Deputy Youth Leader
- xiv. Constituency Women's Leader
- xv. Constituency Deputy Women's Leader
- xvi. Constituency Head of Muslim Affairs
- xvii. Constituency Head of Christian Affairs
- xviii. Constituency Auditor

### **B Duties and responsibilities**

**The duties and responsibilities of the Constituency Executive Council include to:**

- i. Oversee activities of the Ward Executives in the constituency.
- ii. Organize elections for various roles within the Party's Ward Executive Council.
- iii. Conduct initial screening of candidates for Parliamentary nominations.
- iv. Provide polling agents, coordinators at polling centres, and observers in collaboration with the Ward Executives, for the review of the District and Regional Executive Council and ultimately the National Executive Council.

- v. Manage the Party's affairs at the constituency level.
- vi. Coordinate membership recruitment and mobilization within the constituency for the Party.
- vii. Organize fundraising activities for the Party at the constituency level.
- viii. Develop strategies for electoral campaigns.
- ix. Rallying voters for elections.
- x. Carrying out any functions that support the achievement of the Party's goals.
- xi. Keeping a record of Party members within the Constituency.

## **C Election**

### **1 Eligibility**

**Each candidate for office in the Constituency Executive Council shall:**

- a. Be a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for at least two (2) years preceding the election.
- b. Be ordinarily resident in the constituency in which they are contesting.
- c. Have demonstrated active participation in the Party's activities at the Ward or Constituency level.
- d. Not be serving a suspension or have been expelled from the Party.
- e. Be of sound mind and have not been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.
- f. Be at least 18 years of age at the time of nomination
- g. Agrees to abide by the provisions of the Party's Constitution, the Party's Disciplinary Code and any other rules and regulations which may as from time to time be approved by NEC

### **2 Election of members**

- a. Members of the Constituency Executive Council shall be elected every three (3) years.
- b. Elections shall be conducted by all Ward Executive Council members within the respective constituency.
- c. Election procedures shall be overseen by the District Executive Council, with support from the Regional Executive Council as necessary.
- d. Voting shall be by secret ballot and determined by a simple majority.
- e. Only registered and fully paid-up members who are physically present at the time of voting shall be eligible to vote.

**D Meetings**

- i. Meetings of the Constituency Executive Council shall be held at least once a month.
- ii. The Secretary shall call the meetings at the direction of the Constituency Chairperson
- iii. A quorum for the meetings shall consist of one third of its members.
- iv. Voting during elections will take place by secret ballot and will be determined by a simple majority.
- v. Only registered and fully paid-up members who are present will be allowed to vote

**3 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL****A. Composition**

**There shall be a District Executive Council in each administrative district in Sierra Leone which shall comprise of the following positions;**

- i. District Chairman
- ii. Deputy District Chairman
- iii. District Secretary
- iv. Deputy District Secretary
- v. District Women's Leader
- vi. Deputy District Women's Leader
- vii. District Youth Leader
- viii. Deputy District Youth Leader
- ix. District Treasurer
- x. District Financial Secretary
- xi. Deputy District Financial Secretary
- xii. District Organizing Secretary
- xiii. Deputy District Organizing Secretary
- xiv. District Public Relations Officer
- xv. Deputy District Public Relations Officer
- xvi. District Head for Muslim Affairs
- xvii. District Head for Christian Affairs
- xviii. District Auditor

## B. Duties and responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Party's District Executive Council include to:

- i. Coordinate the activities of the Constituency Executive Council within the District.
- ii. Conduct elections for various positions within the Constituency Executive Council.
- iii. Review the initial screening of parliamentary candidates conducted by the Constituency Executive Council.
- iv. Provide polling agents, observers, or representatives at polling centres and stations for local, parliamentary, and presidential elections.
- v. Recruit new Party members within the District.
- vi. Monitor and supervise the activities of the Party officials in the District.
- vii. Implement activities and programs to increase the Party's visibility in the District.
- viii. Keep a record of members within the District.
- ix. Manage and maintain the financial records of the District.
- x. Establish committees that can assist in the Party's efforts.
- xi. Develop strategies to further the Party's goals within the District.
- xii. Carry out any necessary activities to achieve the Party's objectives.
- xiii. Resolve conflicts among Party members in the District.

## C. Election

### 1. Eligibility

**Each candidate for the office in the District Executive Council shall:**

- a. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of nomination
- b. Be a fully paid up member in the district in the category of ordinary member of the Party
- c. Be ordinarily resident and is a registered voter in the district
- d. Have demonstrated active participation in the Party's activities at the District level
- e. Not be serving a suspension or have been expelled from the Party with no disciplinary action pending or ongoing against them
- f. Be of sound mind and have not been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude
- g. Agrees to abide by the provisions of the Party's Constitution, the Party's Disciplinary Code and any other rules and regulations which may as from time to time be approved by NEC.

**4 Election of members**

- a. The members shall be elected every three years by all Constituency Executive Council members within that District.
- b. Only registered and fully paid-up members who are present will be allowed to vote.
- c. All votes for the election of officers within the District Executive Council will be conducted via secret ballot and determined by a simple majority. Any motions will also pass with a simple majority.

**D Meetings**

- i. Meetings of the District Executive Council shall be held at least once a month
- ii. The District Executive Council will convene at least once a month, with meetings called by the Secretary at the Chairperson's direction.
- iii. The attendance requirement for these meetings shall be one third of the total membership.

**4 DISTRICT DELEGATES COUNCIL**

There shall be an annual District Delegates Conference of the Party at district level. This conference serves as the highest body of the Party within the District and the second highest across each region.

**A.Composition****Delegates eligible to attend the District Delegates Conference include:**

- i. All Executives from the Constituencies.
- ii. Members of the District Executive Committee.
- iii. Current Members of Parliament from the District who belong to the Party.
- iv. Former Members of Parliament from the District who are Party members.
- v. Current City Council Mayors who are affiliated with the Party.
- vi. Former City Council Mayors who are also Party members.
- vii. Current Government Ministers from the District who belong to the Party.
- viii. Former Government Ministers from the District who are members of the Party.
- ix. Current District Council Chairpersons who are affiliated with the Party.
- x. Former District Council Chairpersons who are Party members.
- xi. Current Councillors from the District who are members of the Party.
- xii. Founding members of the Party from the District.
- xiii. The Regional Chairperson or their representative, who will facilitate the conference.
- xiv. Ward Chairpersons.

**B. Duties and responsibilities****The responsibilities of the District Delegates Council will include:**

- i. Receive and review reports from the District Executive Committee, which will encompass the Chairperson's address, the Secretary's report, and the Treasurer's financial report.
- ii. Approve the election of Officers for the District Party Executive Committee.
- iii. Evaluate, affirm, modify, or overturn any resolutions made by the constituencies, wards, or Party officials within the District.
- iv. Appointing committees to aid the Party's operations in the District and delegating specific responsibilities to these committees.
- v. Voting on significant matters that may impact the Party in the District.
- vi. Crafting strategies for the Party's promotion and visibility in the District.
- vii. Discussing issues that influence the Party's growth in the District.
- viii. Endorsing the activity plans for the upcoming year.
- ix. Passing resolutions or drafting recommendations for the Regional Delegates Conference's deliberation.

**C. Election of members**

The election of the District Executive Council Officers will also be conducted via secret ballot, with voting determined by either a simple majority or consensus.

**D. Meeting**

- i. The minimum required attendance to hold the District Delegates Council shall be one third of the Delegate membership.
- ii. Voting on significant matters during the conference will occur by secret ballot.

**5. REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL****A Composition**

**There shall be a Regional Executive Council in each region in Sierra Leone which shall comprise of the following positions;**

- i. Regional Chairperson
- ii. Deputy Regional Chairperson
- iii. Regional Secretary
- iv. Deputy Regional Secretary
- v. Regional Organizing Secretary
- vi. Deputy Regional Organizing Secretary

- vii. Regional Women's Leader
- viii. Deputy Regional Women's Leader
- ix. Regional Public Relations Officer
- x. Deputy Regional Public Relations Officer
- xi. Regional Youth Leader
- xii. Deputy Regional Youth Leader
- xiii. Regional Treasurer
- xiv. Regional Financial Secretary
- xv. Deputy Regional Financial Secretary
- xvi. Regional Head for Muslim Affairs
- xvii. Regional Head for Christian Affairs
- xviii. Regional Auditor

**B Duties and responsibilities**

**The duties and responsibilities of the Regional Executive Council include to:**

- i. Developing policies and programs for the Party within the Region and taking all necessary actions to advance the Party's interests, aims, and goals.
- ii. Implementing the decisions and directives from the Regional Delegates Conference and the National Executive Council.
- iii. Ensuring that the Party is well organized across the Region.
- iv. Overseeing and coordinating the activities of the District Executive Council.
- v. Receiving reports regarding the activities of Districts within the region.
- vi. Providing reports to the National Executive Council and Party's Regional Conference as frequently as necessary concerning the state of the Party, the financial status of the Region, and other specified matters.
- vii. Managing and overseeing the Party's funds and assets within the Region.
- viii. Planning and devising strategies for local, Parliamentary, and Presidential elections within the Region.
- ix. Issuing periodic reports on the Region's activities to the National Executive Council.
- x. Carrying out any other duties assigned by the National Executive Council and the National Delegates Conference.

**C Election****1. Eligibility**

**Each candidate for the office in Regional Executive Council shall:**

- a. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of nomination
- b. Be a registered and fully paid up member of the Party in the category of Patron member of the Party
- c. Be ordinarily resident and is a registered voter in the district
- d. Have demonstrated active participation and service in the Party's activities within the region
- e. Not be serving a suspension or have been expelled from the Party with no disciplinary action pending or ongoing against them
- f. Be of sound mind and have not been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude
- g. Agrees to abide by the provisions of the Party's Constitution, the Party's Disciplinary Code and any other rules and regulations which may as from time to time be approved by NEC

**2. Election of members**

- a. The members will be elected every three years during the Party's Regional Conference by all District Executive Council members within that region
- b. Only registered and fully paid-up members who are present will be allowed to vote.
- c. All votes for the election of officers within the Regional Executive Council will be conducted via secret ballot and determined by a simple majority. Any motions will also pass with a simple majority.

**D Meeting**

- i. The Regional Executive Council will meet quarterly, with meetings called by the Regional Secretary upon the request of the Regional Chairperson.
- ii. A meeting may also be convened if one-third of the members submit a memorandum signed by them, in case the Chairperson declines to call a meeting or the Secretary fails to follow such instructions.
- iii. A minimum of one-third of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the Regional Executive Council meetings.

**6 REGIONAL DELEGATES COUNCIL**

A Regional Delegates Conference shall take place every two years. This conference serves as the primary decision-making body in each Region.

**A Composition**

**The following delegates are eligible to attend the conference and have voting rights:**

- i. All members of the Regional Executive Council.
- ii. All members of the District Executive Council.
- iii. All members of the Constituency Executive Council.
- iv. Current District Council Chairpersons from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- v. Former District Council Chairpersons from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- vi. Current Mayors of City Councils within the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- vii. Former Mayors of City Councils within the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- viii. Current Members of Parliament representing the Region and affiliated with the Party.
- ix. Former Members of Parliament representing the Region and affiliated with the Party.
- x. Current Ministers of Government from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- xi. Former Ministers of Government from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- xii. Current Ambassadors from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- xiii. Former Ambassadors from the Region who are affiliated with the Party.
- xiv. All founding members of the Party originating from the Region.
- xv. Former members of the Regional Executive Council.

**B Duties and responsibilities**

**The Regional Delegates Conference shall:**

- i. Receive and review reports from the Regional Executive Council, which will include the Chairman's address, the Secretary's report, and the financial statement from the Treasurer.
- ii. Evaluate, approve, modify, or overturn any decisions made by the Districts, Constituencies, wards, or Party officials within the District.
- iii. Form councils/committees to assist the Party's operations in the region and assign specific roles and duties to these councils/committees.
- iv. Cast votes on significant matters that may influence the Party within the Region.
- v. Formulate strategies to promote and publicize the Party's agenda in the Region.
- vi. Discuss matters that impact the Party's progress in the Region.
- vii. Sanction the schedule of activities for the upcoming year.
- viii. Vote on important topics at the conference that will be conducted through secret ballots.
- ix. Voting will proceed by secret ballot, with each delegate entitled to one vote.

## **7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

A National Executive Council (NEC) shall be the principal executive, administrative, and national monitoring organ of the Party, in accordance with this constitution.

### **A Composition**

**The NEC will consist of the following members:**

- i. All National officers along with their deputies and legal advisors
- ii. Chairperson of the Elders and Trustee Council
- iii. The current President of the Republic of Sierra Leone who belongs or is affiliated with the Party.
- iv. Former Presidents of the Republic of Sierra Leone who belong to the Party.
- v. The current Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone who is part of the Party.
- vi. Former Vice Presidents of the Republic of Sierra Leone who are members of the Party.
- vii. The Presidential Candidate / Nominee of the Party.
- viii. The Vice-Presidential Candidate / Nominee of the Party.
- ix. Regional Secretary Generals along with their Women's and Youth Leaders.
- x. Former National Chairpersons and Leaders who remain affiliated with the Party.
- xi. Former National Secretary Generals who are still Party members.
- xii. Former National Women's Leaders who continue to be members of the Party.
- xiii. Former National Youth Leaders who still belong to the Party.
- xiv. District Chairpersons and District Secretaries
- xv. Current and former District Council Chairpersons who are part of the Party.
- xvi. Current and former City Council Mayors who affiliate with the Party.
- xvii. Current and former Parliament members who belong to the Party.
- xviii. Current and former Ambassadors who are members of the Party.
- xix. Current and former Ministers of Government who belong to the Party
- xx. The Leader of Muslim Affairs
- xxi. The Leader of Christian Affairs

### **B Duties and responsibilities**

**The National Executive Committee's responsibilities shall include:**

- i. Implementing the decisions and directives from the National Delegates Conference.
- ii. Guaranteeing that all Party organs operate in a democratic manner.

- iii. Collecting reports from all regions for submission to the National Delegates Conference.
- iv. Establishing committees that are necessary for the effective operation of the Party.
- v. Managing and controlling both real and personal properties of the Party.
- vi. Initiating disciplinary procedures against any member accused of misconduct.
- vii. Taking all essential actions to achieve the goals and objectives of the Party and to effectively fulfil its duties.
- viii. Collaborating with the National Officers to prepare the agenda for the National Delegates Conference.
- ix. Providing an annual report regarding the Party's status to the National Delegates Conference.
- x. Approving the candidacies for Parliamentary and Local Councils.
- xi. Resolving conflicts between party organs and officials, as well as interpreting any provisions of this constitution, subject to appeal to the National Delegates Conference whose decision shall be conclusive.
- xii. Ensuring that the Party's accounts are audited annually and presenting them to the National Delegates Conference for approval.
- xiii. Delegate tasks and responsibilities to the Directors of Communications, Research and Planning, and Finance.
- xiv. Filling vacancies that arise between National Delegates Conference
- xv. Make recommendations for the consideration of the Nine-Man Caucus.
- xvi. Reviewing and ratifying the Party's audited accounts prior to submission to the PPRC.

#### **C Meeting**

- i. The National Executive Council shall convene at least once every quarter as directed by the National Chairman and Leader.
- ii. An emergency meeting may be called by the National Chairman and Leader depending on the circumstances.
- iii. The minimum number of members required for the National Executive Council meetings to proceed shall be one-third of its total membership.
- iv. Voting will take place through a secret ballot, with each delegate entitled to one vote.
- v. The National Executive Council may invite Party members to observe its meetings. Observers can speak and engage in discussions but do not possess voting rights.
- vi. The decisions made by the National Executive Council will be obligatory for all organs and members of the Party.

#### **8 NINE-MAN CAUCUS**

There shall be a Nine-Man Caucus established under this Constitution, which shall serve as the highest decision-making authority of the Party subordinate only to the National Delegates Conference.

## **A Composition**

**The Nine-Man Caucus shall comprise the following members:**

1. National Chairman - Chairperson of the Caucus
2. National Secretary-General
3. National Treasurer
4. National Organising Secretary
5. National Publicity Secretary
6. Leader of the Parliamentary Caucus (if any)
7. Women's Wing Representative
8. Youth Wing Representative
9. One Eminent Elder/Founding Member - Appointed by consensus of the other eight members

## **B Qualifications**

**"All members must be in good standing with the Party.**

"The Eminent Elder must be a person of integrity, preferably with a long-standing history of service to the party or the liberation movement.

## **C Functions**

**The Nine-Man Caucus shall:**

- a. Support the implementation of decisions of the National Delegates Conference and oversee strategic coordination of national policies of the Party.
- b. Advise and guide the National Executive on matters of urgent political or organizational importance.
- c. Mediate disputes within party structures and among senior members, including between the Party and its affiliates.
- d. Provide interim leadership direction in times of crisis or transitional periods pending the convening of the National Delegates Conference.
- e. Recommend disciplinary action against senior party officials to the National Disciplinary Committee.
- f. Vet and approve high-level appointments, including interim leadership or caretaker committees at regional and district levels.
- g. Interpret the Constitution in cases of ambiguity, subject to ratification by the National Delegates Conference.
- h. Approve urgent financial and political decisions in between National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings, where such action is necessary to safeguard party interests.

## **D Meetings**

"The Caucus shall meet at least once every quarter, or at any time upon the request of the National Chairman or at least five members.

"Decisions shall be made by consensus or, where necessary, by a simple majority vote.

"A quorum shall be constituted by seven (7) members.

**E Tenure**

Members shall serve in the Caucus concurrent with their term in office, except for the Eminent Elder, who shall serve a renewable term of two (2) years.

**9 NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE**

A National Delegates Conference shall be established, serving as the second highest decision-making authority of the Party within the confines set by this constitution. The National Delegates Conference

**A Composition**

**The following individuals will participate in the conference as delegates:**

- i. The National Chairman and Leader, who will preside over the conference
- ii. The National Secretary General
- iii. All other National Officers
- iv. Regional Secretaries, Regional Women's Leaders, and Regional Youth Leaders
- v. Current and former Members of Parliament who remain members of the Party.
- vi. Representatives from affiliated organizations as determined by the National Delegates Conference.
- vii. All founding members of the Party
- viii. Three representatives from the Party Executives in each Tertiary Institution.
- ix. Four representatives from each Diaspora Region.
- x. Former National Chairpersons and Leaders who are still members of the Party
- xi. Former Secretary Generals who continue to be members of the Party
- xii. Former National Women's and Youth Leaders who remain members of the Party
- xiii. The President and Vice President of the Republic if the Party is in power.
- xiv. The Presidential Candidate/Nominee
- xv. The Presidential Running Mate.
- xvi. District Chairpersons
- xvii. District Secretaries
- xviii. District Women's Leaders
- xix. District Youth Leaders
- xx. Constituency Chairpersons
- xxi. Constituency Secretaries General
- xxii. Constituency Women's Leaders
- xxiii. Constituency Youth Leaders

**B Duties and responsibilities****The National Delegates Conference shall:**

- i. Endorse all reports and policy recommendations put forth by the National Executive Council.
- ii. Approve the budget for the upcoming financial year as submitted by the National Executive Council.
- iii. Review and amend the constitution when deemed necessary.
- iv. Develop policies for the Party.
- v. Implement and undertake disciplinary actions against any members and officials of the Party.
- vi. Elect National Officers of the Party, with the exception of the Women's Leader and Youth Leader, who will be elected by their respective factions within the Party.
- vii. Authorize the formation of new organs of the Party where needed.
- viii. Review resolutions proposed by Constituencies, Districts, and Regional Councils/Committees.
- ix. Constitute any Council/committees it deems necessary for the effective management of the Party and delegate powers and responsibilities to them as needed.
- x. Acquire sufficient funding for the administration and sustainability of the Party.
- xi. Delegate any of its authorities to the National Executive Council or any other Party organ as it sees fit.
- xii. Appoint external auditors to analyze the Party's financial accounts.
- xiii. Decide on the dates and locations for subsequent National Delegates Conferences.
- xiv. Approve, examine, modify, or reassess decisions made by any of the Party's constituent bodies or officials.
- xv. Establish standard Financial Regulations to control the management of the Party's finances at all levels.
- xvi. Exercise additional powers and authority that are not in conflict with this constitution's provisions and that will assist in achieving the Party's objectives.

**C Meetings**

- i. Meetings will be held every two years at a location, time, and date determined by the National Executive Council.
- ii. A quorum for the National Delegate Conference shall be constituted by one-third of its members, unless the conference decides otherwise.
- iii. Key issues shall be voted on via secret ballot, with motions requiring a simple majority to pass, and a two-thirds majority for conferences attended by fewer than half of the members of the National Delegates Conference.
- iv. The National Executive Council may call for an emergency National Delegates Conference at any time to address a specific matter or matters, which shall be detailed in the notice summoning the meeting.

- v. The National Secretary General, following the directive of the National Chairman and Leader, shall send a notice one month prior to the conference, outlining the date, time, location, and agenda, to every Constituency, District, and Regional Executive Council.
- vi. All Party members are required to adhere to the decisions made by the National Delegates Conference

## 10 NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

### A The National Secretariat will function as the administrative body of the National Executive Committee of the Party will consist of the following members:

- i. National Secretary General, who will lead the National Secretariat and work under the oversight of the National Chairman and Leader.
- ii. Deputy National Secretary General.
- iii. National Organizing Secretary.
- iv. Deputy National Organizing Secretary.
- v. National Youth Leader.
- vi. Deputy National Youth Leader.
- vii. National Women's Leader.
- viii. Deputy National Women's Leader.
- ix. National Treasurer.
- x. National Publicity Secretary.

### B The Secretariat will include various departments and additional staff as determined by the National Executive Committee.

#### 10.1 NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE PARTY

The Party shall have National Officers, individuals who are competent, possess integrity, have experience in administration, and in managing a democratic Party, and shall perform the functions assigned to them by this constitution. The following roles shall be designated as National Officers of the Party.

#### A NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND LEADER

When elected, he shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the Party providing overall political direction and leadership for the Party with the following functions:

- a. Be the administrative head of the Party worldwide, provide overall political direction, firm and effective leadership, and direct the Party's operations under the overall supervision of the National Executive Council and Nine-man Caucus.
- b. Convene and preside over all meetings of the National Secretariat, National Executive Council (NEC), the Party's Delegates Conference and National Convention except in a National Convention in which he is a candidate for re-election
- c. Oversee the work of the National Officers and advise the Secretary General or his Assistant for the convening of meetings of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the Party's Delegates Conference
- d. Promote and defend the integrity, policies and programmes of the Party and make pronouncements for and on behalf of the National Executive Council outlining the policies, programmes and activities of the Party;

- e. Be the primary custodian of this Constitution and shall ensure compliance with its provisions and do all such other things as shall promote the growth and welfare of the Party;
- f. Have supervisory authority over all other elective positions in the Party in the discharge of his duties
- g. Remain the custodian of the decisions taken by the National Delegates Conference and the National Executive Committee and shall ensure that all organs and bodies of the Party implement these decisions within the parameters of the Party's policies, principles and philosophy.
- h. Be nominated as the Presidential candidate of the Party for Presidential Elections at the Party's National Convention and shall have the prerogative to appoint his running mate in consultation with the National Executive Council of the Party.
- i. When the National Chairman and Leader as Flag Bearer of the Party and his running mate are elected in national elections as President and Vice President respectively, they shall continue to act in their respective capacities as National Chairman and Leader and Deputy National Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Party.
- j. Where the National Chairman and Leader as Flag Bearer is not elected in a National Election as President, he shall continue to act in the capacity as National Chairman and Leader to provide political leadership until the next National delegates conference where such elections for the said position will be conducted.
- k. Represent the Party in high level policy dialogue internationally or as he may deem necessary, delegate such duties to other Party officials.
- l. Delegate his powers to the Deputy National Chairperson, and assign specific functions to any member or officer of the Party as permitted by this Constitution;
- m. Receive and review quarterly state of the Party report from the regional branches of the Party, and shall prepare and present to the National Convention a comprehensive statement of the State of the Party and the political situation generally;
- n. He shall have a casting vote in meetings where he presides.
- o. Form committees to address Party issues and participate in their meetings.
- p. Present a detailed report to the Party's National Delegates conference concerning the nationwide status of the Party.

#### **B DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND LEADER**

The Deputy National Chairperson and Leader shall support the National Chairperson and Leader in their duties and shall serve as their representative in their absence.

#### **C NATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL**

The National Secretary General leads the National Secretariat and is responsible for the following functions:

- a. Oversee the daily operations at the National Secretariat under the guidance of the National Chairman and Leader, issue meeting notices as instructed by the National Chairman and Leader, manage correspondence, maintain records of proceedings and minutes of meetings, and serve as Secretary for statutory meetings.
- b. Keep or cause to be kept all records of proceedings of the National Convention, National Executive Council, the Nine-man Caucus as well as other records of the Party.
- c. Compile an annual report detailing the Party's activities and present it to the National Executive Council and the National Delegates Conference.

- d. Be responsible for managing the administrative operations of the Party at all levels - Ward, Constituency, District, Regional, National.
- e. Ensure the execution and implementation of the decisions and directives established by the National Delegates Conference and the National Executive Committee, and ensure that all the Party organs fulfil their duties and responsibilities promptly and efficiently.
- f. Appoint staff for the Party's Secretariat in consultation with the National Chairman and Leader and the National Executive Council.

**D DEPUTY NATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL**

- a. The Deputy National Secretary General shall represent the National Secretary General during their absence and support them in fulfilling their responsibilities.
- b. They will also carry out any tasks assigned to them by the National Secretary General or the National Chairman from time to time.

**E NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

The National Organizing Secretary will oversee the overall mobilization of Party members. Specifically, their responsibilities include:

- a. Coordinating field activities and developing strategies and plans for recruiting and registering new Party members.
- b. Organizing workshops, rallies, and campaign initiatives aimed at achieving the Party's success during elections.
- c. Aligning the initiatives of the Women's and Youth Wings of the Party to ensure electoral success.
- d. Evaluate challenges faced by the Party and provide recommendations for solutions.
- e. He shall also undertake additional responsibilities as directed by the Chairman and Leader.

**F DEPUTY NATIONAL ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

The Deputy Organizing Secretary shall support the National Organizing Secretary in fulfilling his responsibilities and shall represent him during his absence.

**G NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADER**

The National Women's Leader shall serve as the representative for all women in the Party and shall be a National Officer. She shall be responsible to

- a. Recruit women into the Party's membership in collaboration with the National Secretariat
- b. Put into action the Party's commitment to women's empowerment and the protection of their rights.
- c. Lead the activities of the National Women's Wing and be responsible for organizing and mobilising women.
- d. Coordinate the activities of the Regional, District, Constituency and Ward Women's leaders

**H DEPUTY NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADER**

The Deputy Women's Leader shall assist the Women's Leader in carrying out her responsibilities and shall take on her role during her absence. She shall carry out duties as assigned by the National Women's Leader as needed.

**I NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER**

The National Youth Leader shall be the representative of all young people in the Party between the ages of eighteen (18) and forty-five (45) years. He shall be a National Officer and shall

- a. Oversee the coordination at the national level of youth programs and activities and advocate for their interests on a national scale.
- b. Be responsible for the political education and mobilisation of young people in the Party.
- c. Initiate efforts to promote and recruit new youths at all Party levels.

**J DEPUTY NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER**

The Deputy National Youth Leader shall

- a. Assist the National Youth Leader in executing his duties and will act in that role during his absence.
- b. Undertake tasks as delegated by the National Youth Leader from time to time.

**K NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY**

The National Publicity Secretary shall oversee all public communication for the Party and shall be responsible to

- a. Lead a team in developing and managing the Party's communication strategy and action plans.
- b. Direct the planning and execution of all media-related activities for the Party.
- c. Ensure that the Party maintains a positive public reputation.
- d. Support and coordinate the efforts of the Party's public relations officers.
- e. Provide guidance and oversight on the Party's internal communications to ensure members are informed, supportive, and participating in all movement activities.

**L NATIONAL TREASURER**

The National Treasurer shall:

- a. Ensure that all funds received by the Party, including membership registration, subscription fees, and dues, are deposited into the appropriate Party bank accounts.
- b. Maintain detailed records of the Party's financial activities.
- c. Regularly remind and encourage Party members to pay their dues using the membership database established at the National Secretariat.
- d. Ensure all bills relating to the Party are settled, pledges collected, and staff salaries disbursed.
- e. Safeguard all cheque books, financial documents, and banking information of the movement to ensure proper management of the Party's funds and assets.
- f. Prepare an annual financial statement and regular reports for the Finance Committee.
- g. Provide frequent updates on the Party's financial status to the finance committee.
- h. Draft budgetary estimates for the administration and programs of the Party for consideration by the finance committee.
- i. The National Treasurer shall be one of the individuals authorized to sign the Party's bank accounts.

**M NATIONAL POLICY COORDINATOR**

The National Policy Coordinator is responsible for providing information to the Party to form, defend or oppose policies and is responsible for the following functions.

- a. Undertaking a range of administrative tasks including enquiries, producing agendas, organising or attending meetings and writing reports or minutes.
- b. Gathering information for the Chairman and Leader, NEC, and Party MPs that goes into policies and drafting reports, policy briefings and notes for parliamentary committees and debates providing relevant evidence, analyses, conclusions and recommendations.
- c. Engaging in consultation with different stakeholders, and providing advice to the Chairman and Leader, and the NEC.
- d. Keeping up to date with legislation, upcoming debates and bills and reporting to the Chairman and NEC
- e. Represent the Chairman and Leader, where appropriate, in discussions with other politicians at all levels, political groups, outside bodies and members of the public.
- f. Writing newsletters, producing press releases and passing information to press agencies
- g. Keeping membership records
- h. Analysing electoral rolls
- i. Attending appropriate conferences, select committee hearings, seminars and meetings and reporting to The Chairman and Leader or NEC as appropriate
- j. Organising election campaigns with internal teams ensuring compliance with electoral laws
- k. Assessing existing policies, laws, and government programs to determine their strengths, weaknesses and overall effectiveness to identify areas where policies may need improvement or revision based on their research findings and analysis
- l. Advising on policy issues
- m. Organising election campaigns

**N NATIONAL WHIP**

The National Whip is an elected Member of Parliament (MP) elected by the NEC to ensure the proper discipline, behaviour and participation of the Party's Members of Parliament in the activities of the House of Parliament, directing them to stick to the Party's stand on certain issues and to vote as per the policy and direction of the Party.

**1 Duties and responsibilities**

- a. Casting votes on behalf of the Party during a party vote
- b. Making sure decisions made by the Party are carried out by the Party's MPs
- c. Providing advice and support to Party MPs
- d. Liaise with the Speaker's office with respect to the arrangement of the business of the House
- e. Informing Party MPs about the arrangement of the business of the House including procedural motions
- f. Suggest names of MPs for selection to Parliamentary Committees

- g. Prepare list of MPs from the Party to speak on bills and other issues for the Speaker of the House
- h. Distributing information to parliamentarians and allocating the Party's membership of select committees.
- i. Ensuring the attendance of all Party MPs' at all sittings of the House, and their participation in the House and at select committee meetings when needed.
- j. Keeping party members informed of parliamentary business.
- k. Ensuring the attendance of Party MPs at all sittings of the House and their participation.
- l. Proposing, to the Speaker where necessary, the inclusion of their Members on official parliamentary delegations on trips in and outside the country. In this regard, the Speaker's decision shall be final.

## **2 Term of Office**

The term of office shall be the life of the Parliament, unless terminated by the person so elected or by the members of the Party who elected him

### **O NATIONAL RESEARCH AND PROJECT COORDINATOR**

The National Research and Project Coordinator is responsible for organizing, managing and coordinating the various aspects of the Party's projects from start to finish with the following responsibilities:

- a. Collaborating with internal teams to develop project plans, establish common goals, and plan strategies and initiatives to meet them.
- b. Compiling lists of all tasks needing to be accomplished and scheduling and creating a detailed calendar.
- c. Monitoring, assessing and evaluating the daily progress of Party projects for potential challenges or friction points and providing and communicating detailed updates to the Chairman and Leader, and NEC as it becomes available.
- d. Develop and maintain records of activities and prepare periodic reports as required by the Chairman and Leader, and NEC. Ensure team members have the supplies and resources needed to complete assigned tasks.
- e. Ensuring that projects are conducted in compliance with all relevant regulations and guidelines.
- f. Coordinating team members to ensure progress is made toward project milestones and completion.
- g. Ordering supplies and materials needed for the project.
- h. Organize financial files keeping track of project budgets and expenses

### **P NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The Financial Secretary is responsible for overseeing the bookkeeping and daily financial activities of the staff of the National Secretariat. He shall:

- a. Oversee impress, receipts, disbursements, and the procurement of essential office supplies.
- b. Provide the National Treasurer with all necessary information and documentation related to financial operations, including the payment of membership registration fees, subscriptions, dues, and bank transactions alongside bank statements for proper record-keeping.

**Q NATIONAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

The National Outreach Coordinator is responsible for planning and implementing outreach programs and initiatives for the Party aimed at connecting with and engaging various target audiences to promote the aims and objectives of the Party and is responsible for the following functions:

- a. Create and develop outreach strategies and campaigns to promote the aims and objectives of the Party, and reach specific goals.
- b. Collecting information about local demographics, trends and needs of defined and targeted audiences and communities and use targeted advertising and outreach campaigns to reach them.
- c. Develop fundraising initiatives and strategies to raise funds to support the Party's programs.
- d. Work closely with internal teams, external partners and stakeholders to ensure that outreach efforts are aligned with the Party's overall objectives.
- e. Advocate for the Party's aims and objectives, effectively conveying the Party's message and building positive relationships and support in the communities.
- f. Evaluate outreach strategies and provide recommendation to The Chairman and NEC to inform decision making.
- g. Support and guide team members who contribute to outreach activities and events ensuring that they comply with relevant regulations and requirements.

**R LEGAL OFFICER**

- a. A group of Legal Advisers shall be led by a Legal Officer, who must have a minimum of four years of unbreakable experience as a legal practitioner from the date of enrolment and will be elected at the National Delegates Conference.
- b. This Team of Legal Advisers will offer legal counsel and representation on all matters concerning the Party and provide guidance on interpreting laws, regulations, and this Constitution as needed.

**S NATIONAL INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The National Internal Auditor will be responsible to

- a. Conduct audits of the Party's financial records and submit a corresponding report to the National Executive.
- b. Assist the Director of Finance and the Treasurer during external audit processes.

**DEPUTY NATIONAL INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Deputy Internal Auditor will support the National Internal Auditor in performing her duties. He shall take on the responsibilities of the National Internal Auditor when he is unavailable and carry out any tasks assigned by him.

**U NATIONAL HEAD FOR MUSLIM AFFAIRS**

The holder shall be a person qualified to practice as an Imam of an established Masjid in Sierra Leone and shall be a registered member of the Party. He shall

- i. Be responsible for Muslim religious activities of the Party and shall participate in any activity relating to the Islamic religion undertaken by the Party.
- ii. Shall provide spiritual guidance for the Party under the Muslim faith
- iii. Shall undertake all or any activities aimed at enhancing the Muslim support base of the Party.

- iv. Shall lead or nominate someone to lead all Muslim prayers at any gathering of the Party
- v. Shall perform his functions under the supervision of the Party's Secretariat

#### **V NATIONAL HEAD FOR CHRISTIAN AFFAIRS**

The National Head of Christian Affairs shall be an ordained clergy qualified to practice as such in the Republic of Sierra Leone. He shall

- i. Be responsible for all Christian religious activities of the Party including but not limited to organizing thanksgiving services, laying out ceremonies, organizing prayer sessions for the Party.
- ii. Shall provide spiritual guidance for the Party under the Christian faith.
- iii. Shall undertake all or any other activities aimed at enhancing the Christian support base of the Party.
- iv. Shall lead or nominate someone to lead all Christian prayers at any gathering of the Party.
- v. Shall perform his functions under the supervision of the Party's Secretariat

#### **W REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS**

Each Regional Chairperson serves as a National officer representing the Party's leadership within their regions. As the heads of their Regional Executive Council, they bear the ultimate responsibility for the Party's image, standing, and advancement within those regions. In particular, he shall

- a. Be the Political and administrative head of the Party in the region.
- b. Liaise with the National Chairman and the National Secretary General and the District Chairman on all matters relating to elections in the region
- c. Coordinate the programs of the Party within the Region and in the various districts
- d. Articulate the Party's Policies, Rules and Regulations and all decisions taken at Party meetings affecting the Region and report regularly to the National Executive.
- e. Lead the development of strategies aimed at promoting and enhancing the Party's presence in the region.
- f. Oversee the activities of executive members at all levels within the region.
- g. Preside over the Regional Delegates Conference.

#### **10.2 ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS**

- a. All National Officers will be chosen during the National Delegates Conference, with the exception of the Women's Leader and Youth Leader, who will be selected through conferences held by their respective wings specifically for that purpose.
- b. Candidates for Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor must have demonstrable experience in leadership, administration or financial management.
- c. Candidates for National Youth Leader and Deputy National Youth Leader must be aged between eighteen (18) years and thirty five (35) years at the time of nomination.
- d. Candidates for Women's Leader must self-identify as female

#### **10.3 TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS**

All officers from the Ward, Constituency, District Executive Councils, Regional Executive Councils, and National Officers shall serve a term of three years and may be re-elected.

**10.4 RESIGNATION**

- a. If any National Officer resigns or is removed from their position through termination or dismissal, they must transfer all documents, records, files, and properties belonging to the Party that they possess to the National Secretary General of the Party.
- b. In the event that this pertains to the National Chairman and Leader, they must transfer to the Deputy National Chairman, who will serve in that role until a replacement election occurs.
- c. If the National Secretary General is involved, they should transfer to the Deputy National Secretary General.
- d. This provision shall likewise apply to the lower levels of the party.

**11 NATIONAL WOMENS' WING OF THE PARTY**

A National Women's Wing of the Party shall be established within the overall structure of the organization, having its own rules and regulations that do not contradict the provisions of this Constitution or the programs and policies of the Party.

**A Composition**

The National Women's Wing will consist of an Executive Council made up of the following positions:

- i. Chairperson (National Women's Leader).
- ii. Secretary.
- iii. Publicity Secretary.
- iv. Organizing Secretary.
- v. Youth Women's Leader.
- vi. Treasurer.
- vii. Regional Women's Leaders.

**B Duties and responsibilities**

The Women's wing will be responsible for:

- i. Mobilizing women to support the Party.
- ii. Designing and implementing initiatives for women nationwide under the Party's banner.
- iii. Attracting more women to join the Party to increase their membership.
- iv. Promoting the Party's policies and philosophy among women.
- v. Advocating for the rights and interests of women within the Party.
- vi. Encouraging active involvement of women in Party activities prior to and during elections.
- vii. Carrying out any other tasks assigned by the National Executive Council.

**C NATIONAL WOMENS' WING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The National Women's Wing Executive Council elections shall take place every three (3) years to elect the executives of the National Women's Wing. The delegates for all elections of the National Women's Wing Executive Council comprise the following

- i. All Women Leaders of Constituencies, Districts, and Regions
- ii. All LPP sitting members of Parliament
- iii. All elected LPP female councillors
- iv. All female members of registered organisations with delegate status
- v. Any female members qualified as a delegate under the provisions of this Constitution.

## **12 NATIONAL YOUTH WING OF THE PARTY**

A National Youth Wing of the Party shall be established, which will have its own set of rules and regulations, provided they align with this Constitution and the programs and policies of the Party.

### **A Composition**

**The National Youth Wing shall consist of an Executive Council that includes:**

- i. Chairperson (National Youth Leader).
- ii. Youth Secretary.
- iii. Youth Publicity Secretary.
- iv. Youth Organizing Secretary.
- v. Youth Women's Leader.
- vi. Youth Treasurer.
- vii. Regional Youth Leaders.
- viii. Representatives of youth from Tertiary Institutions.

### **B Duties and responsibilities**

**The responsibilities of the Youth Wing shall include:**

- i. Mobilizing youth for the Party.
- ii. Creating and implementing programs for Party youth across the country.
- iii. Recruiting more youths into the Party to expand its membership.
- iv. Promoting the policies, ideology, and philosophy of the Party among youth in the country and raising public awareness on youth issues
- v. Train youth for leadership roles in the Party and country at large
- vi. Advocating for the rights and interests of youth and young adults within the Party.
- vii. Encouraging the active involvement of youth in the Party during elections and before.
- viii. Sensitizing youth on the culture of political tolerance, patriotism, loyalty and dedication to the Party.
- ix. Provide leadership in the governance of the Party and the country
- x. Carrying out any additional duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

**C NATIONAL YOUTH WING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The National Youth Wing Executive Council elections shall take place every three (3) years to elect the executives of the National Youth Wing.

**Composition**

**The following delegates are eligible to attend and have voting rights**

- a. The National Youth Wing Executive
- b. All Youth Wing leaders of Constituencies, District and Regions
- c. Three youth representatives from Tertiary Institutions
- d. Three youth representatives from registered organisations

**13 BRANCHES OF THE PARTY**

1. Sierra Leonean members of the Party residing outside Sierra Leone may form Diaspora Chapters and Regions in their respective countries, subject to the following criteria:
  - i. Acknowledgement of the Chapters or Regions by the National Executive Council and the National Delegates Conference.
  - ii. The operations of the Chapters or Regions must adhere to the provisions of this Constitution.
  - iii. Chapters must have at least 50 registered members, while Regional Branches must have a minimum of 100 registered members.
  - iv. Chapters and Regions may, in collaboration with the National Secretariat, develop rules, regulations, bylaws, and constitutions to govern their activities, provided they are consistent with this constitution.
2. An elected Coordinator of Diaspora affairs will be chosen at the National Delegates Conference and will serve as a National Officer of the Party.
3. Any disputes that arise within and between chapters will be resolved using the appropriate resolution methods laid out in the constitution or bylaws of the chapters. If issues remain unresolved, they will be directed to the Regional body for determination. Should they still not be resolved, the matter will then be referred to the National Secretariat, where a special committee will deliberate and reach a final decision.

**14 TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS**

1. A functioning Executive of the Movement shall exist in each higher education institution where the Party has at least 50 registered members.
2. Elections for the Executives will be overseen by the Regional Executive from the region in which the institution is located.
3. The primary role of the executive will be to promote the policies, ideology, and philosophy of the Party among students on campus and to recruit additional students into the Party, thereby increasing its membership.
4. Three members from each institution will serve as delegates at the National Delegates Conference, specifically the Chairperson, Secretary, and Women's Leader.

## **15 NATIONAL ELDERS AND TRUSTEE COUNCIL**

**A National Elders and Trustees Council shall be formed, serving as the Party's moral compass.**

### **A Composition**

**It shall consist of the following members:**

- i. Former Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Party.
- ii. Former Speakers and Leaders of both the Majority and Minority in Parliament from the Party.
- iii. Current District Council Chairpersons and Mayors from the Party.
- iv. Former National Chairman and Leaders of the Party.
- v. The current Chairman and Leader of the Party.
- vi. Current and former Presidential Candidates who remain Party members.
- vii. Current and former Running Mates of Presidential Candidates who are still members of the Party.
- viii. Five founding members of the Party, appointed by the National Executive Committee (NEC) upon the Chairperson and Leader's recommendation.

### **B Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of the Elders and Trustees Council include:

- i. Overseeing legal and policy matters, conflict resolution, disciplinary issues, and election disputes, in addition to their role as trustees.
- ii. Offering guidance on significant issues referred to them by the National Executive Committee.
- iii. Representing the Party on the National Disciplinary Committee.
- iv. Acting as Trustees for the Party's personal and real properties.
- v. Ensuring that the Party maintains the highest standards of ethics.
- vi. Safeguarding and managing the Party's assets.

## **16 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A Finance Committee shall be appointed to work with the Treasurer in managing and monitoring the Party's finances with regular reporting to the National Chairman and Leader, National Executive Committee (NEC) and the National Delegates Conference.

### **A Duties and Responsibilities**

- i. Overall financial control, including processes for approval of spending;
- ii. Financial planning, budgeting and reporting
- iii. Ensuring there are proper systems for receiving and paying out cash and cheques
- iv. Setting up appropriate book-keeping and petty cash systems, and ensuring related documentation is kept

- v. Ensuring membership subscriptions are collected and proper membership records are kept
- vi. Ensuring everyone handling money for the Party keeps proper records and documentation
- vii. Ensuring all income (including cash) is paid into the bank and all bills are paid
- viii. Control of fixed assets
- ix. Funding, fundraising and sales
- x. Selecting an auditor to audit the Party's accounts, for approval by Conference;
- xi. Oversee the organizing of the National Delegates Conference;
- xii. Election spending and approval;
- xiii. Ensuring Party money is spent and resources used to increase engagement with diverse communities; and
- xiv. The discharge of such other functions as the National Delegates Conference, Chairman and Leader, NEC or the Constitution shall allocate to it.

#### **B Composition**

The Committee shall comprise of a Chairperson with substantial Accounting, Economics or Financial experience, current Chairman and Leader, and five members appointed by the National Executive Committee (NEC).

#### **C Meetings**

The Finance Committee shall meet as frequently as required for the efficient exercise of its functions, and at the request of the Chairman and Leader, the NEC or the National Secretary General on the instructions of the Chairman and Leader.

### **17 INDEPENDENT PARTY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

There shall be an Independent Party Elections Committee (IPEC) that shall be responsible for the following

- i. The IPEC has the authority to designate Party members as election observers and to collect reports from them concerning elections at lower levels.
- ii. The IPEC will take direct charge of organizing the elections for National Officers and Presidential Candidates.

### **18 COUNCIL OF PARLIAMENTARIANS**

**A Council of Parliamentarians (COP) shall be established**

#### **A Composition**

It shall be made up of the following members:

- i. All Members of Parliament from the National Governing Council (NGC).
- ii. Former Members of Parliament from the Party
- iii. Former Speaker of Parliament who is a member of the Party
- iv. National Chairman and Leader.

- v. National Secretary General.
- vi. Legal Officer.
- vii. National Publicity Secretary.

## **B Responsibilities**

The Council of Parliamentarians will have the following responsibilities:

- i. Foster a continuous and collaborative working relationship with the Party's Members of Parliament.
- ii. Assist the Party's Members of Parliament in fulfilling their Parliamentary responsibilities.
- iii. Promote unity and understanding among Members of Parliament.
- iv. Ensure consistency between the Party's stance on national matters and that of its representatives.
- v. Address any disputes or grievances presented by or against the Party's Members of Parliament, striving for amicable resolutions.
- vi. Advise on best practices in Parliamentary operations.
- vii. The Party's Members of Parliament shall choose a Leader who will represent all issues in Parliament.
- viii. If the Party lacks representation in Parliament, the COP will elect a Chairman.

## **C Meeting**

COP meetings will occur monthly but may also be called by the National Chairman and Leader or at the request of its members when necessary.

## **19 THE PARTY CANDIDACY COMMITTEE**

A Party Candidacy Committee (PCC) will be formed to oversee the distribution of the Party's symbols to candidates wishing to run in elections for Parliamentary, Ward, District, City, and Town Councils.

### **A Composition**

The composition of the Party Candidacy Committee will include:

- i. The National Chairman and Leader
- ii. The National Secretary General
- iii. All Regional Party Chairpersons
- iv. Two members from the National Elders and Trustee Council
- v. Two founding members
- vi. Two current members of Parliament and
- vii. Two former members of Parliament.

### **B Responsibilities**

**The Party Candidacy Committee shall**

- i. Oversee the distribution of the Party's symbols to candidates wishing to run in elections for Parliamentary, Ward, District, City, and Town councils.
- ii. Establish sub-committees/councils to aid in carrying out its responsibilities.
- iii. Establish guidelines, which must receive approval from the NEC.

### **C Meeting**

The Party Candidacy Council will convene meetings as needed to consider the award of Party symbols for various elections, with the exception of elections for selecting a Presidential Candidate.

### **D Procedures for selection of candidate**

The procedures for selecting candidates are outlined as follows:

#### **1. Councillor Elections**

##### **For Councillor elections,**

- i. The Ward Executive Committee will review applications and recommend a maximum of five candidates to the Constituency Executive Council, providing reasons for each choice.
- ii. The Constituency Executive Council will assess the provided reasons, select the three most qualified candidates, and forward their information to the District Executive Council, which will make the final determination after further review.

#### **2 Parliamentary Elections**

For Parliamentary candidates,

- i. The Constituency Executive Council and the Chairpersons, Secretaries, Youth, and Women's Leaders of the wards within the Constituency will evaluate applications before recommending no more than five candidates to the District Executive Council.
- ii. After reviewing the reasons given for these choices, the District Executive Council will recommend the three most qualified candidates to the Party Candidacy Council, which holds the authority for the final decision regarding the award of the Party symbol to the successful candidate.

#### **3 District Council Chairpersons and Mayors**

In the case of elections for District Council Chairpersons and Mayors,

- i. The Party's District Executive Council, in consultation with the Constituency Executive Council, will consider applications and select the three most qualified candidates from those expressing interest,
- ii. Submit the three names to the Candidacy Council, which will make the final selection.

## **20 PRESIDENTIAL VETTING COUNCIL**

The Presidential Vetting Council shall ensure that each individual seeking to be nominated as the Party's Presidential candidate is qualified and suitable to run for the presidency in a National Election

### **A Composition**

The Vetting Council shall consist of the following members:

- i. National Chairperson and Leader.
- ii. National Secretary General.
- iii. National Youth Leader.
- iv. National Women's Leader.
- v. Regional Chairpersons.
- vi. Chairperson of the National Elders and Trustee Council.
- vii. Legal Officer.

**B Duties**

- i. The vetting Council shall review and assess applications from individuals seeking to be nominated as the Party's Presidential Candidate
- ii. The Vetting Council shall have power to dismiss any Aspirant whose qualifications as a Presidential Candidate are proven insufficient.
- iii. The Vetting Council shall present a report detailing its findings to the NEC and to all Aspirants.
- iv. Any Aspirant who disagrees with the Committee's conclusions may appeal to the National Executive Council, whose decision will be final.

**21.1 NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

A National Disciplinary Committee shall be created, with members appointed by the National Executive Council

**A Composition**

It shall be comprised of the following:

- i. A Representative from the National Elders and Trustee Council.
- ii. A Representative from the Committee of Parliamentarians.
- iii. A Representative from the Youth Wing.
- iv. A Representative from the Women's Wing.
- v. A Lawyer affiliated with the Party.
- vi. Head of Muslim Affairs.
- vii. Head of Christian Affairs.
- viii. A representative from each Regional Executive Council.

**B Duties and responsibilities**

The National Disciplinary Committee shall:

- i. Ensure discipline is upheld within the Party, investigate instances of misconduct referred to it. Compile a report on its findings regarding any misconduct case and suggest actions to the National Executive Council.

- ii. When an allegation of misconduct is made against a Party member, the Disciplinary Committee must inform the member in writing about the accusation and the time and venue of the hearing.
- iii. A member summoned before the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to present their case, either orally or in writing, personally or through a Lawyer, and to call witnesses.
- iv. Any decision imposed on a member who has not been adequately informed of the charges or given a chance to defend themselves shall be considered void.
- v. Disciplinary committee proceedings will take place in the Party Office.
- vi. Any Party member unhappy with a decision made against them by the Party's authorities shall be entitled to appeal to the next higher organ of the Party within fourteen days of the decision date.
- vii. An appeal must be resolved by the designated appellate body within 21 days from when the appropriate Executive Committee receives the Notice of Appeal.
- viii. The National Executive Council will serve as the ultimate authority in all appeals.

#### **21.2 OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

A Disciplinary action may be enacted against a Party member who:

- i. Acts in a manner that could damage the Party's reputation or bring it into public ridicule.
- ii. Intentionally violates any of the Party's Constitution Rules and Regulations.
- iii. Participates in activities against the Party's interests.
- iv. Initiates legal proceedings regarding any disputes or matters related to the rights, obligations, and duties of any Party member without first utilizing the remedies outlined in this constitution.
- v. Consistently fails to attend Party meetings.
- vi. Participates in disruptive behaviour during meetings, rallies, or any Party event.
- vii. Establishes a competing Party organization at any level.
- viii. Fails to comply with or disregards lawful directives from the Party or its officials.
- ix. Defrauds the Party or its officials.

B Any member who commits any of the offences outlined in Article 19 (21.2A) above shall face the following consequences:

- i. Suspension from the Party or from a position.
- ii. Formal reprimand.
- iii. Disqualification from holding any position within the Party.
- iv. Removal from a position.

- v. Expulsion from the Party.

#### ARTICLE 20

#### ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

A Election for the Party's Presidential Candidate will be done as follows

- i. The election for the Party's Presidential Candidate will occur eighteen months before the National General Election date. The exact date will be determined by the National Delegates Conference, after which the National Secretary-General will post a notice in all L.P.P offices across the country and also publicize it in newspapers and through radio announcements.
- ii. Members intending to run in this election must submit their applications to the National Secretary-General along with a comprehensive curriculum vitae.
- iii. All applicants will undergo a vetting process prior to being eligible to compete in the election.
- iv. Primary elections will be conducted in all registered Administrative Districts of the Party, both in the country and abroad. Results from each district will be compiled by the Party's National Independent Elections Committee, and the candidate with the highest number of votes will be declared the winner and recognized as the Party's Presidential Candidate/Nominee.
- v. The winner will be officially endorsed at the National Delegates Conference as the Party's Presidential candidate.
- vi. Elections for selecting a Presidential Candidate should take place on the same date.

B The Presidential Candidate shall be elected by the following Party delegates

- i. All members of the Constituency Executive Councils.
- ii. All members of the District Executive Councils.
- iii. All National Officers of the Party who will cast their votes in their respective places of residence.
- iv. Current and former members of Parliament who are still affiliated with the Party.
- v. Members of the Regional and Chapter Executives of the Party in the Diaspora.
- vi. All District Council Chairpersons who are party members.
- vii. All ward Chairpersons.

#### C Eligibility to vote

To be eligible to vote, all delegates must have been paid members for a minimum of twelve months.

D Eligibility criteria for Presidential Aspirant

The Applicant/Aspirant must satisfy the following criteria, among others:

- i. Must have been a registered member of the Party for no less than twenty four (24) months in the classification of Distinguished Grand Chief Patron.
- ii. Must be a citizen of Sierra Leone, not attained through naturalization.
- iii. Must meet the qualifications for voter registration as outlined in the 1991 Constitution and the National Electoral Laws Act 2012.
- iv. Must not have any criminal convictions.
- v. Must be at least 40 years of age.
- vi. Must be a person of integrity and possess high moral standards in society.
- vii. Must have completed at least secondary or tertiary education.
- viii. Must have paid the required nomination fee prior to the deadline set by the Party.
- ix. Any Aspirant/Application that fails to meet the aforementioned conditions will be rejected by the vetting committee.

#### **20.1 Selection of Running Mate**

**The Presidential Candidate, in consultation with the Nine-man Caucus and the National Executive Council, will select their running mate.**

#### **CHAPTER 5**

#### **PARTY FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

#### **ARTICLE 21**

#### **PARTY FUNDS**

- A. All revenues or other money raised by the Party shall be paid into and form one consolidated revenue of the Party. These shall include but not limited to;
  - i. Collection of membership fees,
  - ii. Voluntary contributions,
  - iii. Sales of Movement merchandise
  - iv. Cultural events
  - v. Donations and grants from individuals, groups, companies, or organizations as permitted by law
  - vi. Income generated from activities
  - vii. Proceeds from nomination fees
  - viii. Investments made by the Party.
  - ix. Such other monies as may be lawfully received by the Party
- B. Only individuals authorized by NEC will be permitted to receive these funds.

- C. No moneys shall be withdrawn from the Party's Fund except in the manner prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the Party to meet expenditure that is charged upon the fund by this Constitution or where the issue of those monies has been authorized by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- D. Receipts for funds collected will only be printed at the Movement's National Headquarters. Each receipt will be uniquely numbered and issued in books containing 50 receipts.
- E. The Party's funds and assets will be exclusively used to advance the political goals outlined in this constitution.

## ARTICLE 22

### BANK ACCOUNTS

- A. The Party will maintain several Bank Accounts in Freetown, where the Headquarters is located, as well as at Regional, District, and Constituency headquarters, and at additional necessary locations.
- B. There will be three authorized signatories for the bank accounts: the Treasurer, the National Chairman and Leader, and the Secretary General. The account may be operated by any two of the authorized signatories.
- C. All incoming funds will be deposited into the Party's bank accounts, and all expenditures will be processed through these accounts.
- D. However, if special accounts are established for Parliamentary and Presidential elections, three authorized signatories will be appointed by the National Executive Council to operate these accounts.
- E. Withdrawals from or debit instructions for the account will only be considered valid with authorization from the National Chairman and Leader.

## CHAPTER 6

### ARTICLE 23

#### MERGER, SPLIT, COALITIONS AND DISSOLUTION

1. Determinations concerning mergers, coalitions, splits, and dissolutions shall be made at the National Delegates Conference at the instance of the Nine-man Caucus.
2. In urgent circumstances, the National Executive Council may take action, subject to the approval of the Nine-man Caucus ratification at the next National Delegates Conference.
3. For a resolution regarding mergers, coalitions, splits, and dissolutions to be valid, it must receive approval from at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

### ARTICLE 24

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Separate Rules and Regulations may exist to enhance the provisions of this Constitution.
2. The National Secretariat of the Party shall draft all Rules and Regulations necessary to implement and support this Constitution. These may include, but are not limited to, Rules and Regulations concerning intra-movement elections, discipline, financial management, and the management of party assets.
3. All such Rules and Regulations must be submitted to the National Executive Council for approval.

4. After approval by the National Executive Council, the Rules and Regulations will be forwarded to the PPRC for publication in the gazette, in accordance with Section 24(1)b of the Political Parties Act, 2002.
5. These Rules and Regulations shall be applicable to all Chapters of the Party.

#### **ARTICLE 25**

##### **QUORUM**

1. The quorum for any Party meeting shall consist of one-third of the registered members of that particular level, body, or organ.
2. Decisions at any Party meeting shall ideally be reached by consensus; if consensus is not possible, a majority of the votes cast will determine the outcome.

#### **ARTICLE 26**

##### **HOLDING OF DUAL OFFICES**

1. In line with the provisions of this constitution, any member with the exception of the National Chairman and Leader, occupying a position at the National level shall be considered to have resigned from that position if they are running for or have accepted any of the following offices: President, Vice President, Member of Parliament, Mayor, District Council Chairperson, or Councillor.
2. A member shall not be eligible for nomination or election or appointment to any Party office unless they have been a registered member for at least twenty four (24) months and are in good financial standing with the Party, unless a waiver is granted by the relevant Executive Council or the Nine-man Caucus.

#### **ARTICLE 27**

##### **AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by the National Delegates Conference, provided that the amendment receives the support of two-thirds of the members present and voting at that conference.
2. A notice detailing any proposed amendments to the constitution must be sent to the National Secretary General at least two months prior to the National Delegates Conference. This notice shall be in writing, clearly stating the sought amendment and the rationale behind it.
3. Upon receiving the notice, the National Secretary General shall ensure it is distributed to all Regional, District, Constituency, and Ward Executive Committees at least one month before the National Delegates Conference.
4. The proposed amendment shall be discussed at the National Executive Council prior to being submitted to the National Delegates Conference.

#### **ARTICLE 28**

##### **INTERPRETATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

1. Questions regarding the interpretation of any section or article of this Constitution shall be directed to the National Executive Council, whose decisions shall be conclusive and enforceable unless overturned by the Nine-man Caucus or the National Delegates Conference at its subsequent meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 29**

##### **LEGAL CAPACITY**

1. Only the National Officers hold the authority to legally commit the Party or establish legal relationships between the Party and any individual, organization, or company.