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# CONSTITUTION OF "ONE SEYCHELLES"

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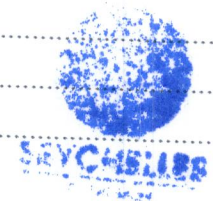
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# ONE SEYCHELLES CONSTITUTION

## Vision of 'One Seychelles'

"**One Seychelles**" is committed to uniting and upholding our sovereignty, diversity and dignity of our creole culture and heritage while upholding the highest standards of integrity and the application of the 'rule of law and order' applicable to all. This will be achieved through enhanced strategic investments in the human resources of diverse knowledge and talents of the Seychellois islanders', who will be empowered and equipped to be the drivers and ultimate beneficiaries of the fruits of their respective labor and contributions.

## Mission of 'One Seychelles'

"**One Seychelles**" commits to placing the Seychellois islanders at the centre of all its sustainable development programmes to foster a peaceful, harmonious and inclusive society.

It aims to substantially improve access, relevance and quality of health care, education and training for all, application of the 'rule of law' to ensure security for all and the business environment. It will firmly address bureaucracy, the alarming and increasing problems of illicit substance abuse and related social ills affecting our nation, creating the enabling environment for further socio-economic welfare and growth, in dignity and care.

It shall, at all cost, maintain the peace, security, and harmony of our nation where fairness and an honest government promotes its creole cultural heritage of diverse ethnicity, religion, different political opinions that are upheld in respect to all fundamental principles of human rights.

## ARTICLE I

### 1.0. DESCRIPTION

1.1. The registered name of the Party shall be the "**ONE SEYCHELLES**" abbreviated as **(1S)**.

1.2 In creole, the Party name shall be translated to "**Y'EN SEL SESEL**" abbreviates as **(YESS)**.

1.3 The Party colors shall be **Orange**.

1.4. '**ONE SEYCHELLES**' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Party') shall be defined as a Socio-Liberal pragmatic Democratic political party. It shall be characterised by its equal beliefs in a mixed and contextualized socio-economic set up that is predominantly a 'free-market' that, encourages Private-Public sector Partnerships, human dignity and decency based on the **rule of law** applicable to all, in a free democratic and sovereign state.

1.5 Given the political history of Seychelles, the party firmly believes in the critical importance

of investing in effective 'Truth & Reconciliation' as an essential ingredient to harmonize the diversity that characterizes our creole culture and nation.

1.6 The Party firmly believes in the highest levels of patriotism, honesty and meritocracy in our democracy. In this light, the Party is in favor of installing a 'Government of National Unity' where, regardless of political or religious opinions and affiliations, race and sexual orientation the best trained, experienced and equipped person/s capable of efficiently delivering respective public services to the Seychellois islanders, be called upon to assume key responsibilities for effective and efficient public services delivery to the people of Seychelles.

1.7 The Party shall be a member of International Organisations and partner to sister political parties, non-governmental organizations commensurate with the stances articulated in Article 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 above.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **2.0. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Party shall be:

2.1. To secure the election of the President of the Party to the office of President of the Republic of Seychelles. In the event the Party President is incapable or does not wish to be a Presidential Candidate, then the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the party will propose and select the most eligible and capable candidate/s for ultimate approval of the Party's National Conference

2.2. To seek to recruit the highest possible number of party members in each electoral districts of the Republic and to establish in each District a party representation with committees in accord with Article XVI of this Constitution.

2.3. To receive nominations of candidates who are of character and who are committed to exercise the responsibilities of the office and stand as candidates for the National Assembly in concordance with Party Statement of Principles set out in Article III of this Constitution. The National Executive Committee (NEC) will be vested with the responsibility to consider and approve potential candidates for respective districts

2.4. The Party will encourage the highest possible number of Party members to become active in its political mobilization and recruitment work in each district and sub-district. The main objects of the party include:

2.5. To maintain a National Headquarters and Area offices to undertake the political and Party functions

2.6. To provide a democratic, solid structure through which the President of the Party shall be elected and through which the membership of the Party shall make their views known.

- 2.7. To provide political and socio-economic training at all levels of the Party:
- a) To enhance understanding of the Party's principles and policies.
  - b) To develop the political and campaigning skills of Party activists and maximise their effectiveness.
  - c) To assist activists in achieving their highest potential as individuals within the Party.
- 2.8. To campaign in support of the principles, policies and candidates of the Party.
- 2.9. To raise funds in order to finance the Party operations, activities and its ultimate mission of winning national general elections.

## ARTICLE III

### 3.0. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- 3.1. The policies of the Party shall accord with these statements of Principles, which the members, officers and candidates of the Party shall accept, uphold and support:
- 3.2. We believe that in the pursuit of political objectives, there is no interest superior to the national interest. Thus, there will be no room for self-aggrandizement in the realm of conducting party work and public service delivery. Going forward, all high-level, decision-making public servants must declare their assets prior to taking their respective positions to serve the people of Seychelles.
- 3.3. We believe in effective investments in Truth & Reconciliation for peaceful settlement and resolution of past ill-will and wrong-doings to forge a more harmonious and peaceful society.
- 3.4. We believe in the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation on the grounds of class, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status, religion, political affiliation, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, regional location, economic or household status
- 3.5. We strongly believe in the maintenance and upholding of our independence, sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Seychelles. No part of its vast archipelagic sovereign territory, however remote, should ever be compromised in any form, to third parties.
- 3.6. We believe in the Rule of Law and respect for the legal Constitution of Seychelles recognizing and protecting of fundamental political and civil rights, including freedom of expression, the press, assembly, association, conscience, religion as well as the right to privacy.
- 3.7. We believe that the Government should be chosen by the people, for the people and that the people have the right to change the Government peacefully.



- 3.8. We believe that the objects and authority of the Government as a regulator and facilitator in society must be transparently laid out and articulated to the populace most lucidly.
- 3.9. We believe that each citizen has the right to acquire and keep the property and the right to trade in a relatively free-market set-up where the private sector operator is allowed optimal room to maneuver for sustainable growth and development.
- 3.10. We believe in **exerting efforts for the abolition of poverty for the identified 40% of the population and the achievement of greater equality in the distribution of income, and wealth.**
- 3.11. We believe in a stable Government that can effectively regulate, deal with market-imperfections and address the escalation of 'cost of living'. Government has a significant role to play to regulate and provide assistance and support to the most vulnerable, the old, the disable, the ill and the poor.
- 3.12. We strongly believe that the Government acting as the facilitator for private sector investments (small, medium and large) must at all times, direct its policies at enhancing and protecting the quality of life for all Seychellois that is inextricably linked to the conservation of the pristine environment in the Republic of Seychelles.
- 3.13. Recognising that prosperity can only be built on solid socio-political stability, we believe that the time has come for Seychelles to select its most able, qualified and experienced personalities and professionals to form part of a future Seychellois Government of National Unity.
- 3.14. We believe in placing the aspirations of the Seychellois people at the centre of all our development efforts to continually enhance the living standards of the Seychellois people for a decent, secure, dignified and constructive way of forward.
- 3.15. We believe that at very early stages, equal emphasis should be placed on '**responsibilities**' of every Seychellois, as have hitherto been placed on '**rights**', to ensure a more productive, competitive, responsible, patriotic and effective Seychellois workforce.
- 3.16. We believe in the recognition and encouragement of the right of labour to freely organize for the protection and advancement of its interests as Trade Union movements to take forward the struggle of the working people against any instances of excesses, injustices and inequalities.
- 3.17. We believe in transparent, accountable, robust, relevant and effective democratic institutions where all citizens have the opportunity to participate in critical decisions that shape and control their lives.
- 3.18. Recognizing the need to work to sustain and improve upon what has been achieved on the ecologically sustainable development fronts, we believe in the strategic social ownership of some of our pristine natural resources that should benefit and be of concern to all Seychellois and the

future generation and that of the wider world.

3.19. We believe in the potentials of our vast Exclusive Economic Zone and the need for its sustainable development and protection as well as its conservation for the next generation. In this light a well trained coast guard and maritime school must be given priority and resources to deliver trained and equipped personnel and resources to realize the goal of transforming the Seychelles nation as one of the most efficient in maritime surveillance and sustainable ocean and maritime development.

3.20. We recognize and firmly believe in the potentials of our outer islands for tourism, agricultural, marine and aquaculture, as well as other developments conducted sustainably for greater food security and possibly exports.

3.21. We believe that accessibility by Seychellois on its outer islands to take viable business opportunities they present as fundamental to present and future generations of the sons and daughters of our archipelago.

3.22. We are strongly commit to resolving any regional or international conflicts diplomatically through the regional organizations and ultimately, the United Nations.

3.23. We believe in the maintenance of national, regional and world peace with an independent sovereign Seychelles position in world affairs promoting the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **4.0. MEMBERSHIP**

4.1. All citizens of Seychelles whether they live at home or abroad, who are over fifteen (15) years of age and who accept and support the Statement of Principles laid out in Article III of this Constitution and who agree to be bound by this Constitution and the Rules made under it shall be eligible to apply for membership of the Party.

4.2. Honorary membership may be granted as an expression of appreciation to deserving individuals who do not meet the criteria laid down in Clause 1 of this article.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **5.0. THE PRESIDENT – ROLE**

5.1. There shall be a President of the Party who shall be the leader of the Party. Unless he decides otherwise, he/she shall be Party's candidate for the election of the President of the Republic.

5.2. a) The President of the Party (hereinafter called 'the President' ) in consultation with the National Executive Committee, shall be responsible for the formulation, presentation for information/approval and implementation of the political policy of the Party. Such policy must be compatible with the Party Statement of Principles laid down in Article III of this Constitution.





b) He/she will be advised on the formulation and implementation of the political policy by the Party Executive.

5.3. The President, in consultation with the NEC, shall together determine and approve the composition of the Party list to contest elections. The President shall nominate the Party's proportionally elected members to the National Assembly.

5.4. The President in consultation with the NEC for information and approval shall be able to bestow honorary membership of the Party under Article IV Clause 2 of this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **6.0. THE PRESIDENT -TERM OF OFFICE**

6.1. The President shall ordinarily be subjected to re-election in every fifth year after taking office.

6.2. The President shall not be subjected to re-election at any time that he/she holds office as President of the Republic.

6.3. The President shall be subjected to re-election within three years of leaving office as President of the Republic at a time determined by the National Executive Committee.

6.4 The President may resign his office at any time in writing to the General Secretary.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **7.0. THE PRESIDENT- ELECTION**

7.1. The President shall be elected by secret ballot of the Party Executive (hereinafter called 'the Executive) at a Party National Conference.

7.2. At such time as there shall be a Presidential election under Article VI of this Constitution, the President shall withdraw from Executive meetings.

7.3. If there shall be a vacancy in the office of President or there shall be a Presidential election under Article VII of this Constitution, the General Secretary shall become Acting Chairman of the Executive for which purpose he shall exercise a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

7.4. The Executive shall elect the new President within one month of calling the election or the vacancy arising.

7.5. The Executive shall consult with the relevant Party structures, the District and Sub-district Committees and the National Committees of the Youth Section, the Women's section, the Elderly section, the Trade Union Section and the affiliated organisations in order to ascertain their opinions as to who would be the most suitable person to become President.

7.6. The National Executive Committee shall elect the President by the following procedure:

- a) The NEC shall set a time for the close of nominations that shall be published within the Party.
- b) Each nominated candidate shall be proposed by one Member of the Executive and seconded by not less than two others.
- c) No Executive Member shall subscribe more than one nomination. Hence there shall be no more than three valid nominations.
- d) If there is only one valid nomination, then that candidate shall be elected unopposed.
- e) If there are two candidates validly nominated, the one who achieves the higher number of votes, including in the case of a tie, the casting vote of the General Secretary, shall declare the winning candidate elected.
- f) If there are three valid nominations, then a candidate who receives more votes than the other two put together shall be elected.
- g) If none of three candidates is elected under Sub-Clause (f) of this Clause then one candidate shall be eliminated under Sub-Clauses (h), (j) or (k) of this Clause and a second ballot shall be held with only two candidates running as in Sub-Clause (e) of this Clause.
- h) The candidate that receives fewer votes out of the two candidates shall be eliminated.
- i) In the case of a three-way tie, the General Secretary shall exercise his casting vote in favour of one candidate.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **8.0. THE PRESIDENT - RATIFICATION**

8.1. A Party Conference shall be convened within one year of the election of a new President.

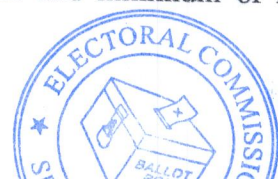
8.2. The name of the new President shall be put to the Party Conference for ratification. Following the debate, the Delegates shall vote for or against ratification by show of hands.

8.3. Should the new President fail to be ratified by the Party Conference, then he shall immediately demit office, and the Presidency shall be deemed to be vacant.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **9.0. THE EXECUTIVE- STRUCTURE**

9.1. There shall be an Executive which shall consist of the President and minimum of nine



members but not more than 18 to be appointed by the President for a term (5 years) after consultation with regional or national structures in existence at the time.

9.2. In exercising this duty, the President shall ensure that there shall be a member of the Executive prepared to accept office as Secretary General as laid out in Article XI Clause 11 of this Constitution.

9.3. a) The President shall be the Chairman of the National Executive Committee.

b) In the absence of the President, the General Secretary or a member appointed by him shall chair the meeting.

9.4. a) The President shall have no right to vote at the National Executive Committee (NEC)

b) The President shall have right of veto over any decisions of the Executive.

9.5. By a two-thirds majority, the Executive shall be able to override the veto of the President.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **10.0 THE EXECUTIVE - FUNCTIONS**

10.1. a) Applications for membership of the Party shall be made to the Executive of the Party which shall decide whether or not to admit applicants.

b) The decision of the Executive in the matter of membership shall be final without explanation or appeal.

10.2. The Executive shall determine the administrative policy of the Party, including the policy by which the General Secretary shall administer the Party.

10.3. The Executive shall have the power to expel members from the Party. Grounds for expulsion shall be:

a) Taking positions or expressing beliefs which are incompatible with the Principles and fundamental policies of the Party.

b) Taking actions or expressing beliefs which are liable to bring the Party into disrepute.

c) Joining or working for any other political organisation.

d) Electioneering against the Party or any of its candidates in any election.

10.4. The Executive shall be responsible for national campaigns.

10.6. The Executive shall be empowered to interpret and lay down Rules for the implementation of any part of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE XI

### GENERAL SECRETARY

11.1. There shall be a General Secretary of the Party who shall be appointed by the President from among the members of the Executive.

11.2 a) The General Secretary of the Party (hereinafter called 'the General Secretary) shall be ex-officio the Secretary of the Executive.

b) When appropriate, the General Secretary shall perform those duties given to him or her under Article VII Clause 3 of this Constitution.

11.3 a) The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive of the Party Headquarters.

b) He shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Party at Headquarters and across the country.

11.4. All the paid staff of the Party, wherever or at whatever level they are employed, shall be answerable to the General Secretary through any other Party officials he may designate.

11.5. The General Secretary shall exercise his functions according to the administrative policy laid down by the Party Executive and shall be deputised by an Assistant Secretary-General.

11.6. In dealing with elected Party officers at every level below the executive, the General Secretary shall speak with the authority of the Executive.

11.7. a) The General Secretary shall hold office for a term of 5 years concurrent with the President who appointed him or her.

b) The President may require the resignation of the General Secretary at any time, and the proposal must be validated by a majority of the Executive.

11.8. The General Secretary shall maintain at all times a current list of National District and Sub-District representatives and Chairpersons and committee members of affiliated organisations.

11.9. The General Secretary shall maintain the definitive list of Party members assisted by his /her Deputy.

## ARTICLE XII

### Party National Assembly Forum (NAF)



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12.1. There shall be a NAF of all those Members of National Assembly of the Republic who are members of the Party and supportive of the Statement of Principle of the Party.

12.2. The NAF shall be a consultative committee for the President and Secretary General on political policy and shall determine the Party's positions and interventions in the National Assembly.

12.3. The President shall be Chairman of the NAF.

12.4. The Secretary-General shall preside over the NAF in the absence of the President. In the absence of the latter, the Floor Leader shall assume Chairpersonship.

12.5. a) The NAF shall meet at least once before the opening of the National Assembly and regularly thereafter.

b) Meetings of the NAF shall be convened by the President, Secretary General or by the Floor Leader.

c) The Quorum of the NAF shall be half its Members.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### 13.0. VICE-PRESIDENTS

13.1. There shall be up to two Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Party.

13.2. The Vice-Presidents shall be appointed by the President.

13.3. The Vice-Presidents shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

13.4. The Executive, Secretary-General and the NAF shall be entitled to recommend individuals to the President for his consideration for appointment as Vice-Presidents.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### 14.0. FINANCE

14.1 a) There shall be a Treasurer who shall be the principal fundraiser of the Party.

b) The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Board of Finance and assisted by a Deputy Treasurer.

c) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President in consultation and approval of the

NEC.

d) The Treasurer shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

14.2. a) There shall be a Board of Trustees in whom shall be vested the Party's assets.

b) The Board of Trustees shall consist of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, and two other persons appointed annually by the National Executive Committee.

c) The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and shall exercise both a deliberative and a casting vote.

d) The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once a year and shall be convened by the President. The quorum shall be three members.

14.3. There shall be a Party Board of Finance which shall be the fundraising organisation of the Party as a whole and shall supervise the fund-raising of the District and Sub-district Committees.

14.4. The Board of Finance shall consist of the Board of Trustees and each of District party Chairpersons and their respective treasurers.

14.5. a) The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Finance, and in his absence, the Treasurer of the Party shall preside.

b) The Treasurer shall convene meetings of the Board of Finance at least twice a year.

c) The quorum of the Board of Finance shall be 50 plus one member of the totality of the Board of Finance.

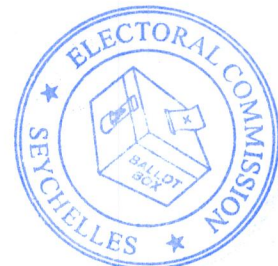
d) The Treasurer will be responsible for providing regular financial reports to the NEC, including the mandatory annual financial report.

## ARTICLE XV

### 15. NATIONAL PARTY - STRUCTURE

15.1. The Party Conference shall consist of the following members:

- a) The President
- b) The Secretary-General
- c) The Vice-Presidents



- d) The Treasurer
- e) The Members of the National Executive Committee
- f) The Party Members of the National Assembly
- g) Party Members elected by the District Associations according to the scale laid down by the Executive.
- h) Up to twelve Party Members nominated by the President.
- i) The National Chairman and two other representatives each of the Youth Movement, Women Movement, Elderly and Trade Union Movement.
- j) Two representatives elected by each organisation affiliated to the Party under Article XXII of this Constitution.

15.2. All Party Members of the National Conference shall exercise one vote.

15.3. The right to submit motions for debate by the National Conference shall be held by:

- a) The Executive
- b) The National Assembly Party Members
- c) The Vice-Presidents
- d) District Committees
- e) The National Committees of the Youth Movement, Women, Elderly Movements and the Trade Unionist Movement.
- f) Approved Affiliated Organisations.

Motion to be proposed by any one of the above shall have to be seconded by no less than two Executive members.

15.4. The Motions to be debated at National Party Conferences shall be approved by the National Executive Committee.

15.5. a) The Executive shall lay down Standing Orders for the Party National Conference.

b) The Standing Orders shall be able to provide for the removal of people from the meeting on the grounds of disruptions and disorderly conduct.

15.6. The Executive shall determine whether and for which parts of meetings of the National Party Conference will the press and broadcast media be admitted.

15.7 a) Meetings of the National Party Conference shall be called by the Executive.

b) There must be at least one meeting of the National Party Conference every five years.

c) The quorum for a meeting of the National Council shall be the attendance of 75% of the Party structure representatives eligible to attend the Party Conference.

## ARTICLE XVI

### 16. NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE - FUNCTIONS

16.1. The National Party Conference shall be the representative forum of the Party.

16.2. a) The General Secretary shall present a report to the National Party Conference on the work of the Executive which shall be subject to questions and debate.

b) The National Party Conference shall vote on whether to accept the Executive report.

c) If the Executive report is not accepted by the National Party Conference, then none of the Members of the Executive so censured shall be eligible for election or appointment to the Executive for the following year.

16.3. The National Party Conference shall be able to debate motions submitted and chosen under Article XV Clauses 3 and 4 of this Constitution.

## ARTICLE XVII

### 17. PARTY CONFERENCE

17.1. The Delegates to the Party Conference shall be the Member Representatives of the Party Structures.

17.2. No Delegate shall exercise more than one vote.

17.3. a) Motions may be submitted to Party Conference by those party bodies and individuals entitled to submit motions to the National Party Conference.

b) Motions shall ordinarily be replied to by the appropriate party officials.

17.4. a) The Motions to be debated at Party Conference shall be chosen by the Executive.

b) All motions submitted for debate shall be available for public inspection at the relevant





Party Conference meeting.

17.5. The Chairman of the National Conference shall chair the Party Conference.

17.6. a) The Executive shall lay down Standing Orders for the Party Conference and qualified membership.

b) The Standing Orders shall be able to provide for the removal of people from the meeting on the grounds for good order.

17.7. The Executive shall determine whether and for which parts of meetings of the National Conference, the press and broadcast media shall be admitted.

17.8. a) Meetings of the Party Conference shall be called by the Executive.

b) Meetings of the Party Conference shall be held as laid down in Article XV Clause 8 (b) of the Constitution.

c) The quorum for meetings of the Party Conference shall be 75% of the total eligible party and affiliated members to the Conference.

17.9. All qualified members of the Party shall be represented by their respective District Committees with rights to speak and to vote as laid down in the provision of the Standing Orders of the Party.

17.10. Party Conference shall conclude whenever necessary with a speech by the President.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **18. DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS - STRUCTURE**

18.1. The Executive shall organise the Party Members in each district into a District and Sub-District Committees.

18.2. The District Committees shall perform their functions by instructions the Executive may circulate.

18.3. a) The Executive shall lay down Model Rules for the District Committees.

b) Districts Committees may request the Executive to alter the Committee's Rules to suit local circumstances.

18.4. Each District Committee shall have one or more Sub-District Committees. The District Committee shall consist of:

a) A Chairman elected annually by all the party members in the district at a District Committee

c) Any other officer or officers laid down in the Rules shall be nominated by the NEC with a five-year term in office.

d) The local Party Chairpersons of the Youth Movement, Women Movement, Elderly Movement and the Trade Union Movement organised in the districts shall be:

e) Ordinary party members who shall be the most politically active members of the District Committee and who shall be appointed to the District Committee Structure by the elected and nominated District Officers under the direction of the National Party Executive Committee.

18.5. The Executive shall permit ordinary party members of District to be elected to the District Chairperson in their respective District's Annual General Meeting in a process defined by the NEC.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### **DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS - FUNCTIONS**

19.1. The Association shall canvass from door-to-door and by telephone and all forms of social media to establish who the supporters of the Party in the district are and recruit new members.

19.2. The Association shall recruit as many supporters as possible to become members of the Party and shall encourage members to become active in the work of the District Committee.

19.3. On polling days the party District Committee shall work to ensure that the maximum number of the party's members turn out to vote for the Party's candidates.

19.4. The District Committee shall organise stimulating and comprehensive political and social programmes relevant to all its members and affiliated supporters.

19.5. a) The District Committee may be delegated to collect the annual subscriptions of members.

b) The District Committee shall under the authority of the Board of Finance raise funds on its initiative.

c) The District Committee shall pay an agreed quota annually to the Board of Finance.

19.6. The District Committee shall play its full and proper part in the campaigns and other political work of the Party led by higher Party bodies.

19.7. The District Officers shall report to the national Party Executive on the state of opinion in the District and Sub-Districts at large.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### **District COMMITTEE -STRUCTURE**



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### **20. District COMMITTEE -STRUCTURE**

20.1. The National Party Executive shall divide the country into groups of districts, each of which shall have District and Sub-District Committees.

20.2. The District Committee structure shall consist of:

a) An Area Chairman elected annually at the District Annual General Meeting at which every party member resident in the District shall be entitled to vote.

b) An area Secretary and Treasurer who shall be appointed annually by the National Executive after consultations with the elected District Chairperson and active members.

c) The district Chairpersons of the Youth Movement, Elderly Movement, Women Movement and the Trade Unionists representation.

f) No more than three other co-opted party members of the respective District for which the Executive in consultation with the elected Chairperson shall be entitled to make recommendations.

20.3. a) General annual district meetings shall be held not less than once a year.

b) They shall be called by the Chairperson or at the request of no less than twelve members.

c) The quorum for District Meetings shall be 51% of all the District structure inclusive the elected Chairperson, the Secretary and Treasurer.

20.4. District Committees shall cooperate with the National Executive Committee in the training of activists and shall recommend individuals suitable for training to the NEC.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

### **21. SUBDISTRICT - FUNCTIONS**

21.1. The District Committee shall supervise the work of their Sub-District Committees in all respects and shall do so in accordance with instructions issued by the National Executive Committee.

21.2. Sub-District Committees shall partake actively in political campaigns in their respective Areas.

21.3. Sub-District Committees shall promote understanding of and support for the Party's Principles and policies among the residents of their respective Areas.

their respective District Committees and the National Party Conference.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

### **YOUTH MOVEMENT**

22.1. There shall be a Youth Section of the Party.

22.2. The Executive shall lay down Rules for the Youth Movement.

22.3. The Youth Movement shall have an elected National Chairperson, and District Chairpersons nominated and confirmed at Annual General Meetings by all members.

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

### **TRADE UNIONISTS**

23.1. There shall be a Trade Union Section of the Party called the TRADE UNIONISTS.

23.2. The Executive shall lay down Rules for the Trade Unionists.

23.3. The Trade Unionists shall have an elected National Chairperson through their organizational constitution and standing orders; The elected Chairperson and district representatives person shall be presented at the Annual General Meetings

## **ARTICLE XXIV**

### **AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS**

24.1. Civic organisations which support the Statement of Principles laid down in Article III of this Constitution shall be able to request affiliation to the Party.

24.2. The Executive shall decide whether to affiliate an organisation to the Party and shall be able to disaffiliate an organisation at any time.

24.3. An Affiliated Organisation shall pay an annual quota to the Board of Finance set annually in agreement with the Board of Finance.

24.4. Affiliated Organisations which have paid their annual quota shall be represented on the National Party Conference under Article XV Clause 1 Sub-Clause (k) of this Constitution.



## **ARTICLE XXV**

### **25. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

25.1. The President, in consultation with NEC, shall select candidates to contest national election. The President shall consult the District Committees in the process of selecting and presentation of candidates for National Assembly election. A simple majority of the NEC shall do final approval for the candidates.

## **ARTICLE XXVI**

### **26. AMENDMENTS**

26.1. This Constitution shall be amended by a motion submitted and passed in the ordinary way by the National Party Conference.