

# **CONSTITUTION OF UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS.**

As Amended and Adopted by the Annual Delegates Conference on the 22 day of  
November, 2008.

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**UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS CONSTITUTION**  
**As Amended and Adopted by the Annual Delegates Conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day**  
**of November, 2008**

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS the people of Uganda founded the Uganda Peoples Congress on social democratic principles and the Party continues to operate as a Social Democratic Party.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Party Constitution be amended to provide for greater participation and involvement of the Party members in the affairs of the Party, and

WHEREAS the Party's strength is rooted in the youth, women and workers and it is necessary to recognise their roles and provide for them specifically in the Constitution, and

WHEREAS the Party Constitution should be consistent with and conform to the National Constitution,

NOW THEREFORE we members of the Annual Delegates Conference of Uganda Peoples Congress assembled this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2008

DO HEREBY RESOLVE, in the name of all the members of Uganda Peoples Congress, for us and our generations yet unborn, that the proposals of the Party President and National Party Officials be adopted with amendments and do constitute and form the new Constitution of Uganda Peoples Congress which shall come into force the day and year aforesaid.

**ARTICLE 1**

**IDENTITY**

**1.1 Name**

The name of the Party shall be "Uganda Peoples Congress" (UPC) referred to in this Constitution as "the Party".

**1.2 Emblem**

The Emblem of the Party shall be "the Open Right Hand" (for Peace, Unity and Justice).

**1.3 Flag**

The flag of the Party shall be tricolour running horizontally with Black on top (for African personality), Red in the middle (for Human Equality and Brotherhood) and Blue (for Peace and Justice) at the bottom with the open right hand in black on a watermark circle background in the middle of the flag.

## **ARTICLE 2 VALUES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The values, aims and objectives of the Party based on social-democratic principles shall be:

### **2.1 Unity**

To build the Republic of Uganda as one country with one people, one national Parliament and one national Government.

### **2.2 Sovereignty**

To defend the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Uganda and maintain peace and tranquillity and to defend and preserve the Constitution of Uganda

### **2.3 Democracy**

To organise the Party in such a way as to enable the people to participate in framing the destiny of our country.

### **2.4 Social and Political Development.**

To fight relentlessly against poverty, ignorance, disease, neo-colonialism, imperialism and oppression of any nature.

### **2.5 Economy**

To plan Uganda's economic development in such a way that the public sector, private sector, workers, peasants and farmers, through the cooperative movement, commerce and industry will effectively contribute to increased production and wealth thus raising people's welfare and the standard of living in the country.

### **2.6 Rights, Freedoms and Liberties**

To protect without discrimination based on race, colour, sex or religion, every person living in Uganda and enable all people to enjoy the fundamental rights, freedoms and liberties of the individual in regard to:-

- (1) Life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice;
- (2) Right not to be tortured or subjected to any cruel and unusual or inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (3) Equality before and under the law, equal opportunities for all and the right to equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination based on race, nationality or ethnic or tribal origin, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability;

- (4) Rights to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure;
- (5) Right not to be arbitrarily detained or imprisoned;
- (6) Freedom of conscience, expression and religion;
- (7) Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media or communication;
- (8) Freedom of peaceful assembly and association;
- (9) Protection of privacy of one's home, property and freedom from deprivation of property without due compensation.

## **2.7 Equality and Equity**

To fight for social justice, eliminate inequalities and ensure that no citizen of Uganda will enjoy any special privileges, status or title by virtue of birth, descent or heredity unless such privileges, status or title are entrenched in the Constitution of Uganda.

## **2.8 Non interference with Rights and Freedoms of others**

To ensure that in the enjoyment of one's rights and freedoms, no person shall be allowed to interfere with or prejudice the rights and freedoms of others.

## **2.9 Cooperation and Relations**

To support and affiliate with organisations, whether international or otherwise, whose values, aims, objectives and aspirations are consistent with those of the Party.

## **2.10 Gender issues.**

- (1) To support the cause of women's emancipation and advancement by mainstreaming and integrating women and women issues effectively into the body fabric of the Party and Party leadership;
- (2) To support and advance gender equity and equality in the Party programmes, structures, decision making process, economic and social activities;
- (3) To relentlessly advocate for the rights and cause of women nationally and internationally.

## **2.11 Rights of the Child.**

To support and promote the struggle for the rights of children.

## **2.12 Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

To support and promote the struggle for the rights of people with disabilities.

**2.13 Conflict Resolution and World Peace.**

To support and advance the cause of national and international conflict resolution, development, disarmament and world peace.

**2.14 Environment Protection.**

To protect the environment and promote environmentally sustainable development.

**2.15 Good Governance and Ethics.**

To relentlessly spearhead efficiency, transparency and accountability in governance and fight all forms of corruption.

**2.16 Youth.**

To develop, encourage and promote young men and women in leadership roles and prepare them for governance of the country by mainstreaming and integrating them into the body fabric of the Party.

**2.17 Political Power.**

To compete for and acquire political power at all levels of government.

**2.18 Other.**

To do all other such things that are consistent with the Party's values, aims and objectives.

**ARTICLE 3  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY**

**3.1 Membership**

Membership of the Party is acquired out of conviction by application, recommendation, nomination and registration.

**3.2 Ordinary Membership**

The membership of the Party shall be open to any citizen of Uganda, irrespective of ethnicity, colour or creed, who:

- (1) Accepts the values, aims and objectives of the Party; and
- (2) Is of age of 18 years or above; and
- (3) Is not a member of any other Political Party in Uganda; and
- (4) Does not support corruption, nepotism, tribalism and parochialism; and
- (5) Has paid membership fees as prescribed by the National Council.

### **3.3 Honorary Membership**

- (1) The Delegates Conference may, on the recommendation of the National Council, grant honorary membership to a person, who may not qualify for ordinary membership but who nevertheless, in the opinion of the National Council, is a good friend of the Party and deserves to be conferred upon honorary membership of the Party.
- (2) Honorary members shall not be required to pay membership or any other fee but may donate freely to the Party if they so wish.

### **3.4 Associate Membership**

- (1) Associate members shall be those persons who are duly registered members of any sister Political Parties outside Uganda that share similar ideologies, values, aspirations and principles with the Party and who express interest in becoming associate members of the Party and are prepared to abide by the Constitution of the Party.
- (2) Associate members shall not be required to pay membership or any other fee, but may donate to the Party if they so wish.

### **3.5 Membership Cards.**

A membership card shall be issued to a person whose application for membership has been accepted and duly approved as provided for in this Constitution and who has paid the prescribed fee.

### **3.6 Loss of Membership.**

A member who commits any of the following abuses of the Party's Constitution and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings of the Party and if found at fault shall lose membership of the Party, that is to say:

- (1) Standing for an election or acting as an agent or financing, supporting or campaigning for a person who is standing for such election in opposition to a duly elected or nominated Party candidate.
- (2) Standing for election or acting as agent or campaigning for or financing an independent candidate.

### **3.7 Resignations.**

A member may resign from the Party by giving written notice of the intention to do so to either the Branch Executive Committee or the Party Cabinet as the case may be.

### **3.8 Re-admission to Membership**

A member who has lost his membership under clauses 3.6 and 3.7 above shall be eligible to apply for re-admission to membership through his/her branch.

**ARTICLE 4  
FEES AND DUES**

**4.1 Membership Fees.**

There shall be a membership fee for each new member of the Party which shall be paid on acceptance of application for membership and is subject to change from time to time by the National Council.

**4.2 Annual Subscriptions fee.**

There shall be an annual subscription fee payable by every member in advance provided that a new member shall pay his/her initial annual subscription for the first year as soon as the person has been registered as a full member of the party and a membership card duly issued to him/her.

**ARTICLE 5  
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.**

**5.1 Rights.**

Subject to being up to date with one's membership and annual subscription fees, a Party member shall have the right to:

- (1) Participate in the activities, discussions, formulation and implementation of the Party policies.
- (2) Receive and impart information on all aspects of Party policies and activities.
- (3) Offer oneself for elective office and participate in elections as prescribed in this Constitution.

**5.2 Duties.**

A Party member shall:

- (1) Recognise, defend and uphold the supremacy of the Party Constitution at all times.
- (2) Be active in one's branch.
- (3) Take all necessary steps to understand and carry out the values, aims, policies and programmes of the Party.
- (4) Explain the values, aims, policies and programmes of the Party to other people.
- (6) Fight any propaganda and disinformation detrimental to the interests of the Party and defend its values, policies, aims and programmes.
- (7) Fight against tribalism, nepotism, chauvinism, ethnicity, sectarianism, religious and political intolerance or any other form of discrimination.
- (8) Observe discipline and authority and practice justice and democratic principles.
- (9) Inform branch authorities of relocation to other areas and identify oneself to the Party branch in the new location.

- (10) Register as a voter in the Constituency where one is resident.
- (11) Abide by and work within the rules and decisions of the organs in which one is a member and in accordance with the provisions of the Party Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 6 PARTY ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE.**

### **6.1 Party Organs.**

The Party shall have the following organs:

- (1) The Branch General Meeting
- (2) The Parish Conference
- (3) The Sub-County Conference
- (4) The Parliamentary Constituency Conference.
- (5) The District Conference
- (6) The National Council
- (7) The Delegates Conference

### **6.2 Party Executive Committees**

The Party shall have the following Executive Committees:

- (1) The Branch Executive Committee
- (2) The Parish Executive Committee
- (3) The Sub-County Executive Committee
- (4) The Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee
- (5) The District Executive Committee
- (6) The Party Cabinet

### **6.3 No Dual Membership to Executive Committees**

No member shall belong to more than one Executive Committee of the Party and as soon as a member is elected to a higher Executive Committee, such member shall relinquish his or her position on the lower Committee and the vacancy shall be filled by elections held within three months as prescribed by the Party Electoral Commission.

### **6.4 Tenure of office of Members of Party Organs and Executive Committees:**

- (1) Subject to the Constitution, all Chairpersons and members of Party organs and Executive Committees shall hold office for five (5) years from the date of election.
- (2) Chairpersons of District, Parliamentary Constituency and Sub-County, Parish Conferences and of Branches may be recalled by resolution of two-thirds majority of the respective conferences.
- (3) Executive Committee members may be removed from office by their respective Chairpersons.



**ARTICLE 7**  
**BRANCH STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY.**

**7.1 Party Branches.**

- (1) A branch shall be the basic unit of the Party, to which every member of the Party shall belong and includes an external branch in a city or town outside Uganda.
- (2) The Party shall establish Party Branches in each village which includes a residence in an educational institution, a city or town outside Uganda in which there are at least ten Party members
- (3) Each Branch shall, at a General Meeting, elect a Branch Chairperson who shall then nominate other executive members for the approval or rejection by the Branch General Meeting.
- (4) Application for the registration of any Branch shall be forwarded to the National Secretariat through the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee or in case of External Branches directly to the National Secretariat.

**7.2 Meetings**

- (1) The Branch General Meeting shall meet at least once every two months at a time, date and for an agenda, place specified in a seven (7) days notice given by the Chairperson.
- (2) The Branch Chairperson may call extraordinary Branch General Meetings of the branch by giving one days notice stating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

**7.3 Quorum**

The quorum of the Branch General Meeting shall be one half of all the members of the branch.

**7.4 Branch Executive Committee**

There shall be a Branch Executive Committee composed of:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Branch
- (2) The Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Women Leader, Youth Leader and Leader of Persons With Disability nominated by the Chairperson and approved by the Branch General Meeting.

**7.5 Duties of the Branch Executive Committee.**

The Branch Executive Committee shall: -

- (1) Maintain a register of members of the Branch.
- (2) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District Conference, the

Parliamentary Constituency Conference, Sub-County Conference, Parish Conference and Branch General Meeting.

- (3) Organise and propagate the Party's values, principles, policies, programmes and decisions in its area.
- (4) Elect Party candidates to contest Local Council One elections in the village.
- (5) Conduct and manage all Party election campaigns in the village and for that purpose to establish an ad hoc campaign Sub-Committee
- (6) Submit reports on its work to the Branch General Meeting and, at least each month to the Parish Executive Committee.
- (7) Carry out mobilization and membership recruitment.
- (8) Do such other things as promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the branch.

#### **7.6 The meetings.**

- (1) The Branch Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month.
- (2) The meeting shall be called by the Branch Chairperson, by giving five (5) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The Branch Chairperson may call an Extra-ordinary meeting of the Branch Executive Committee by giving one day's notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.

#### **7.7 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Branch Executive Committee meeting shall be one-half of all the members.

## **ARTICLE 8 PARISH STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY**

### **8.1 Parish Conference**

- (1) There shall be a Parish Conference to which every member of the Branch Executive Committees in the Parish shall belong.
- (2) A Parish Conference shall elect a Parish Chairperson who shall then nominate the Parish Executive Committee for approval or rejection by the Parish Conference.

### **8.2 Duties of a Parish Conference.**

The Parish Conference shall:

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District Conference, the Parliamentary Constituency Conference and Sub-county Conference by laying out detailed programmes to be implemented in the Parish by the Parish Executive Committee.

- (2) Elect the Parish Chairperson.
- (3) Elect Party candidates for Local Council Two and Councillors for Local Council Three elections.
- (4) Approve or reject nominations by the Chairperson of members to the Parish Executive Committee.
- (5) Do such other things as to promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the Parish.

### **8.3 Meeting of the Parish Conference**

- (1) The Parish Conference shall meet at least once every three months.
- (2) The first meeting of the Parish Conference shall be called by the Secretary General of the Party by a notice in writing giving the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting and naming a person who shall preside at the meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson of the Parish Executive Committee shall call all other meetings by giving at least seven (7) days notice in writing stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairperson of the Parish Executive Committee may call an extraordinary meeting on twenty-four hours notice, giving the place, date, agenda and time of such meeting.

### **8.4 Quorum**

The quorum of the Parish Conference shall one third of all members.

### **8.5 Parish Executive Committee.**

There shall be a Parish Executive Committee composed as follows:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Parish Conference who shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee,
- (2) After election of the chairperson, he or she shall nominate for approval or rejection by the Parish Conference the Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Women Leader, Assistant Women Leader, Youth Leader, Assistant Youth Leader, Workers Leader and Leader of Persons With Disability.

### **8.6 Duties of Parish Executive Committee**

The Parish Executive Committee shall: -

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District Conference, the Parliamentary Constituency Conference, the Sub-County Conference and the Parish Conference.
- (2) Receive and review reports from the Branch Executive Committee and submit reports to the Parish Conference and the Sub-county Executive Committee on progress and activities of the Party in the parish.

- (3) Organise and propagate the Party's values, principles, policies and programmes in the Parish.
- (4) Conduct and manage all party election campaigns in the Parish and for that purpose to establish an ad hoc campaign sub-committee.
- (5) Supervise the paid staff of the Party at the Parish and Branch offices within the Parish.
- (6) Undertake mobilisation for recruitment of new members in the Party
- (7) Do such other things as to promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the Parish.

**8.7 The meetings.**

- (1) The Parish Executive Committee shall meet once every two months.
- (2) The meeting shall be called by the Parish Chairperson, by giving seven (7) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving a one day notice stating the time, place, date and agenda of the meeting.

**8.8 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Parish Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third of all the members.

**ARTICLE 9  
SUB-COUNTY STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY**

**9.1 Sub-County Conference**

- (1) There shall be a Sub-County Conference comprised of:
  - (a) All members of the Parish Executive Committee of all Parishes in the Sub-County.
  - (b) Every member of the Party's Sub-County Council Committee
- (2) A Sub-County Conference shall elect a Sub-County Chairperson who shall then nominate the Sub-County Executive Committee to be approved or rejected by the Sub-County Conference.

**9.2 Duties of a Sub-County Conference.**

The Sub-County Conference shall:

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District Conference and the Parliamentary Constituency Conference by laying out detailed programmes for implementation by the Sub-county Executive Committee.

- (2) Elect the Chairperson of the Sub-County Conference.
- (3) Elect a Party candidate to run for a chairmanship of the Sub-County Council in Local Council Three elections and elect Party candidates for the District Council elections.
- (4) Approve or reject nominations by the Chairperson of members of the Sub-County Executive Committee.
- (5) Do such other things as to promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the Sub-County.

### **9.3 Meeting of the Sub-County Conference**

- (1) The Sub-County Conference shall meet at least once every four (4) months.
- (2) The first meeting of the Sub-County Conference shall be called by the Secretary General of the Party by a notice in writing giving the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting and naming the person who shall preside at the meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson of the Sub-County Executive Committee shall call all other meetings by giving seven (7) days written notice stating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairperson of the Sub-County Executive Committee may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving twenty-four hours notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of such meeting.

### **9.4 Quorum**

The quorum of the Sub-County Conference shall be one third of all members.

### **9.5 Sub-County Executive Committee.**

There shall be a Sub-County Executive Committee composed of:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Sub-County Conference who shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee,
- (2) After election of the chairperson, he or she shall nominate for approval or rejection by the Sub-County Conference the Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Women Leader, Assistant Women Leader, Youth Leader, Assistant Youth Leader, Workers Leader and Leader of Persons with Disability.

### **9.6 Duties of Sub-County Executive Committee**

The Sub-County Executive Committee shall: -

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District conference, the Parliamentary Constituency Conference and the Sub-County Conference

- (2) Receive and review reports from the Parish Executive Committee in the Sub-County and submit reports to the Sub-County Conference on progress and activities of the Party in the Sub-County
- (3) Organise and propagate the Party's values, principles, policies and programmes in the Sub-County.
- (4) Conduct and manage all Party election campaigns in the Sub-County and for that purpose to establish an ad hoc campaign sub-committee.
- (5) Supervise the paid staff of the Party at the Sub-County and Parish offices within the Sub-County
- (6) Undertake mobilisation for recruitment of new members in the Party
- (7) Do such other things as to promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the Sub-County.

**9.7 The meetings.**

- (1) The Sub-County Executive Committee shall meet once every two months.
- (2) The meeting shall be called by the Sub-County Chairperson, by giving seven (7) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving one day notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.

**9.8 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Sub-County Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third of all the members.

**ARTICLE 10  
PARLIAMENTARY CONTITUENCY STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY.**

**10.1 Parliamentary Constituency Conference**

There shall be Parliamentary Constituency Conference for every Parliamentary Constituency composed of the following:

- (1) The Party's member of Parliament for the Constituency;
- (2) Party members from the Constituency who are members of the UPC District Council Committee;
- (3) Party members from the Constituency who are Local Council Three Chairpersons;
- (4) All Sub-County Executive Committee members of each Sub-County in the Constituency
- (5) The Chairperson who shall be elected by the Conference.

**10.2 Duties of the Parliamentary Constituency Conference**

The Parliamentary Constituency Conference shall:

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates Conference, the National Council and the District Conference by laying out detailed programmes to be implemented by the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee.
- (2) Elect the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Constituency Conference who shall become the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Executive Committee.
- (3) Consider and approve or reject members of the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee nominated by the Chairperson;
- (4) Elect a Party candidate to run for membership of Parliament during a Parliamentary election.
- (5) In a district with only one Constituency, act as electoral college to choose the Party candidate for the Woman Member of Parliament and Local Council Five Chairpersonship.
- (6) Receive reports from Sub-County Executive Committees, Party's District Councillors and Member of Parliament for the Constituency.
- (7) Elect one member to the Delegates Conference

### **10.3 Meeting of the Parliamentary Constituency Conference**

- (1) The Parliamentary Constituency Conference shall meet at least once every six (6) months.
- (2) The Conference shall be called by the Chairperson by giving fourteen (14) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The first meeting of the Parliamentary Constituency Conference shall be convened by the Secretary General of the Party by a notice in writing stating the place, date, agenda, time and the Presiding Officer of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairperson of the Parliamentary Constituency Conference may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving forty-eight hours notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.

### **10.4 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Parliamentary Constituency Conference shall be one-third of all the members.

### **10.5 The Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee**

The Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee shall be composed as follows: -

- (1) The Parliamentary Constituency Conference Chairperson who shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee,
- (2) After election of the chairperson, he or she shall nominate for approval or rejection by the Parliamentary Constituency Conference the Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Women Leader, Assistant Women Leader, Youth Leader,

Assistant Youth Leader, Workers Leader, and Leader of Persons with Disability.

- (3) The Member of Parliament for the Constituency as *ex-officio* member.

#### **10.6 Duties of the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee**

The Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee shall: -

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates' Conference, the National Council, District Conference and the Parliamentary Constituency Conference in that Constituency
- (2) Lay down programmes which are in conformity with the policy of the Party concerning the effective propagation, organisation and supervision of the Party activities in that Constituency.
- (3) Receive and review reports from the Sub-County Executive Committees and submit reports to the Parliamentary Constituency Conference on the progress and activities of the Party in the Constituency
- (4) Effect the appointment of and supervise the Parliamentary Constituency paid staff for that Constituency.
- (5) Organize, assist and supervise Party branches and Sub-County Party offices in the Constituency
- (6) Conduct and manage all party election campaigns in the Constituency and for that purpose to establish an ad hoc campaign sub-committee;
- (7) Do such other things as to promote the values, aims and objectives of the Party in the Constituency.

#### **10.7 The meetings.**

- (1) The Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months.
- (2) The meeting of the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairperson by giving fourteen (14) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The Chairperson may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving two days notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.

#### **10.8 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third of all the members.



**ARTICLE 11**  
**DISTRICT STRUCTURE OF THE PARTY**

**11.1 The District Conference**

There shall be a District Conference of the Party which shall be composed of:-

- (1) Every Member of the Parliamentary Executive Committees in the District.
- (2) Every member of the UPC District Council Committee.
- (3) UPC Women Member of Parliament for the District.
- (4) The Chairperson who shall be elected by the Conference.

PROVIDED that in a District with only one Constituency, the Parliamentary Constituency Conference shall also serve as the District Conference.

**11.2 Duties of a District Conference**

The District Conference shall:

- (1) Implement the policy of the Party as laid down by the Delegates Conference and National Council by laying out detailed programmes to be implemented in the District by the District Executive Committee.
- (2) Elect the Chairperson of the District Conference.
- (3) Approve or reject the nominations by the Chairperson of members of the District Executive Committee.
- (4) Elect the Party candidate for elections of Woman Member of Parliament for the District and the Party candidate for elections of District Chairperson.
- (5) As District Conferences in a region, constitute the electoral college for Party candidates for the Youth and Workers Member of Parliament.
- (6) Nominate by majority vote a candidate for the Party Presidency.

**11.3 Meetings of the District Conference**

- (1) The District Conference shall meet at least once every six months.
- (2) The Conference shall be called by the Chairperson by giving fourteen (14) days notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.
- (3) The first meeting of the District Conference shall be convened by the Secretary General of the Party by a notice in writing stating the place, date, agenda, time and the Presiding Officer of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairperson of the District Conference may call an extra-ordinary meeting by giving forty-eight hours notice stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting.

#### **11.4 Quorum**

The quorum of the District Conference shall be one third of all members.

#### **11.5 The District Executive Committee**

The District Executive Committee shall be composed of:

- (1) The Chairperson of the District Conference.
- (2) The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Women Leader, Assistant Women Leader, Youth Leader, Assistant Youth Leader, Workers Leader and Leader of Persons with Disabilities.

#### **11.6 Duties of the District Executive Committee.**

The District Executive Committee shall: -

- (1) Consider general matters affecting the Party in the District.
- (2) Implement the decisions, policies and programmes of the Delegates Conference, National Council and District Conference in the District.
- (3) Conduct and manage all Party election campaigns in the District and for that purpose establish an ad hoc District Campaign Sub-Committee.
- (4) Receive and consider reports by the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committee.
- (5) Subject to the direction of the Party Cabinet, manage and control Party assets and funds in the District.
- (6) Submit regular reports to the Party Cabinet on the state of the Party, membership, financial position and such other relevant matters in the District.
- (7) Organise, establish, guide, supervise and service Party Branches in the District in accordance with the Party Constitution and policies adopted by the Delegates Conference and guidelines issued by the National Council.

#### **11.7 The Meetings.**

- (1) The District Executive Committee shall meet at least once every four months.
- (2) The meeting of the District Executive Committee shall be called by the Chairperson in writing stating the place, date, agenda and time of meeting by giving fourteen (14) days notice.
- (3) An extra-ordinary meeting may be called by the Chairperson by giving two days' notice stating the place, date, time and agenda of the meeting.

### **11.8 The Quorum.**

The quorum for the District Executive meetings shall be one-third of all the members.

## **ARTICLE 12 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL**

### **12.1 The National Council.**

There shall be a National Council of the Party, which shall be composed as follows: -

- (1) All Members of the Party Cabinet.
- (2) All Members of Parliament elected on the Party ticket.
- (3) All Chairpersons of the District Executive Committees.
- (4) All Party District Women Leaders.
- (5) All Party District Youth Leaders.
- (7) All Party District Leaders of Persons with Disability.
- (8) All Party District Workers Leaders.

### **12.2 Duties of the National Council.**

The duties of the National Council shall be as follows: -

- (1) To ensure the implementation of the policies, decisions and programmes of the Party as laid down by the Delegates Conference and to receive reports from the Party Cabinet.
- (2) To consider and approve the budget of the Party submitted to it by the Party Cabinet.
- (3) To raise and control the finances of the Party and consider reports and audited accounts submitted by the Party Cabinet.
- (4) To make rules and regulations for the implementation and enforcement of the Party Constitution.
- (5) To consider and approve the establishment of departments and staff at the Party National Headquarters.
- (6) To manage and control all assets of the Party.
- (7) To make Rules and Regulations governing terms and conditions of service of the staff of the National Headquarters Secretariat, District Headquarters staff and such other staff as the Delegates Conference may from time to time authorise.
- (8) To make guidelines on any special programmes of the Party from time to time.
- (9) Set-up appropriate volunteer programmes for executing Party work.
- (10) Establish a framework for disciplinary procedures governing Party members and staff.
- (11) To initiate and undertake such activities as may further the values, aims and objects of the Party.

### **12.3 The Meetings.**

- (1) The National Council shall meet at least once every year.
- (2) The National Chairperson on advice of the Party President shall call the meeting by notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting, giving two weeks' notice.
- (3) The Party President may in consultation with the National Chairperson may call an extra-ordinary meeting of the National Council whenever the President deems it necessary and shall give at least forty-eight hours' notice of such a meeting stating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

### **12.4 Quorum.**

The quorum of the National Council meeting shall be one-third of all the members.

## **ARTICLE 13 THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE**

### **13.1 Supremacy.**

There shall be a Delegates Conference of the Party, which shall be the supreme authority of the Party and it shall be composed of the following:

- (1) All Members of the National Council.
- (2) One Member per Parliamentary Constituency elected by the Parliamentary Constituency Conference.

### **13.2 Duties and Powers of the Delegates Conference.**

The Delegates Conference shall:

- (1) Enact or amend the Constitution of the Party.
- (2) Lay down, decide and determine the ideology, values, broad policies and programmes of the Party and approve the Party's electoral platform.
- (3) Receive and discuss the reports of the National Council, the Party President, The Secretary General and the National Treasurer.
- (4) Have the right and power to review, ratify, alter or rescind any decision taken by any Party organ, committee or official.
- (5) Elect the Party President who shall be the leader of the Party and its flag bearer at a general election, such President to be elected from candidates approved by a majority vote of at least one third of all District Conferences.
- (6) Approval or reject nominations of persons by the Party President for positions on the Party Cabinet.
- (7) In the event that the position of the Party President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume office of the Party President and shall

convene a Delegates Conference within six months to elect a new President.

### **13.3 Meeting of the Delegates Conference.**

- (1) The Delegates Conference shall meet at least twice every five years.
- (2) The Party President shall call the Delegates Conference by giving one month's notice in writing, stating the agenda, date, place and time of the meeting.
- (3) The Party President may call an extra-ordinary Delegates Conference, as he/she deems necessary by giving seven (7) days notice of such a meeting stating the agenda, time, date and place of the meeting.
- (4) The Party President shall call a Special Delegates Conference when petitioned by half of all the members of the Delegates Conference who shall state precisely in the petition the matters to be discussed and the motions or resolutions, if any, to be tabled or passed.

### **13.4 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Delegates Conference shall be one-half of all the members.

### **13.5 Voting.**

- (1) Voting at The Delegates Conference shall be by show of hands except for election, approval or rejection of a candidate which shall be by secret ballot.
- (2) Voting on controversial or key issues shall be by secret ballot if at least one third of the delegates at the Conference so demand.

## **ARTICLE 14 PARTY CABINET.**

### **14.1 The Cabinet**

There shall be a Party Cabinet which shall be composed as follows: -

- (1) The Party President.
- (2) The Vice-President, Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, National Treasurer, Assistant National Treasurer, National Chairperson, National Vice-Chairperson, National Youth Leader, Assistant National Youth Leader, National Women Leader and Assistant National Women Leader, National Workers Leader and National Leader of Persons With Disability.
- (3) The President shall hold office for a term of five years and be eligible for re-election for a further term of five years only PROVIDED that if in his/her second term, the Party President wins the General Election to become President of Uganda for the first time, then he/she shall be eligible for election as Party President for the third and last term.

- (4) The President shall relinquish office on being voted out by a two-thirds majority at the Delegates Conference, or when he or she resigns, dies or is declared a person of unsound mind by a committee of psychiatric doctors.
- (5) The motion for the resolution to remove the President must be signed by at least one-half of the members of the National Council.
- (6) The President so removed shall not be eligible for re-election.

#### **14.2 Functions of the Party Cabinet.**

The Cabinet shall:

- (1) Initiate Party policies, programmes and activities of the Party and forward them to the National Council and Delegates Conference for approval.
- (2) Be responsible for implementation of the decisions and policies of the National Council and the Delegates Conference.
- (3) Conduct and manage all Party campaigns and for that purpose establish an ad hoc national election campaign sub-committee and give guidelines to all other Party ad hoc campaign sub-committees.
- (4) Establish a cadre of paid staff at the National Headquarters within limits of establishment authorised by the National Council.
- (5) Organise, guide and supervise Party activities in District, Constituencies, Sub-counties, Parishes, Branches and External Branches.
- (6) Supervise and guide the District, Parliamentary, Constituency, Sub-County, Parish, Branch and other Party structures to carry out the decisions of the Party.
- (7) Keep the National Council informed about developments in the Party through periodic and annual reports.
- (8) Make Rules and Regulations covering procedure of meetings of the District Executive Committees, records keeping and channel of communication with Headquarters and the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committees.

#### **14.3 Functions of the Party President**

- (1) The President is the head and Chief Executive Officer of the Party and leader of the House at the Delegates Conference.
- (2) The President shall: -
  - (a) Immediately after his/her election submit his/her nominations for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, National Chairperson, National Vice Chairperson, National Woman Leader, Assistant National Woman Leader, National Youth Leader and Assistant National Youth Leader, National Workers Leader and National Leader of Persons with

- Disabilities to the Delegates Conference for approval or rejection.
- (b) Have powers to dismiss or replace any of the members so nominated by him or her and approved by the Delegates Conference PROVIDED that any such replacement must be approved by the next National Council Meeting following the replacement.
  - (c) Have power to nominate other persons if his/her nomination is rejected by Delegates Conference.
  - (d) Be responsible for the supervision and allocation of duties to the members of the Party Cabinet.
  - (e) May delegate his or her powers under this article to the Vice President, Secretary-General or any other member of the Cabinet.
  - (f) Present to the Delegates Conference a comprehensive statement on the state of the nation and that of the Party.
  - (g) Present policy and other recommendations from the National Council for decision of the Delegates Conference.
  - (h) Preside over the meeting of the Party Cabinet and the Party Parliamentary Committee.
  - (i) Oversee the day-to-day activities of the Party through the Secretary-General and the Party's various organs.
  - (j) Carry out any such functions as are necessary for efficient and effective performance of the Party in accordance with this Constitution.

#### **14.4 Vice President**

The Vice President shall: -

- (1) Assist the President in his or her functions.
- (2) Deputise for him or her when necessary.
- (3) Carry out any other functions assigned to him or her by the Party President.
- (4) Subject to article 13.2 (7) above, assume office of the Party President when the Party President is removed from office or resigns, dies or becomes a person of unsound mind.

#### **14.5 The Meetings.**

- (1) The Party Cabinet shall meet regularly at least once every month and will otherwise regulate its procedures.
- (2) The President shall call the meeting by notice in writing, stating the place, date, agenda and time of the meeting, giving such notice as the President thinks fit and may delegate the powers herein.
- (3) The President may call an extra-ordinary meeting of the Party Cabinet whenever necessary by giving at least twenty-four hours notice stating date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

**14.6 Quorum.**

The quorum for the Party Cabinet shall be one-third of all the members.

**ARTICLE 15  
THE PARTY PARLIAMENTARY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES.**

**15.1 The Party Parliamentary Committee.**

There shall be a Party Parliamentary Committee composed of all Party Members of Parliament.

**15.2 The Chairperson of the Party Parliamentary Committee.**

- (1) The Chairperson of the Party Parliamentary Committee shall be the Party President or if the Party President is not a Member of Parliament, then the Party President shall with the approval of the Party members of Parliament appoint the most senior Member of the Party cabinet or other senior Party member of the Parliament, as the Chairperson of the Party Parliamentary Committee.
- (2) The Party President shall also appoint a Party Whip.
- (3) There shall be regular meetings and consultation between the Party Parliamentary Committee and the Party Cabinet to coordinate and harmonise Party positions in Parliament and in other relevant Councils.

**15.3 Duties of the Party Parliamentary Committee.**

The Party Parliamentary Committee shall: -

- (1) Consider Government or Parliamentary business before such matters are submitted to the House for deliberation and debate and develop a group position taking into account Party policy on the matter.
- (2) Support and approve matters submitted to it by the appropriate Party Organ and galvanise all Party members to support and vote for such matters in Parliament.

**15.4 District Council Party Committee.**

There shall be a District Council Party Committee, which shall consist of Party Members of the District Council.

**15.5 The Chairperson District Council Party Committee.**



The Chairperson of the District Council Party Committee shall be the District Chairperson of the Party or if the District Chairperson of the Party is not a member of the District Council then he or she shall with the approval of the Party members of the Council appoint the most senior Party member of the Council as the Chairperson of the District Council Party Committee.

**15.6 Duties of the District Council Party Committee.**

The District Council Party Committee shall: -

- (1) Consider the District Government or Council business before such matters are submitted to the District Council for deliberation and debate.
- (2) Support and vote for any matter in the District Council originating from the appropriate Party Organs and duly approved by the District Council Party Committee.

**15.7 Sub-County Party Committee**

There shall be a Sub-County Party Committee for each Sub-County or Town Council comprised of Party Members of such Council.

**15.8 The Chairperson of the Sub-County Council Party Committee**

The Chairperson of the Sub-county Council Party Committee shall be the Sub-County Chairperson of the Party and if the Sub-County Chairperson of the Party is not a member of the Sub-county Council then such Chairperson shall with the approval of the Party members of the Sub-County Council Committee appoint the most senior Party Member in the Sub-County Council to be the Chairperson of the Sub-county Council Party Committee.

**15.9 Duties of the Sub-county Council Committee**

The Sub-County Council Party Committee shall: -

- (1) Consider the Sub-County Government or Council business before such matters are submitted to the Sub-county Council for deliberation and debate.
- (2) Support and vote for any matter in the Sub-County Council originating from the appropriate Party Organs and duly approved by the Sub-County Council Party Committee.

**ARTICLE 16  
CAMPAIGN STRUCTURES**

- 16.1** For purposes of canvassing support for Presidential, Parliamentary, and Local Government elections, the various party committees set up in article 6(2) shall establish ad hoc Campaign Sub-Committees under their area of jurisdiction.

- 16.2 The ad hoc Campaign Sub-Committees shall work under their respective committees in accordance with guidelines set up by the Party Cabinet.

**ARTICLE 17  
PARTY FUNDS**

- 17.1 The general funds of the party shall be derived from membership fees, subscriptions, investments, Party functions, donations, and such other legitimate sources that may be from time to time approved by the National Council.
- 17.2 A receipt bearing the name and the signature of the person or committee mandated by the National Council shall be issued for all monies paid to the Party.
- 17.3 Every District Executive Committee shall open a bank account in the name of the Party and the District in which all monies raised in and by the District is banked PROVIDED that this provision shall apply to all External Branches.
- 17.4 All or any part of monies paid in every District, Parliamentary Constituency, Sub-County, Parish , External Branches and Branch shall be paid to the general funds of the Party and duly banked into a bank account authorised by the Party Cabinet and the balance kept in the District or External Branch Account.
- 17.5 Allocation of funds for expenditure to Party organs shall be done centrally at the National Headquarters Secretariat in accordance with rules made by the National Council

**ARTICLE 18  
APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF**

- 18.1 The Party Cabinet shall be responsible for the appointment of National Headquarters' staff, within the limits of establishment authorised by the National Council PROVIDED that no staff shall belong to any Party organ or Party Executive Committee except the Branch General Meeting.
- 18.2 The Secretary General shall be responsible for the supervision, discipline and allocation of duties of the staff at the National Headquarters'

**ARTICLE 19  
APPOINTMENT OF STAFF IN OTHER PARTY ORGANS**

- 19.1 The District Executive Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of all staff in the District Party office and to issue guidelines to the Parliamentary Constituency Executive Committees, Sub-County Executive Committees, Parish Executive Committee and Branch Executive Committees with regards to appointment of Party Staff in their jurisdiction within the limits prescribed by the National Council PROVIDED that no staff shall belong to any Party organ or Party Executive Committee except the Branch General Meeting.

- 19.2** The District Party Chairperson shall be responsible for the supervision of the staff and may delegate his duty to the Secretary or in his absence to any other Party officials as he/she may deem necessary.

**ARTICLE 20  
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF STAFF**

The Party Cabinet shall make Rules and Regulations governing terms and conditions of service of the staff of the National Headquarters' Secretariat, and such other staff as the Party Cabinet may from time to time authorise.

**ARTICLE 21  
PARTY ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

- 21.1** The Party President shall appoint members of the Party to constitute the Party Electoral Commission which shall process applications from Party members for candidature for Members of Parliament, District Council, Local Council 5 Chairmanship, Local Council 3 Chairmanship, Local Council 2 Chairmanship and Local Council 1 Chairmanship and Council members for Local Council 5, 3, 2 and 1 PROVIDED that the Party Electoral Commission shall consult with Party organs on any application or candidates for the Parliamentary, and Local Council 5, Local Council 3, Local Council 2 and Local Council 1 elections.
- 21.2** The Party Electoral Commission may delegate any of its functions to the District Executive Committee or other lower organs of the Party.

**ARTICLE 22  
CODE OF ETHICS**

- 22.1** There shall be a Code of Ethics of the Party to govern intra-Party relationship.
- 22.2** The Party Cabinet shall draft the Code and shall from time to time propose amendments to the Code of Ethics which shall be tabled to the National Council for its approval, amendments or rejection.
- 22.3** Breach of any provisions of the Code of Ethics shall constitute wrongful conduct that may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

**ARTICLE 23  
RULES, REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS.**

- 23.1** The National Council shall have the power to adopt rules, regulations and by-laws for the implementation of this Constitution.
- 23.2** These rules, regulations and by-laws may be altered or amended by a simple

majority vote at any regular meeting of the National Council PROVIDED that no amendment shall be put to a vote unless written notice of such amendment shall have been delivered to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.

- 23.3** Any by-law may be suspended at any meeting of the National Council by a unanimous vote of all members present.

#### **ARTICLE 24 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

**24.1 Discipline.**

- (1) All Party members without exception and employees of the Party must abide by the Party Constitution, Rules, Regulations, By-laws and the Code of Ethics as adopted and amended from time to time.
- (2) There shall be a National Disciplinary Committee and Sub-County Disciplinary Committees which shall be setup under regulations prescribed by the National Council.
- (3) The National Council shall provide a framework for disciplinary actions, procedures and penalties.

**24.2 Fair Hearing**

In all their proceedings, the disciplinary committees shall observe and apply the principles of fair hearing, natural justice and fundamental justice.

#### **ARTICLE 25 AMENDMENTS.**

- 25.1** Any amendments to this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting at the Delegates Conference.
- 25.2** Notice of intent to propose any amendments to the Constitution should be forwarded to the office of the Secretary-General at least three months before the Delegates Conference.
- 25.3** The Party President shall give at least one month's notice for any Constitutional amendment.

#### **ARTICLE 27 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- 27.1** When this Constitution comes into force, all persons holding offices under the previous Constitution shall, subject to this Constitution continue to hold such offices until new elections are held under this Constitution.
- 27.2** When this Constitution comes into force, the President elected under the old

Constitution for a term of seven (7) years shall continue to hold that office for term not exceeding five (5) years from the time of his/her election.

**IN WITNESS** whereof the Constitution as Amended and adopted by the Annual Delegates Conference has been signed by the Party President and Secretary General the day and year first above written.

**Party President**

**Secretary General**