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## **INTERNAL ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS the APC Constitution came into effect on the 7th of March 2022;

**AND WHEREAS** Articles 48(e) and 54(c) make it the responsibility of the National Party Secretariat to develop electoral rules and regulations to be approved by the National Advisory Committee and submitted to the Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC) for publication in the National Gazette;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 54(e) requires the reviewing and revision of Election Rules and Regulations in every election circle to meet the prevailing circumstances;

**AND WHEREAS** the existing National Electoral System is on the basis of the District Block Proportional Representation System which does not include wards and constituencies;

**AND WHEREAS** the current APC Constitution gazetted on the 7th March, 2022, has as part of it both Ward and Constituency Executive elections;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ward and Constituency Executive elections are to enhance inclusive grassroots participation for the organic growth of democracy within the APC Party and for effective organisation of elections;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 31(e) of the 2022 APC Constitution has created the Diaspora as a Region of the Party;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 31(h) has granted powers to the Diaspora Region to create manuals and operational guidelines for its activities to reflect its locality, consistent with the 2022 APC Constitution;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 29(d) gives the National Secretary General the power to determine the date and place for Regional Elections.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the National Advisory Committee having met on the 22nd of April, 2025, and considered the proposed Electoral Rules and Regulations developed by the National Party Secretariat hereby approves the following Rules and Regulations to govern the set of elections to be conducted under the 7th March, 2022 APC Constitution:

### **SECTION 1 (ARTICLE 36 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)**

#### **WARD-ELECTIONS:**

1. A Ward Election shall be conducted in every place demarcated or previously considered as such by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL).
2. The Ward Election shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party, not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
3. All registered and fully paid-up members of the Party within the Ward shall constitute the voting delegates at the elections.
4. For a member to be eligible to vote at a Party election, that member must have been a registered paid-up member of the Party consistently for one year before the date of the relevant convention or election.
5. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Ward Election, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than ONE year, pursuant to the general provision stated in Article 54 of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.



6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Ward Elections:

- i. The Ward Chairman;
- ii. The Deputy Ward Chairman;
- iii. The Ward Secretary;
- iv. The Ward Organizing Secretary;
- v. The Ward Treasurer;
- vi. The Ward Public Relations Officer;
- vii. The Ward Women's Leader;
- viii. The Ward Veteran Leader;
- ix. The Ward Young Congress Leader;

7. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

## **SECTION 2 (ARTICLE 35 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-CONSTITUENCY CONVENTIONS:**

1. A Constituency Convention shall be conducted in every place demarcated or previously considered as such by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL).
2. The Constituency Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
3. The Executive Members elected at the Ward elections and the sitting councillors (if they are members of the Party), the outgoing Constituency Executive, shall constitute the voting delegates at the Convention.
4. Pursuant to Article 34(b) of the 2022 Constitution, the Constituency Convention shall consist of the Constituency Chairman, Members of the Constituency Executive Committee as prescribed in Article 35(b) (i - xviii), the Ward Chairmen in that Constituency and Members of each Ward Executive Committee in that Constituency.
5. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Constituency Convention, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than TWO years pursuant to Article 55(f) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.

6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Constituency Conventions:

- i. The Constituency Chairman;
- ii. The Deputy Constituency Chairman;
- iii. The Constituency Secretary;
- iv. The Assistant Constituency Secretary;
- v. The Constituency Organizing Secretary;
- vi. The Deputy Constituency Organizing Secretary;
- vii. The Constituency Treasurer;
- viii. The Assistant Constituency Treasurer;
- ix. The Constituency Public Relations Officer;
- x. The Deputy Constituency Public Relations Officer;
- xi. The Constituency Women's Leader;

- xii. The Deputy Constituency Women's Leader;
  - xiii. The Constituency Veterans Leader;
  - xiv. The Deputy Constituency Veterans Leader;
  - xv. The Constituency Young Leader;
  - xvi. The Deputy Constituency Young Leader;
7. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

**SECTION 3 (ARTICLE 32 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**

1. A District Convention shall be conducted in every place demarcated as such by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL).
2. The District Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
3. All Constituency Executive Members of the Constituencies as stated in Article 35(b) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party, within a particular district shall constitute the voting delegates at the Convention.
4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a District Convention, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than TWO years pursuant to Article 55(e) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
5. The following positions shall be contested for at the District Conventions:
  - i. The District Chairman;
  - ii. The Deputy Chairman;
  - iii. The District Secretary;
  - iv. The Assistant District Secretary;
  - v. The District Organizing Secretary;
  - vi. The Deputy District Organizing Secretary;
  - vii. The District Public Relations Officer;
  - viii. The Deputy District Public Relations Officer;
  - ix. The District Treasurer;
  - x. The Assistant District Treasurer;
  - xi. The District Financial Secretary;
  - xii. The District Women's Leader;
  - xiii. The Deputy District Women's Leader;
  - xiv. The District Veteran Leader;
  - xv. The Deputy District Veteran Leader;
  - xvi. The District Young Leader;
  - xvii. The Deputy District Young Leader;
  - xviii. The two ex - officio members elected at the District Convention.



6. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

#### **SECTION 4 (ARTICLE 29 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-REGIONAL CONVENTIONS:**

1. A Regional Convention shall be conducted in every place demarcated as such by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL).
2. For the purposes of elections, the Diaspora shall be considered as a region of the Party and treated as such.
3. The Regional Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections. However, the Diaspora Regional Election shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the National Secretary General and the methodology of the election shall be determined by the Internal Elections Management Committee (IEMC), through its Election Procedures Manual.
4. All District Executive Members of the Districts within a particular region shall constitute the voting delegates at the Convention pursuant to Article 29 (b) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
5. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Regional Convention, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE years pursuant to Article 55 (d) of the Constitution of the Party.
6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Regional Conventions pursuant to Article 30(b) of the Constitution of the Party:
  - i. The Regional Chairman;
  - ii. The Deputy Regional Chairman;
  - iii. The Regional Secretary;
  - iv. The Assistant Regional Secretary;
  - v. The Regional Organizing Secretary;
  - vi. The Deputy Regional Organizing Secretary;
  - vii. The Regional Public Relations Officer;
  - viii. The Deputy Regional Public Relations Officer;
  - ix. The Regional Legal Adviser;
  - x. The Regional Treasurer;
  - xi. The Assistant Regional Treasurer;
  - xii. The Regional Financial Secretary;
  - xiii. The Regional Women's Leader;
  - xiv. The Deputy Regional Women's Leader;
  - xv. The Regional Veterans Leader;
  - xvi. The Deputy Regional Veterans Leader;
  - xvii. The Regional Young Leader;
  - xviii. The Deputy Regional Young Leader;
  - xix. Two ex - officio members elected at the Regional Convention.

7. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

**SECTION 5 (ARTICLE 26 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION-SPECIAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONGRESS CONFERENCE)**

1. The Special National Women's Congress Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. The Constituency Women's Leaders, the District Women's Leaders, the Regional Women's Leaders and the outgoing National Officers of the Women's Congress shall constitute the voting delegates at the Conference pursuant to Article 26(g) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
3. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the Special Conference, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE years pursuant to Article 55(c) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
4. The following positions shall be contested for at the Conference pursuant to Article 26(f) of the Party's Constitution:
  - i. National Women's Leader
  - ii. Deputy National Women's Leader
  - iii. National Women's Secretary-General
  - iv. Deputy National Women's Secretary-General
  - v. National Women's Organising Secretary
  - vi. Deputy National Women's Organising Secretary;
  - vii. National Women's Publicity Secretary;
  - viii. Deputy Women's Publicity Secretary;
  - ix. National Women's Treasurer;
  - x. Deputy National Women's Treasurer;
  - xi. National Women's Legal Adviser;
  - xii. Deputy National Women's Legal Adviser;
  - xiii. National Women's Financial Secretary;
  - xiv. Deputy National Women's Financial Secretary;
  - xv. National Women's Whip.
5. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

**SECTION 6 (ARTICLE 27 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-SPECIAL NATIONAL VETERANS CONGRESS CONFERENCE:**

1. The Special National Veterans Congress Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. The Constituency Veteran Leaders, the District Veteran Leaders, the Regional Veteran Leaders and the outgoing National officers of the Veterans Congress, shall constitute the voting delegates at the Conference pursuant to Article 27(g) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.



3. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the Special Conference, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE years pursuant Article 55(c) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
4. The following positions shall be contested for at the Conference pursuant to Article 27(f) of the Constitution of the Party:
  - i. National Veterans Leader
  - ii. Deputy National Veterans Leader
  - iii. National Veterans Secretary-General
  - iv. Deputy National Veterans Secretary-General
  - v. National Veterans Organising Secretary
  - vi. Deputy National Veterans Organising Secretary;
  - vii. National Veterans Publicity Secretary;
  - viii. Deputy Veterans Publicity Secretary;
  - ix. National Veterans Treasurer;
  - x. Deputy National Veterans Treasurer;
  - xi. National Veterans Legal Adviser;
  - xii. Deputy National Veterans Legal Adviser;
  - xiii. National Veterans Financial Secretary;
  - xiv. Deputy National Veterans Financial Secretary;
  - xv. National Veterans Whip.
5. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall apply in a prescribed form, pay the requisite fee in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose and submit the application to the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

**SECTION 7 (ARTICLE 45 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-NATIONAL UNION OF APC STUDENTS**

1. A Special Delegate Convention shall be conducted for the National Union of APC Students (NUAS) pursuant to Article 45 of the 2022 APC Constitution.
2. The NUAS Special Delegate Convention shall be conducted at such a place and time, to be communicated by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
3. Delegates for the NUAS Special Delegate Convention shall be drawn from all NUAS Constituent Member Higher Learning Institutions to be established by the National Young Congress (NYC) and approved by the National Secretariat.
4. The National Executive of NUAS shall with the approval of the President forward a provisional list of eligible higher learning institutions to the leadership of the NYC for approval at least thirty (30) days before the elections.
5. The following below shall constitute executives of the constituent colleges:
  - i. Campus President
  - ii. Campus Vice President
  - iii. Campus Secretary
  - iv. Campus Deputy Secretary

- v. Campus Organising Secretary
  - vi. Campus Deputy Organising Secretary
  - vii. Campus Chairlady
  - viii. Campus Deputy Chairlady
  - ix. Campus Publicity Secretary
  - x. Campus Deputy Publicity Secretary
  - xi. Campus Financial Secretary
  - xii. Campus Deputy Financial Secretary
  - xiii. Campus Treasurer
  - xiv. Campus Deputy Treasurer
  - xv. Campus Whip
  - xvi. Campus Chief Adviser
6. Pursuant to the above, a total of five (5) elected executives of the constituent colleges shall be representatives of the higher learning institution they are admitted to, at the NUAS National Special Delegates elections, and they are, the Campus President, Campus Vice President, Campus Secretary, Campus Organising Secretary, and Campus Chairlady, and these representatives from each higher learning institution, shall in turn elect the 20 delegates to represent NUAS at the National Delegates Conference, pursuant to Article 16(iii) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
7. For a member to be qualified as a delegate for the NUAS Special Convention, that member must:
- a. Be a registered and active student of the Higher Learning Institution where he/she is a student.
  - b. Be a registered and fully paid-up member consistently for one year to the NUAS Chapter in the Higher Learning Institution that nominates him/her.
  - c. Be a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party consistently for one year before the date of the NUAS Special Convention pursuant to Article 54(g) of the 7th March, 2022 APC Constitution.
8. The National Executive of NUAS shall submit the list of delegates on behalf of the respective higher learning institutions to the National Secretariat.
9. The National Young Congress, together with the National Secretariat, shall within seven (7) days of receipt of the provisional list of higher learning institutions:
- a. Conduct verification and confirmation of the said list by way of publication or any other means deemed necessary.
  - b. Publish the final list of eligible higher learning institutions and delegates, that would have been approved by the National Secretariat, at least twenty-one (21) days from the date of the Special Convention, pursuant to Article 18(d) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
10. The following positions shall be contested for at the National Union of APC Students' Special Convention:
- i. National President
  - ii. Regional Vice Presidents (at least one from each region)
  - iii. Secretary General
  - iv. National Chairlady



- v. Deputy National Chairlady
  - vi. Deputy Secretary General
  - vii. Publicity Secretary
  - viii. Deputy Publicity Secretary
  - ix. Financial Secretary
  - x. Deputy Financial Secretary
  - xi. Treasurer
  - xii. Deputy Treasurer
  - xiii. Organising Secretary
  - xiv. Deputy Organising Secretary
  - xv. Chief Adviser
  - xvi. Whip
11. The elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot system by the Internal Elections Management Committee (IEMC).
12. Any member who wishes to contest to be a delegate shall submit an application in a prescribed form to the National Young Congress, under the supervision of the National Secretariat, on a date to be announced by the National Secretary General and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the National Secretariat of the Party. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

**SECTION 8 (ARTICLE 28 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)- SPECIAL NATIONAL YOUNG CONGRESS CONFERENCE:**

1. The Special National Young Congress Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. The Constituency Young Leaders, the District Young Leaders, the Regional Young Leaders, the National Executive of NUAS and the outgoing National Officers of the National Young Congress, shall constitute the voting delegates at the Conference pursuant to Article 28(g) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
3. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the Special Conference, that member must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party and the Young Congress for a continuous period of not less than TWO years pursuant to Article 55(f) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
4. The following positions shall be contested for at the Conference pursuant to Article 28(f) of the Constitution of the Party:
  - a. National Young Leader
  - b. Deputy National Young Leader
  - c. National Young Secretary-General
  - d. Deputy National Young Secretary-General
  - e. National Young Organising Secretary
  - f. Deputy National Young Organising Secretary;
  - g. National Young Publicity Secretary;
  - h. Deputy National Young Publicity Secretary;
  - i. National Young Treasurer;

- j. Deputy National Young Treasurer;
  - k. National Young Legal Adviser;
  - l. Deputy National Young Legal Adviser;
  - m. National Young Financial Secretary;
  - n. Deputy National Young Financial Secretary;
  - o. National Young Whip.
5. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall submit an application in a prescribed form and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

#### **SECTION 9 (ARTICLE 39 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-LOCAL COUNCIL GROUP DELEGATES**

1. The elections shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. All APC councillors belonging to a particular local council shall have a right to vote and be voted for at the elections.
3. All local councils with 30 or more APC councillors shall elect 10 delegates (including the Mayor/Chairperson) to represent them at the National Delegates Conference (NDC). All councils with less than 30 APC councillors shall elect not more than 5 representatives (including the Mayor/Chairperson) to represent them at the National Delegates Conference (NDC) pursuant to Article 16(viii) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
4. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot system.
5. Any member who wishes to contest to be a delegate shall submit an application in writing and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their Party cards, together with the application.

#### **SECTION 10 (ARTICLE 16 (XI) OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION - AFFILIATE/ ASSOCIATE GROUPS:**

1. Affiliate/Associate Groups who subscribe to the aims, objectives, philosophy and programs of the Party and who are registered members of the Party are the ones eligible to vote as delegates in the National Delegates Conference pursuant to Article 48(g) & (h) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
2. Representation of affiliate/associate groups shall not exceed two (2) percent of the total number of delegates' count, which shall be determined by the Internal Elections Management Committee (IEMC) Elections Procedures Manual, at the National Delegates Conference, such delegates to be elected by the groups they represent.
3. The elections shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
4. All registered affiliate groups of the Party shall send a representative each to represent them at the elections, for the determination of their delegates.
5. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot system.



6. Any group that wishes to contest for a delegate status shall submit an application in a prescribed form and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the affiliation certificate of that group and the support from one other affiliate group who shall also submit a copy of its affiliation certificate together with the application.

**SECTION 11 (ARTICLES 40 AND 41 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)-FORMER MPS  
AND FORMER COUNCILLORS:**

1. The elections shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. All registered members of these groups, who are also registered and fully paid-up members of the Party, shall have a right to contest for delegate positions.
3. Members in these groups shall have ten (10) delegates each in the National Delegates Conference, pursuant to Article 16(ix) & (x) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
4. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot system.
5. The following positions shall be contested for at the Former MPs' Group election:
  - a. Chairperson
  - b. Deputy Chairperson
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Deputy Secretary
  - e. Organising Secretary
  - f. Deputy Organising Secretary
  - g. Treasurer
  - h. Financial Secretary
  - i. Women's Leader
  - j. Whip
  - k. Auditor
6. All elected officers of the Former MPs' Group, apart from the Auditor, shall constitute the voting delegates of the Group at the National Delegates Conference.
7. The following positions shall be contested for at the Former Councillors' Group election and they shall constitute the delegates of the Group at the National Delegates Conference:
  - a. National Coordinator/Chairman
  - b. Deputy National Coordinator/Deputy Chairman
  - c. National Secretary
  - d. National Women's Coordinator
  - e. National Youth Coordinator
  - f. Diaspora Coordinator
  - g. District Coordinator representing the Northern District
  - h. District Coordinator representing the North-western District
  - i. District Coordinator representing the South-eastern District
  - j. District Coordinator representing the Western Area

8. Any member who wishes to contest shall submit an application in a prescribed form and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the signature of one other member who shall submit a copy of their Party card, together with the application.

**SECTION 12 (ARTICLE 44 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION-PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITY GROUP:**

1. The elections shall be conducted at such a place to be named by the National Secretariat of the Party not later than 7 days before the conduct of the elections.
2. All registered members categorized as such shall have a right to contest and vote for an executive office and/or a delegate position.
3. This group shall elect five (5) delegates in the Persons with Disability Convention to serve as delegates in the National Delegates Conference, pursuant to Article 16(vii) of the 2022 Constitution of the Party.
4. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot system.
5. Any member who wishes to contest to be an executive member shall submit an application in a prescribed form and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their authorised Party cards, together with the application.
6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Persons with Disability Group election:
  - a. National Leader/National Coordinator
  - b. Deputy National Leader/ Deputy National Coordinator
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Deputy Secretary
  - e. Organising Secretary
  - f. Deputy Organising Secretary
  - g. Public Relations Officer
  - h. Financial Secretary
  - i. Women's Leader
  - j. Whip
  - k. Coordinator for the blind
  - l. Coordinator for the deaf
  - m. Coordinator for the physically challenged
  - n. District Coordinators
7. The following elected officers shall constitute the voting delegates of the Group at the National Delegates Conference:
  - a. The National Leader/National Coordinator
  - b. The Deputy National Leader/Deputy National Coordinator
  - c. The Secretary
  - d. The Organising Secretary
  - e. The Women's Leader

**SECTION 13 -THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE:**



1. The National Delegates Conference shall be held at such date and time as provided in the Election Timeline approved by National Advisory Committee (NAC), pursuant to Article 20 (e) of the 2022 APC constitution, such date to be announced by the National Secretary General at least 6 months before the due date pursuant to Article 18 (a) of the 2022 APC constitution.
2. The Conference shall be held at such a place to be determined by the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and announced by the National Secretariat of the Party at least 6 months before the due date for the holding of the Conference pursuant to Article 18(a) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
3. The Conference shall elect:
  - " The 12 Non-Executive Members of the National Advisory Committee (NAC), with at least two from each region pursuant to Article 19(xx) of the 2022 Party's Constitution, with an exception of sitting members of Parliament, Councillors, Mayors and District Chairmen because they are sitting executive members pursuant to Constitution of the Party;
  - " The Members of the Internal Elections Management Committee (IEMC), which shall consist of the following positions:
    - a. National Coordinator
    - b. Regional Coordinators, two from each region
    - c. District Coordinators, one from each district
    - d. District Coordinators of the Diaspora districts
  - " The Internal Auditor;
  - " The Party's Leader and Flagbearer for the 2028 Presidential Elections; and
  - " The below listed National Officers.
4. The following National Officers shall be elected at the National Delegates Conference:
  - a. National Chairman;
  - b. Deputy National Chairman;
  - c. National Secretary-General;
  - d. Deputy National Secretary-General;
  - e. National Organizing Secretary;
  - f. Deputy National Organizing Secretary;
  - g. National Publicity Secretary;
  - h. Deputy National Publicity Secretary;
  - i. National Treasurer;
  - j. Deputy National Treasurer;
  - k. National Legal Adviser;
  - l. Deputy National Legal Adviser;
  - m. National Financial Secretary;
  - n. Deputy National Financial Secretary;
  - o. National Chaplain;
  - p. National Imam;
  - q. National Whip;

5. The following shall constitute the voting delegates at the National Delegates Conference pursuant to Article 16 of the 2022 APC constitution:
  - a. All Members of the National Advisory Committee, the National Officers of the Party, the National Executive Committee, the Regional and District Executive Committees, Members of Parliament belonging to the Party, Members of the Elders Council, Ministers and Ambassadors who are members of the Party when the Party is in governance;
  - b. Fifteen delegates from the National Women's Congress including the Leader and the Secretary;
  - c. Fifteen delegates from the National Young Congress including the Leader and Secretary and, twenty more delegates from the National Union of APC Students;
  - d. Fifty delegates from the Diaspora (including a representative from all branches, chapters or geographical divisions as the case may be;
  - e. Fifteen delegates from the National Veterans Congress, five of whom must be drawn from the five regions in the Country;
  - f. Eight delegates from each constituency comprising the Constituency Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Women's Leader, the Veterans Leader, the Young People's Leader, the Secretary, the Organizing Secretary and the Public Relations Officer;
  - g. Five delegates from the Persons with Disability Wing;
  - h. Ten delegates from each local council having thirty or more APC councillors and five delegates from each local council with less than thirty APC councillors; including to the Mayor/Chairperson of that Local Council;
  - i. Ten former APC Members of Parliament;
  - j. Ten former APC Councillors;
  - k. Representation from affiliate groups constituting not more than two percent of the total delegates' count, such delegates to be elected by the groups they represent.
6. For a member to be eligible to be voted for as a National Officer such person must have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE years pursuant to Article 55(c) of the 2022 APC Constitution.
7. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall submit an application in a prescribed form and pay a requisite fee to be paid in a mode to be communicated by the party for that purpose. The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members who shall submit a copy of their authorised Party cards, together with the application.

#### **SECTION 14-ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE (ARTICLE 56 OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION)**

1. The Presidential Candidate shall be elected by the delegates present and voting at the National Delegates Conference.
2. For a member to contest and be eligible to be voted for, that Member must have been a registered paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE years leading up to the date of the flagbearer election he seeks to contest in.
3. A Presidential Aspirant must secure fifty (50) percent plus one vote of the delegates to be elected Presidential Candidate.



4. Where no candidate secures such votes, a runoff election shall be conducted between the two candidates who polled the highest delegate votes in the first election.
5. The National Chairman shall not contest for the position of Presidential Candidate.
6. Any other officer of the Party who intends to contest as a Presidential Candidate shall resign from such position at least six months before the National Delegates Conference.
7. A member shall not be nominated as the Party's Presidential Candidate for more than two times, provided that if the nominee fails at the national polls at the first attempt but is again nominated by the Party and wins the subsequent Presidential Election, he may be eligible to be nominated by the Party for a third and final time.
8. Election of the Presidential Candidate shall be held at least two years before the anticipated date for the Presidential Election when the Party is not in governance and at least one year before the anticipated Presidential Election date where the Party is in governance.

**SECTION 15 - PUBLICATION OF VOTERS' REGISTER-ARTICLE 54(h) OF THE 2022 APC CONSTITUTION**

The Register of eligible voters shall be published by the National Secretary General 21 days before the relevant convention.

**SECTION 16-TIMING FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION FEES**

1. Any member who wishes to contest for an executive position at any level of the Party Structure shall submit an application not later than the time specified for such in the Elections Timeline approved by the National Advisory Committee NAC.
2. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall pay a fee as prescribed below:

| POSITION   | AMOUNT (LE) - equivalent in foreign currencies for diaspora |
|--|---|
| Flagbearer                                       | 100,000.00  |
| National Chairman                                | 20,000.00   |
| Deputy National Chairman                         | 15,000.00   |
| National Secretary General                       | 10,000.00   |
| Deputy National Secretary General                | 5,000.00  |
| All other substantive National Officer Positions | 5,000.00  |
| All other deputy National Officer Positions      | 3,000.00  |
| Regional Chairmen                                | 3,000.00  |
| All other Regional Executive Positions           | 1,000.00  |
| National Women's Leader                          | 2,500.00  |
| All other National Women's Congress positions    | 500.00  |
| National Veterans Leader                         | 2,500.00  |
| All other National Veterans Congress positions   | 500.00  |
| National Young Leader                            | 2,500.00  |
| All other National Young Congress positions      | 500.00  |
| District Chairmen                                | 2,000.00  |
| All other District Executive positions           | 1,000.00  |
| Constituency Chairmen                            | 500.00  |
| All other Constituency Executive positions       | 250.00  |
| Ward Chairmen                                    | 100.00  |
| All other Ward Executive positions               | 50.00   |
| Former MPs, Former Councillors                   | 1000-MPs  |
| Affiliate Groups and other bodies                | 500-Councillors   |
| delegate status                                  | 500-Affiliates  |