

**CONSTITUTION**

**OF**

**ANAMBRA YOUTH CONGRESS**

**Motto: United for Progress**

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## **Section 1: Preamble**

We the several persons, indigenes of Anambra State of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who for the time being have elected to be members of Anambra Youth Congress, do HEREBY agree to give to ourselves the following constitution as our binding document.

## **Section 2: Supremacy of the Constitution**

- 2.1. This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all officials and members of the Congress.
- 2.2. The Anambra Youth Congress shall not be governed nor shall any official or member or group of officials or members take control of the leadership of the Congress or any of its department or committees thereof, except in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 2.3. If any other law, bye-law or rules etc made by any official, the Congress or Committee is inconsistent with any provision of this Constitution, This Constitution shall prevail and that other law shall to the extent of its inconsistency be void except any Law of the Federation or State or Local Government.

## **Section 3. Identity: Name, Motto, Flag, Colour and Anthem, Uniform.**

- 3.1. The name of the Association is to be known and called **Anambra Youth Congress (AYC)**.

- 3.2. In any instance where the name Anambra Youth Congress has previously been used to identify the association, the word "**Congress**" may subsequently be used to refer to the Association.
- 3.3. The motto of the Congress shall be; **united for progress**
- 3.4. There shall be a flag for the Association to be in the custody of the officials of the Congress.
- 3.5. The flag shall be present at every properly constituted meeting of the Congress which shall be made up of the two colours of the congress.
- 3.6. The Flag may be mounted at the office and any property belonging to the Congress.
- 3.7. The Colours of the Congress shall be Gold and Black.
- 3.8. The Congress shall have an anthem as provided in the 3<sup>rd</sup> schedule of this Constitution. Such Anthem shall be sung in every Congress and major event of the Congress.
- 3.9. Our Uniform shall be a Muffler which shall be made of gold and black colour and shall have our name and motto written on it.

#### **Section 4: PRINCIPAL OFFICE:**

- 4.1.** The principal office of the Congress shall be in Awka, Anambra State Nigeria.
- 4.2.** The Congress may have other offices within the state for ease of administration

## **Section 5: Purpose**

- 5.1. The main purpose of the Congress shall be to unite all Anambra youths under one umbrella to enable us address more effectively issues that affects its members.
- 5.2. The Congress shall focus on areas of social justice, employment, security, education, welfare, sports and social integration with the aim of enhancing the entire livelihood of its members.
- 5.3. To Foster friendly relationship, cooperation, love and unity among members.
- 5.4. To promote and hold on to the Igbo cultural values in line with global best practices.
- 5.5. To create synergies with the international community and other bodies who share similar objectives with the Congress for the good of its members.
- 5.6. To acquire and hold property whether moveable or immoveable, for the benefit of the members of the Congress.
- 5.7. To award scholarship or other payment in furtherance of the objectives of the Congress.
- 5.8. To seek and promote women and youth empowerment and to engage in activities ancillary to same.
- 5.9. To do all other such things which are necessary to be done in furtherance of its objectives.

## **Section 6: Membership**

- 6.1. Membership of the Congress shall be limited to any persons of full mental capacity who are of Anambra origin who is between the ages of 18 to 45 years old and indicates interest to join the Congress and whose name is entered in the register of members either in the hard copy register or through electronic medium.
- 6.2. Where a person who is a member of the congress becomes above the age bracket, such person ceases to be a member a day after his 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 6.3. To determine age for the purpose of ascertaining eligibility to becoming a member, the birth certificate of such person seeking to become a member shall be presented.
- 6.4. Where a person seeking to become a member has no birth certificate or could not be presented, any of the valid identity card of the person seeking to be a member where his age appears shall suffice. Such identity cards are Permanent Voter's Card, International Passport or Drivers License.
- 6.5. To determine who is an indigene for the purpose of ascertaining eligibility of a person seeking to become a member of the Congress, the Anambra state certificate of state of origin shall be used or in the alternative a letter from the president general of his/her town union.
- 6.6. Where a person seeking to become member of the Congress has none of the documents identified in sub section 4 and 5 of this article, an affidavit sworn to at any competent court in the state shall suffice for the purpose of determining his/her age or state of origin.

- 6.7. A person who is of unsound mind cannot join the Congress however, where a person who is already a member of the Congress becomes mentally ill, such person is still a member of the congress notwithstanding his/her mental incapacity.
- 6.8. Where a person who is a member of the Congress becomes mentally deranged, such a person, though a member of the Congress cannot vote or be voted for or be appointed in any position or given any task in the Congress.
- 6.9. Notwithstanding section 6.1, a lady who is not an indigene of Anambra State is eligible to be a member of the Congress if such lady is married to an indigene of Anambra State as at the time of registration to be a member provided such lady is within the age limit of membership and have no other impediment.
- 6.10. A lady who seeks to be a member of the Congress under section 6.9 shall upon registration tender her marriage certificate. Where such marriage is conducted under local tradition and custom, such lady shall present satisfactory evidence of marriage to the executives of the Congress.
- 6.11. A lady who becomes a member of the Congress under section 6.9 of this Constitution shall not cease to be a member for reason only on the ground of divorce or separation except on the ground of nullity of marriage.
- 6.12. Notwithstanding section 6.1 above, anybody who is not an indigene of Anambra state may be a member of the Congress upon duly completing and submitting an expression of interest (EOI) form to

the Executive of the Congress provided such person is within the age limit of membership and has no other limitation.

6.13. The Executives shall present such person to the Congress either physically or in his absence as well as his biography and the Congress shall pass a resolution admitting or rejecting the person.

6.14. Where the Congress passes a resolution admitting him as a member, the person becomes a member upon payment of prescribed fee as to be fixed by the executives of the Congress.

6.15. Anybody who becomes a member under section 6.12 of this Constitution shall be called an Honourary member.

6.16. All honourary members shall be financial members of the Congress and shall enjoy all rights and privileges due to members of the Congress.

## **7. Categories of Membership.**

7.1. There shall be 3 categories of membership for the Congress

- a. Non financial member
- b. Financial member and
- c. Trustee

7.2. Non financial member is a person who elects to be a member of the Congress and has met all requirement and has his name entered into the register of members without any financial obligation towards the Association.

7.3. A Non financial member has the following rights and privileges;

- a. Right to participate in any activity the Congress organizes for the Anambra youths.

- b. Right to vote on issues where the Congress has to decide on who to support in a state or national election.
  - c. The privilege of accessing scholarships, aids, grants or any support, goodwill or patronage from the Congress.
- 7.4. A financial member is a person of who elects to be a member of the Congress and has met all requirement and has his name entered into the register of members with financial obligations towards the Association in terms of dues and Levy.
- 7.5. A financial member has the following rights and privileges;
- a. Right to participate in any activity the Congress organizes for the Anambra youths.
  - b. Right to vote on issues where the Congress has to decide on who to support in a state or national election.
  - c. Right to attend physical or virtual meetings of the Congress as organized by the executives or any adhoc body acting in their stead.
  - d. Right to vote and be voted for into any elective position of the Congress.
  - e. Privilege to be appointed Trustee of the Congress in line with the conditions for being a Trustee.
  - f. Privilege to be appointed as a member of any committee or sub-committee of the Congress.
  - g. The privilege of accessing scholarships, aids, grants or any support, goodwill or patronage from the Congress.

7.6. A Trustee is a financial member of the Congress who is created under section 27 of this Constitution and are saddled with the responsibility of overseeing the overall wellbeing of the Congress.

7.7. Trustee has the following rights and privileges;

- a. Save for the right to vote and be voted for into any elective position of the Congress, a Trustee has all the rights of a financial member.
- b. The privilege of being honoured by the Congress in any event or ceremony where such trustee is principally involved like marriage, child dedication, chieftaincy, burial, house opening or any other event where the Congress is invited.
- c. The Privilege of special sitting position in any event or ceremony organized by the Congress.
- d. Such other privileges as identified under articles 27 and of this constitution.

## **Section 8: Occasions Congress Shall Attend**

8.1. The Occasions Congress shall attend are;

- i. Statutory Occasions and
- ii. Special Occasions

8.2. Statutory Occasions are Occasions that are mandatory for the Congress to attend and to support our member inviting us during the occasion with cash.

8.3. The statutory events and the cash support thereto shall include;

- a. Traditional Marriage or Wedding of our member.

b. Burial of spouse of a member and

c. Burial of a member.

8.4. Congress shall attend the traditional marriage or wedding of any of our member who invites us to his or her traditional marriage or wedding and such member shall be entitled to the sum of Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000.00) Only.

8.5. Attendance of such traditional marriage or wedding shall be once. Any member who is getting married again shall be considered as a special occasion.

8.6. Congress shall attend the burial of spouse of any of our member and such member shall be entitled to the sum of Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000.00) Only.

8.7. Congress shall attend the funeral of any of our member and the family of such member shall be entitled to the sum of Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000.00) Only.

8.8. The provisions of this section shall be limited to financial members and trustees only and such a financial member and trustee must have been a member for a period of at least 6months and must be up to date in his/her payment of dues.

8.9. Invitation of such event shall be in a duly constituted Local Government meeting or National Congress or may be sent to the head office of the Congress.

8.10. Attendance of such occasion shall be done by members of the local government such member belongs to however the support funds shall come from the national Congress account.

8.11. Special Occasions are any other occasions other than Statutory occasions which our member invites the congress to attend such as; Child dedication, Burial of parents or in-laws, Chieftaincy title, Birthday ceremony, ordination of priests and pastors, marriage anniversary and subsequent marriages of members where congress has attended the previous one. etc.

8.12. Congress is not under obligation to attend special occasions however members may attend on personal relationship and may make personal donations to support such member having the occasion.

## **Section 9: Termination of Membership**

9.1. A member who wishes to discontinue being a member of the Congress may do so in writing addressed to the president stating clearly his intention to withdraw his membership.

9.2. Upon receipt of such letter in (1) above, his name will be stroke of the register of members and such person from thereon ceases to be a member.

9.3. The executive may terminate the membership of a non financial member of the Association by a simple majority vote cast at the properly conveyed executive meeting of the Congress where it is alleged that a fraud/crime, indiscipline has been committed by such member or where such member is acting against the interest of the Congress.

9.4. The executive may terminate the membership of a financial member of the Association by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote cast at the properly

conveyed executive meeting of the Congress where it is alleged that a fraud/crime, indiscipline has been committed by such member or where such member is acting against the interest of the Congress.

- 9.5. Voting by the Executive for (3) and (4) above shall be preceded by a recommendation of an at least 3-man panel to be set up by the executives and selected from the financial members of the Congress after the panel must have heard from the person against whom the allegation is made and satisfied itself by a simple majority that such allegation is correct and deserving of termination of membership.

## **Section 10: Organs**

10.1. This Congress shall have the following structural organs for the purpose of effective running of its affairs.

- a. Committee**
- b. Coordinators**
- c. EXECUTIVE**
- d. Trustees**
- e. Patrons/Matrons.**

## **Section 11: Committee**

11.1. The executives of the Congress may set up Committees to oversee, organize, administer or carry out specific functions as outlined by the executives.

- 11.2. The Committees that may be set up may include but not limited to;
- a. Committee on empowerment

- b. Committee on media
- c. Committee on Security
- d. Committee on Education
- e. Committee on welfare
- f. Committee on Sports
- g. Committee on entertainment and talent development
- h. Committee on Works and Planning
- i. Committee on Legal and Advocacy
- j. Committee on diaspora engagement
- k. Committee on procurement/Logistics
- l. Committee on information public enlightenment
- m. Disciplinary Committee
- n. Committee on Arbitration and
- o. Committee to oversee the Congress's Corporative society if needed.

11.3. The establishment of the Committee shall be in a duly constituted meeting of the Congress.

11.4. Members of the Committee shall be selected from financial members of the Congress.

11.5. The executive may remove any unperforming member of the committee at any time by a simple majority without recourse to the Congress.

11.6. Tenure of the Committee shall be determined by the constituting executives not exceeding the tenure of same executives creating the committee.

- 11.7. Any succeeding administration may adopt same committee as constituted by the preceding administration.
- 11.8. Financial members of the Congress may suggest members of the Committee subject to the approval of the Executives.
- 11.9. The Executives may appoint leadership of the Committee upon establishment or may be left to the members of such Committee to appoint their leadership.
- 11.10. Any member of the Committee who has exceeded the age limit to be a member of the Congress may continue as a member of the committee during the pendency of the regime but shall not be reappointed as a member of the committee after the current administration.
- 11.11. The Executives shall from time to time create Adhoc Committees in line with the provisions of this Constitution to perform specific functions for the congress, such Adhoc Committees may include; audit Committee, Electoral Committee, Transition Committee, arbitration Committee etc.

## **Section 12: Coordinators**

- 12.1. There shall be for the Congress, Coordinators as appointed by the Trustee subject to the confirmation of the Executives by a simple majority vote.
- 12.2. The Coordinators shall include;
- a. Local government Coordinators and

b. Town Coordinators.

- 12.3. Except for Anambra state, other chapter of the Congress shall be headed by Chairmen/Chairlady and their executives in other states of the federation where the Congress operates.
- 12.4. Towns and Local Government coordinators only function in Anambra state there shall be no such coordinators in other states of the federation.
- 12.5. The Town Coordinators shall coordinate activities in their towns, report and be answerable to their respective Local Government Coordinators, the Local Government Coordinators shall coordinate activities in their Local Government, report and be answerable to the Executive of the Congress.
- 12.6. The Executives may summarily suspend any coordinator who is found wanting in the discharge of his duty and appoint an acting Coordinator pending confirmation by the Trustees.
- 12.7. The Executive may terminate the appointment of any Coordinator by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote subject to confirmation of the Trustees.
- 12.8. Where a Coordinator is suspended or appointment terminated, all remuneration shall not be paid during the pendency of the suspension or from when the appointment is terminated.
- 12.9. The Trustees may appoint a deputy Coordinator to assist a Coordinator where they deem fit and necessary following the procedure for appointing a Coordinator.

- 12.10. In any case where a Coordinator who is suspended or removed from office is deputized, the deputy automatically become the acting Coordinator.
- 12.11. Where a Coordinator is suspended by the executive the duration of the suspension must be specified, such duration not exceeding 6months.
- 12.12. Where the executive suspends a Coordinator or terminates the appointment of a Coordinator, the executive shall within 14 working days notify the trustees of such suspension or removal and requesting their rectification.
- 12.13. The Trustees as in (12) above shall within 14 working days enquire into the reason for suspension or removal, and if satisfied, rectify the suspension of the coordinator or decline such suspension where no sufficient reason for suspension is shown.
- 12.14. Where the Executive fails the notify within the time specified as in (12) above, the suspension shall immediately be invalid at the expiration of the 14 working days duration.
- 12.15. All notices of suspension or termination of office to a Coordinator shall be in writing and takes effect once notice is served.
- 12.16. The tenure of office for Coordinators shall be 3 years however, a Coordinator may be reappointed for subsequent tenures subject to the provisions of this constitution.
- 12.17. Any Coordinator who has exceeded the age limit to be a member of the Congress may continue as a Coordinator during the

pendency of the tenure but shall not be reappointed as a Coordinator after the current tenure.

### **Section 13: Executive**

- 13.1. There shall be for the Congress a duly constituted Executives members who shall oversee the entire affairs of the Congress.
- 13.2. The tenure of the Executives shall be 3 years however members of the Executives may be re-elected for additional tenure.
- 13.3. No member of the Executive shall contest or present himself for Election or occupy a particular office for more than 2 tenures.
- 13.4. Where a person who is not a member of the Executive joins the Executive during the current tenure, such person is deemed to have served 1 tenure for the purpose of counting how many tenure his has served not withstanding he did not start the administration with the other Executive.
- 13.5. Any erring executive member may be removed from office upon a petition duly presented to the congress by any member of the Congress in a properly constituted meeting.
- 13.6. The Petition shall contain the name of the erring officer, details of the offence committed and signed by the person or persons making the petition.
- 13.7. The president shall within 7 days refer the matter to the disciplinary committee who shall notify the officer complained against of the petition within 7 days and demand for a reply within 14days.

- 13.8. Where the petition is against the president, the vice president shall preside over the issue for the purpose of complying with section 13.7.
- 13.9. Where the Committee is convinced that the officer has erred and deserving of removal from office either from his reply of failure to reply, the committee shall write a report to the Congress on their findings.
- 13.10. Where the Committee indicts the officer, the Congress shall vote for the removal of the officer on a simple majority in the case of other officers or a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority where the petition is against the President of the Congress and the officer is removed.
- 13.11. Where the presiding officer fails to act in accordance to sections 13.7, petition may be served upon the officer complained against by any member of the Congress either via wats app or other electronic means where there must be sufficient proof of service.
- 13.12. Once a petition is served as in 13.11 above, the officer complained against is expected to reply the Congress within 14 days after service of such petition on him.
- 13.13. Where the officer fails to reply or the reply is not satisfactory, Congress may remove such an officer upon a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote.
- 13.14. Any Executive member shall cease to hold such office if he;
- a. resigns from office
  - b. ceases to be a member of the Congress
  - c. become insane
  - d. is officially declared bankrupt

- e. is convicted of criminal offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction.
  - f. upon expiration of time where he is not reappointed
  - g. is removed in line with section 13 of this Constitution.
- 13.15. Where there is a casual vacancy either by death, mental or physical incapacity or resignation of an officer or where an officer is not seen or heard from for a period of 6 months or by any other reason as identified in section 13.14, where the office is deputized, the deputy shall fill the vacancy. Where the office is not deputized, there shall be conducted an election to fill the vacancy.
- 13.16. The Executive positions of the Congress shall be the following;
- a. President General
  - b. Vice President General
  - c. Secretary General
  - d. Deputy General Secretary
  - e. Director of finance/Accountant
  - f. Deputy Director of Finance/Accounting
  - g. Director of welfare/Socials
  - h. Deputy Director of welfare/socials
  - i. Director of Sports
  - j. Deputy Director of Sports
  - k. Director of Media and Communication
  - l. Assistant director of Media
  - m. Chief Protocol Officer

- n. Assistant Protocol officer

#### **Section 14: Office of the President General**

- 14.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the President General.
- 14.2. The President General is the Administrative head of the Congress who shall be responsible for the day to day running of the congress
- 14.3. The President General shall preside over all executive and general meetings of the Congress.
- 14.4. The President shall liaise with other institutions and organizations in the interest of the Congress.
- 14.5. The President shall be a co-signatory to the account that shall be maintained by the Congress.
- 14.6. The President shall liaise with the Secretary to fix meetings of the Congress.
- 14.7. The President shall work with the director of finance/ accounting to give periodic account to the congress at least once in a year.

#### **Section 15: Office of The Vice President**

- 15.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the Vice President.
- 15.2. The Vice President shall assist the President and perform such duties as may be directed by the President

15.3. The Vice president shall preside over the meeting in the absence of the president.

15.4. The Vice President shall recommend disciplinary measures to the Chairman against any erring member.

### **Section 16: Office of the Secretary General**

16.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the Secretary General.

16.2. The Secretary General shall be responsible for all secretarial duties of the Congress including keeping acknowledgement letters, incoming memos, receipts and other documents for the Congress.

16.3. The Secretary General shall Liaise with the president to set the agenda and fix all meetings of the Congress.

16.4. The Secretary General shall take charge of the membership of the Congress and keep records of all members.

16.5. In the absence of the president or vice president, the Secretary General shall appoint any other officer to preside over the Congress or may preside himself.

16.6. The Secretary General shall take record/minute of every Congress and shall read it out in the next Congress for correction and adoption by members.

### **Section 17: Office of the Deputy Secretary General (DSG)**

17.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the Deputy Secretary General.

17.2. The DSG shall deputise the secretary general in the performance of his duties.

17.3. The DSG shall act as the secretary general in his absence.

17.4. The DSG shall act and perform any other function as may be assigned to him by the secretary general in line with his secretarial duties.

### **Section 18: Director of Finance/Accountant (DFA)**

18.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the Director of Finance and Accounting.

18.2. The Director of Finance and Accounting shall be the chief account officer of the Congress.

18.3. He shall keep the books of account, cheques, receipts and other financial documents of the organization.

18.4. He shall give financial report to the Congress on the financial status of the Congress at least once in a year.

18.5. He shall issue receipt of payment to any person who has made any payment in favour of the Congress and keep records of such receipt.

18.6. All cash payment received by him shall be paid into the Congress account within 2 working days of receipt of such funds.

18.7. He shall be a signatory to the Congress Account in line with the provisions of this Constitution.

18.8. He shall prepare financial statement of the Congress and submit the account book to the audit committee within 3 months to the end of the tenure for auditing.

### **Section 19: Office of the Deputy Director of Finance/Accountant**

19.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the Deputy Director of Finance and Accounting.

19.2. The Deputy Director of Finance/Accounting shall deputize the DFA in the performance of his duty.

19.3. He shall act as the DFA in any event where the DFA is absent.

19.4. He shall take instructions from the DFA and perform such other functions as are assigned to him in line with the duties of the DFA.

### **Section 20: Director of Welfare/Socials.**

20.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Director of Welfare/Socials.

20.2. The Director of welfare/Socials shall be in charge of the entertainment in meetings or any other function of the Congress.

20.3. He shall be in charge of other social activities of the Congress including organizing dinner, conferences and other events the Congress may hold from time to time.

20.4. He shall be in charge, take inventory and keep custody of all materials, utensils, and equipments for events including micro phones, loud speakers and other sound systems, plates, pots etc.

20.5. Save as directed by the president, he shall be the head of the welfare committee and take records of members with special need and present it to the executives for possible intervention.

20.6. He shall give report of every social event organized or participated by the Congress at the general meeting.

### **Section 21: Office of Deputy Director of Welfare/Socials.**

21.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Director of Welfare/Socials.

21.2. The Deputy Director of Welfare/Socials shall deputise the director of welfare/socials in the performance of his duty.

21.3. He shall act as the director of welfare/socials in any event where the director is absent and unable to perform his duties.

21.4. He shall perform such other function as may be directed by the director of welfare/socials in line with the director's duty.

### **Section 22: Office of Director of Sports**

22.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Director of Sports.

22.2. The Director of Sports shall oversee all sporting activities of the Congress.

- 22.3. He shall keep records of sports men and women who are exceptional for possible recommendation and sponsorship to international community.
- 22.4. He shall be in charge and keep all materials for sporting events including balls, shuttles, rackets, jerseys, nets, tennis boards etc.
- 22.5. He shall keep records of every major sport events and competitions organized or participated by the Congress and present such report at the meeting of the Congress.
- 22.6. Save as directed by the president of the Congress, he shall be the head of the sports committee.

### **Section 23: Office of the Deputy Director of Sports.**

- 23.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Deputy Director of Sports.
- 23.2. The Deputy Director of Sports shall deputise the director of Sports in the performance of his duty.
- 23.3. He shall act as the director of Sports in any event where the director is absent and unable to perform his duties.
- 23.4. He shall perform such other function as may be directed by the director of Sports in line with the director's duty.

### **Section 24: Office of The Director of media and Communication (DMC)**

- 24.1. There shall be for the Congress, office of the Director of media and Communication.

24.2. The DMC shall be the image maker of the Congress and shall represent the Congress in positive light.

24.3. He shall create content for any of the Congress activities or programs where suitable and send notifications and reminder for such event.

24.4. He shall be responsible for the internal and external publications of the Congress either on mainstream of social media.

24.5. He shall seek approval of the executive council before making any press release or public statement on matters affecting the interest of the Congress.

24.6. Save as directed by the president of the Congress, he shall be an admin in all the social media handles of the Congress.

## **Section 25: Office of Assistant Director of Media and Communication (ADMC)**

25.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Assistant Director of Media and Communication (ADMC)

25.2. The Assistant Director of Media and Communication shall assist the DMC in the performance of his duty where the DMC is absent.

25.3. He shall perform such other function as may be directed by the DMC in line with the DMC's duty.

## **Section 26: Office of the Chief Protocol Officer**

- 26.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of The Chief Protocol Officer.
- 26.2. The Chief Protocol Officer shall be the in charge of decorum in the Congress.
- 26.3. He shall have powers to collect fines for lateness, noise making and misconduct during the congress and other activities of the Congress and remit same to the Director of Finance and Accounting.
- 26.4. He shall keep record of members who are yet to pay any fines due to such member and report to the executive of the Congress.
- 26.5. Save as directed by the president of the Congress, the Chief Protocol Officer shall be head of the disciplinary committee of the Congress.

### **Section 27: Office of Assistant Protocol Officer**

- 27.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of the office of Assistant Protocol Officer
- 27.2. The Assistant Protocol Officer shall assist the chief protocol officer in the performance of his duty where the chief protocol officer is absent.
- 27.3. He shall perform such other function as may be directed by the chief protocol officer in line with the CPO's duty.

## **Section 28: Trustee**

- 28.1. A Trustee shall be created upon a 2/3 majority vote of the executives of the Congress which shall be presented before the general Congress for endorsement upon a simple majority vote and signed by at least a 1/3 minority vote of the existing members of the board of trustees.
- 28.2. Upon successful creation of a member of the Board of trustee, such successful member shall pay an admission fee which shall be determined by the existing members of the board of Trustees. Such fee must not be unreasonable and should reflect the current economic reality of the time.
- 28.3. Upon payment of the prescribed fee, the Chairman of the Board of Trustee shall within 14 days make a publication in at least 2 national dailies, publishing the name of the successful candidate and incorporating him as a member of the Board of Trustee at the Corporate Affairs Commission.
- 28.4. No Executive member of the Congress shall be eligible to be made a member of the board of trustee.
- 28.5. No member of the board of Trustee shall be eligible to contest in any elective post in the Congress however may be appointed as the head or member of any committee of the Congress.
- 28.6. No person shall be made a trustee except such person has been a financial member of the Congress for up to 12 months.
- 28.7. At every time, the membership of the Board of Trustees shall not exceed 10 persons.

28.8. No person who is a member of the Board of Trustee shall remain as a member for a period longer than 4 years, however a person who has been a member of the Board of Trustee for up to 4 years may present himself for reappointment provided such person is not above the age limit to be a member of the Congress and has no other impediment.

28.9. A member of the board of trustee may be removed as a member of the board of trustee where such member is guilty of gross misconduct against the Congress upon a 2/3 majority vote of the executives of the Congress which shall be endorsed by a simple majority vote of the existing members of the Board of Trustees.

28.10. A person who is a member of the board of Trustee shall cease to hold such office if he;

- a. Resigns from office
- b. Ceases to be a member of the Congress
- c. Become insane
- d. is officially declared bankrupt
- e. is convicted of criminal offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- f. Upon expiration of time where he is not reappointed
- g. is removed in line with section 27.9 of this Constitution.

### **Section 29: Grand Patrons and Matrons/Patrons and Matrons**

29.1. There shall be for the Congress the office of Grand Patrons and Grand Matrons, Patrons and Matrons who shall be persons of Anambra origin.

- 29.2. It is the duty of the Trustees to select person to approach for Grand Patrons and Grand matrons, Patrons and Matrons however such duty may be delegated to the executives of the Congress.
- 29.3. The Grand Patrons and Grand Matrons Patrons and Matrons shall support, advice and guide the officers of the Congress on the smooth running of the Congress.
- 29.4. The Grand Patrons and Grand Matrons Patrons and Matrons shall mediate over disputes and disagreement within and outside the Congress as it affects the Congress.
- 29.5. The Congress is under obligation to attend all function organized by the Grand Patrons and Grand Matron, Patrons and Matrons in which the Congress is invited.
- 29.6. There shall be no duration for offices of Grand Patrons and Grand matrons, patrons and matrons however members of the board of trustee may terminate the service of any grand patron and Grand Matron, Patron and Matron where they are of the opinion that such person has exhausted his/her service to the Congress.

### **Section 30: Remuneration**

- 30.1. All services to the Congress are gratuitous. There shall be no Remuneration to any member for services rendered.
- 30.2. Notwithstanding 30.1 above, the trustees of the Congress may stipulate remunerations for the executives, coordinators and committee members of the Congress.

30.3. The Trustees may stipulate commissions for any member who helps the Congress to access grants, donations or support from individuals and organization.

### **Section 31: Election**

31.1. There shall be for the Congress a periodic election to select the executives of the Congress.

31.2. The Congress shall be a 5-man electoral committee who shall establish guidelines to conduct the election and organize a free, fair and credible election for the Congress.

31.3. The electoral committee shall conduct screening of members who present themselves for election and has power to screen out any member who did not meet up the requirement.

31.4. The electoral committee shall not be eligible to vote in an election for the executives of the Congress.

31.5. The Election shall be an open ballot system or via electronic medium as may be directed by the electoral committee based on convenience and credibility of the system.

31.6. There shall be an equal playing ground for all members of the Congress.

31.7. Creation of winners in an election shall be by a simple majority.

31.8. The electoral Committee shall issue certificate of return to all victorious candidates from the election and transmit same to the transition committee.

## **Section 32: Meetings, Resolutions and Quorum**

- 32.1. There shall be a properly organized meetings of the Congress at least once in a year which shall be called the Annual General Congress.
- 32.2. The Annual General Congress shall be held within Anambra state.
- 32.3. Notwithstanding 32.1 above, the executive may from time to time fix meetings of the Congress in line with the provisions of this Constitution, such meetings shall be called; the Congress.
- 32.4. There shall be at least 2 weeks notice to members before any congress is held, such notice shall disclose the purpose of the meeting and agenda thereto.
- 32.5. Any member may call for a meeting by writing to the Secretary of the Congress disclosing the date, purpose, agenda cogent reason for the meeting.
- 32.6. Where the Secretary finds cogent reason for the Congress, he shall liaise with the president and fix the meeting for the Congress within 14days after receipt of the notice from a member.
- 32.7. Where the Secretary finds no cogent reason for the meeting as requested by the member, the Secretary shall decline the request and communicate to the member requesting the meeting within 14 days of declining the request.
- 32.8. Where the member requesting meeting is unsatisfied with the decision of the Secretary General, such member may notwithstanding call for meeting upon a notice for meeting signed by simple majority of other members of the executives.

- 32.9. It shall be an impeachable offence against the President General not to organize a General Congress within 12 calendar months.
- 32.10. Any meeting held without the due process of calling for meetings shall be null and void and all resolutions reached thereto shall be invalid.
- 32.11. Save as otherwise expressly stated by any part of this Constitution or any amendment thereto, all resolutions during the Congress shall be by simple majority.
- 32.12. All propositions shall have a proposer and be seconded and the secretary shall take note of it.
- 32.13. Where there is a tie in the process of passing a resolution, the president shall have veto power to settle the decision of the Congress.
- 32.14. A Congress is properly constituted and a quorum is reached where at least one person from up to 13 Local Government Area of the state is present.

### **Section 33: BANK ACCOUNT & MANDATE**

- 33.1. There shall be opened for the organization, a main bank account in any of the reputable banks in Nigeria which shall be the sole account for receiving funds from members or the general public.
- 33.2. The signatory to the main Bank Account of the Congress shall be the Chairman of the board of trustee and the President of the Congress with either the Director of finance or a member of the board of trustee as appointed by the board.

33.3. There may be opened for the Congress other accounts as may be necessary for the effective running of the Congress upon joint resolution of the executives and trustees.

33.4. Where other accounts are to be opened for the Congress, the resolution passing the opening of the account shall stipulate its purpose and mandate.

33.5. Irrespective of who receives the alerts on the account, the director of finance and accounting shall receive alerts of all accounts opened for the Congress.

### **Section 34: Funding**

34.1. The major source of funding for the Community shall be from dues paid by members and donations made by members or the general public (individuals and organizations) who wish to support the Congress.

34.2. The dues to be paid by members shall be N1,000 monthly dues and N12,000 annual dues.

34.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 34.2 above, Congress may vary the dues from time to time to reflect the current economic realities.

34.4. Members or intending members who make any payment to the Community shall be issued a receipt and record kept for accounting purposes.

34.5. Other sources of funding for Association may be from;

- a. Statutory or prescribed fees
- b. Fines
- c. Economic investments

- d. Negotiated Loans from bank or individuals
- e. Congress initiatives

### **Section 35: Amendments**

- 35.1. No Provision of this Constitution may be amended at any time except in a validly conveyed meeting of the Congress where 2/3<sup>rd</sup> resolution is passed and signed by the Chairman of the board of trustee.
- 35.2. Resolution passed by the Congress shall be presented to the Chairman of the Board of Trustee within 14days after such resolution is passed for assent.
- 35.3. Where the Chairman refuses to sign within 30 days after the resolution was presented for assent, the Constitution may not withstanding be amended in line with the resolution upon 2/3 majority vote of the board of Trustees.

### **Section 36: Common Seal**

- 36.1. There shall be for the Congress a Common seal which shall be in the custody of the Secretary General of the Congress who shall produce it upon request by the President or Trustees of the congress.
- 36.2. All documents to be executed by the Congress shall have the Common seal of the Congress engraved on it.

### **Section 37: Arbitration**

- 37.1. There shall be established an Arbitration committee otherwise known as an arbitration panel which shall be created as an adhoc committee

to resolve any dispute between members of the Congress which arise in the course of the business of the Congress or controversy arising out of this Constitution.

37.2. The number of arbitrators shall be three or any odd number.

37.3. Where the Arbitrators are three, each party shall present one arbitrator and the third arbitrator shall be jointly chosen by the 2 arbitrators.

37.4. For the purpose of choosing an arbitrator in any dispute involving members of the Congress, each member is entitled to one arbitrator.

37.5. The language of the arbitration shall be English.

### **Section 38: Contractual liability**

38.1. The Anambra Youth Congress is a body corporate with perpetual succession and can sue or be sued through its registered trustees with power to acquire, hold and alienate property, enter into agreement and to do all things necessary to carry out its aims and objectives and defend its members, property and reputation.

38.2. Only the registered Trustees of Anambra Youth Congress shall have the authority to create any legal relationship binding on the Association.

### **Section 39: Commencement**

39.1. This Constitution shall come into effect from the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and shall remain in force until validly amended or repealed.

## **Appendix**

### Definitions.

1. Congress: shall mean the name of this Association. It shall also mean a valid general meeting of the Association.
2. He: Shall be used as a pronoun to refer to both male and female gender and shall mean "he" or "she" whichever is applicable.

### **1<sup>st</sup> SCHEDULE**

#### **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Anambra Youth Congress. I will hold myself in high esteem with dignity and honour as a member of this Congress and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Congress and be a good ambassador of the congress where ever I find myself. So help me God.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SCHEDULE**

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear/affirm that I shall be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Anambra Youth Congress. I shall discharge my duties to the best of my ability faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Congress. I will strive to pursue, enhance and achieve the aims and objectives of the Congress as contained in the Constitution and shall not allow my personal interest to influence my decision; That in all circumstances I shall do right to all members of the Congress and to all manner of people according to the law without fear or

favour, affection or ill will; that I shall not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought to my attention or which shall become known to me as an officer of the Congress except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties and that I shall devote myself to the service and well being of the Members of the Congress. So help me God.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SCHEDULE**

#### **ANTHEM**

##### **Verse 1**

With hearts of compassion, we gather round  
Anambra Youth Congress, a love profound  
We'll serve our community, with kindness and care  
Empowering each other, we'll show we truly care.

##### **Chorus**

***Anambra Youth Congress, a beacon of light  
Guiding us forward, through day and night  
With love and service, we'll make a change  
For a brighter future, where all can range.***

##### **Verse 2**

We'll work together, hand in hand  
Building a better world, where all can stand  
Through education, healthcare, and community might  
We'll bring hope and joy, to shine so bright

##### **Verse 3**

With every step, we'll show our way  
Anambra Youth Congress, a brighter day

We'll stand united, in love and kindness too  
Serving our community, with hearts anew.

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**I Chairman (BOT)**

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**Secretary (BOT)**