

THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS.

1. NAME:

The name of the organisation shall be the Pan Africanist Congress, hereinafter referred to as the P.A.C.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTS:

- a. To unite and rally the African people into one national front on the basis of African Nationalism.
- b. To fight for the overthrow of white domination and for the implementation and maintenance of the right of self-determination for the African people.
- c. To work and strive for the establishment and maintenance of an Africanist Democratic Society recognising the primary of the material and spiritual interests of the human personality
- d. To promote the educational, cultural, and economic advancement of the African people.
- e. To promote the concept of the Federation of Southern Africa and Pan-Africanism by promoting unity among peoples of Africa.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Any African who is of the age of 16 years or above and accepts the principles, programmes and discipline of the PAC shall be eligible for membership provided that:
 - (i) He/She is not a member of any political organisation whose policy is inconsistent with that of the PAC.
 - (ii) The NEC shall from time to time determine whether a certain organisation's policy is inconsistent to the cause of the PAC.
 - (iii) In doubtful cases applications shall be forwarded by the Local Executive Committee to the NEC together with the reasons for doubt, before the application is accepted or rejected or Then and only then shall the NEC issue such applicant upon payment of enrolment fee, a membership card after which the applicant shall be regarded as a member of the PAC.
- b. Application for membership shall be normally made on duly prescribed form which shall be completed by the applicant and forwarded for consideration by the NEC.
- c. Each individual member of the PAC shall pay a subscription fee of 2/6 per annum.
- d. On enrolment each member shall be supplied with a membership card.

4. FINANCE:

- a. The general funds of the PAC shall be derived from proceeds of functions, (parties, dances, football matches etc.), voluntary subscriptions, levies, appeals, donations, bequests, sale of PAC literature, badges, subscription fees of individual members and other sources approved by the PAC.
- b. It shall be competent for the NEC to finance projects and to request the members to make contributions to such projects should general funds be inadequate.
- c. Funds contributed by members for any specific purpose shall not be alienated for any other purpose save by the resolution of the NEC.
- d. The NEC shall establish, manage and administer a National Reserve Fund and at the end of the financial year the NEC may vote a sum to be determined for this purpose.
- e. The NEC shall at the end of each year prepare estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the ensuing year, such estimates shall be submitted to the Annual Conference for consideration.
- f. The financial year of the PAC shall begin on the 1st day of November to the 31st day of October the following year.

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- g. All NEC accounts other than recurring expenditure such as rents, salaries, petty cash, shall be submitted to the NEC for approval prior to ~~Payment~~; and an amount not exceeding £10 shall be granted from time to time as petty cash.
- h. All National Funds shall be deposited in a Bank, and applications for withdrawal must be signed by the Treasurer-General and either the National Secretary or the President.
- I Subscription fees shall equally distributed between the three organs of the PAC namely, the branch, the region, and the National organs, also provision for the keeping of monies shall apply mutatis mutandis between the three organs of the PAC unless otherwise indicated.
- j. The NEC shall at the end of the financial year cause the Treasurer-General to prepare and submit audited accounts to the National Conference.

5. THE NATIONAL FLAG:

The official colour of the PAC shall be green, black and gold. The PAC flag shall be green field with blackmap of Africa and a gold star in the North-West of Africa. Green shall represent the youth and vitality of the continent. Black shall represent the colour of its people. Gold shall represent the wealth actual and potential.

6. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

- a. The National Conference of the PAC shall be the supreme organ of the organisation and shall lay down the broad basic policy and programme of the PAC and its decisions shall be binding on all members and all organs of the PAC.
- b. The functions, duties and powers of the National Conference shall be supervisory, deliberative, administrative and determinative.
- c. The Annual National Conference shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by previous Conference or in the absence of such a decision by the NEC.
- d. Special National Conference may be called by the NEC ~~in cases of~~ emergencies.
- e. Upon receipt of requisition signed by one third of the number of branches represented at the previous Conference, a special conference shall be call by the NEC in connection with the subject matter of the requisition within six weeks of the receipt of such requisition by the National Secretary or President.
- f. The Annual Conference shall consider reports and audited accounts represented by the NEC.
- g. Branches which are in full compliance with their fees shall be entitled to be represented at a General Conference by one delegate for every 15 members provided that no single branch shall be represented by more than 10 delegates.
- h. Any branch of the PAC which is in arrears with its subscription fees/levies shall have no right to participate in any general conference.
- i. At least six weeks before the date for the holding of an annual conference the NEC shall frame and circulate an agenda to all branches of the PAC. To secure in the agenda to all items from Regions or Local branches these must be forwarded to the National Secretary at least eight weeks before the date of Conference. Delegates to Conference shall be entitled to move amendments at annual and special conference to any resolutions or proposals or to proposed alteration to the constitution that may appear on any agenda paper of such conference.
- j. Only PAC organs such as branches and not individual members shall send resolutions for determination at the annual or special conference.

7. COMPOSITION OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Delegates from Local branches elected subject to section 6(g) above.
- b. All members of the National Executive Committee and members of the working Committee shall be ex-officio delegates to the National Conference.

8. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

- a. All delegates to National Conference must be bonafide members of the organs of the PAC.
- b. No person shall be a delegate for more than one organ of the PAC.
- c. No person who is in arrears with his subscription fee shall be eligible as a delegate to National Conference.
- d. Every delegate must, as an individual accept the Constitution, programme, principles and policies of the PAC and conform to the m.

9. COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEa. THE NEC SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- The President, the National Secretary, The Treasurer-General, Deputy-Presidents, the latter corresponding in number to the regions existing. The Secretariat consisting of : Pan-African Affairs, Foreign-Affairs, Publicity and Information, Labour, Education, Culture and Economic Affairs. National Organiser and three other members.
- b. The NEC shall hold office for three years.
 - c. After the Regional Elections the National Secretary shall summon the NEC including the Chairman of Regions who ipso facto become Deputy Presidents, for the election of a Senior Deputy President from and among the number of deputy presidents. This Senior Deputy President shall hold office until the expiry of the NEC period of office irrespective of subsequent regional election results.
 - d. The members of the NEC shall not hold any office in either the RLC or the LEC.

10. THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE:

The National Working Committee shall be the main sub-organ of of the NEC and shall consist of:

- a. The President.
- b. Four other members elected by the NEC from among themselves.

11. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE:

- a. The NEC shall see to it that the decisions of Conference and the NEC are duly executed and its policies are duly implemented.
- b. It shall supervise the administrative machinery of the organisation on national, regional and local executive level and shall take such measures as it deems fit to enforce the decisions and programme of PAC.
- c. The members of the NWC shall normally reside in an area situated within a radius of 50 miles from headquarters to be indicatated from time to time.
- d. The NWC shall meet in a plannery session at least once in a month or if emergency arises from day to day to review the major trends, formulate tactics and modify strategy for the guidance of the NEC and assume full powers for safeguarding the basic programme of PAC

12. COMPOSITION OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

- a. The Regional Conference shall consist of representatives from each local branch as indicated in Section 6(g)
- b. The Regional Conference shall elect the Regional Executive Committee composed of the following:
 - i. Chairman and vice, ii. Secretary and vice, iii. Treasurer
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shall be elected every two years.

14. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The duties of the REC shall be as follows:

- a. To organise local branches within the region and to co-ordinate their activities.
- b. To carry out the Programme and policy of the PAC and the instructions and directives received from the NEC.
- c. To make recommendations to the NEC on matters affecting the welfare of the organisation within their region.
- d. To implement the decisions of the regional Conference provided that such decisions are not in conflict with the programme and policy of the PAC.
- e. To submit the annual statements and reports to the Regional Conference and to the NEC.
- f. To help manage, control, and guide the work of PAC in Educational and Cultural organisations in their region under the general supervision of the NEC.
- g. To undertake all such activities as may further the work of PAC in the region concerned.
- h. The REC shall at the end of the financial year cause the Treasurer to prepare and submit audited accounts to the Regional Conference.

15. REGIONAL FUNDS:

The National Executive Committee shall determine the manner whereby any funds of the region shall be kept.

16. LOCAL BRANCHES:

- a. The local branches shall be the basic unit of the organisation of PAC. Each shall be governed by a branch executive committee which shall consist of:
 - i. Chairman and the vice.
 - ii. Secretary and the vice.
 - iii. Treasurer.
 - iv. Four other members.
- b. The LEC shall be elected at the branch annual meeting.
- c. There shall be a branch meeting at least once a fortnight.
- d. 15 Members shall constitute a branch.

17. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LEC:

The duties and functions of the LEC shall be:--

- i. To carry on organisational and propaganda work among the masses in order to acquaint them with the stand point of PAC.
- ii. To keep in close contact with the masses and to report periodically their experiences to the REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
- iii. To study the educational and cultural life of the people in their area.
- vi. To foster the spirit of initiative among the masses by taking a leading part in organising them to solve their problems.
- v. To recruit new members and to collect PAC membership dues.
- vi. To forward the list of members to the REC and to report any act of indiscipline and other dishonour and disputes.
- vii. To discipline any member of a branch as provided for in the disciplinary code.
- viii. To foster political and general education of the PAC members especially the youth.
- ix. The LEC shall prepare and submit a financial statement to the Annual members meeting which shall have been submitted and endorsed as corrected by the REC.

19 AMENDMENTS:

- a. This Constitution or any part thereof may be amended , rescined, or added thereto by a resolution carried by two-thirds majority of members present and voting at an annual National Conference.
- b. Proposals regarding any amendment of the Consitution must be sent to the National Secretary at least two months before the Conference at which they are to be considered and circulated in writing to branches at least one month before the Conference.
- c. Two-fifths of members shall consitute a quorum at any meeting.

Signed:-

P.K. Leballo	(National Secr)
M.R. Sobukwe	(President)

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