

ALL PEOPLES CONGRESS 2022 TRANSITIONAL

ELECTIONS' RULES AND REGULATIONS

DATED 26TH DAY OF MAY 2022

WHEREAS at an Emergency National Delegates Conference held in Makeni in the Northern Province of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the All Peoples Congress (APC) adopted a New Constitution on the 17th-19th of September 2021 pursuant to an order of the Court dated 9th August 2021 to govern its activities;

AND WHEREAS the said Constitution came into effect on the 25th of March, 2022, following a decision of the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) and publication in The Sierra Leone Gazette (Extraordinary) as Vol. CXLXIII, No.11 dated Monday 7th March, 2022, Govt. Notice No.48;

AND WHEREAS, by the judgment of The Honourable Mr. Justice Fisher J, dated 28th April 2022 an Interim Transitional Governance Committee (ITGC) was set up and mandated *inter alia* in paragraph 90 (10)(1) as follows; ***“The promulgation of rules of procedures and regulations which shall be compliant with the 1991 Constitution, the APC 2022 Constitution and the Political Parties Act 2002 for the conduct of lower-level elections, which shall be promulgated within 14 days of assumption of office of the ITGC in any event not later 4pm on Friday 27 May 2022. The said rules shall be forwarded to the 4th defendant PPRC within 7 days of promulgation, in any event not later than 4pm on the 3rd day of June 2022;***

AND WHEREAS by paragraph 90(13) of the judgment of court by the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J. dated 28th April 2022, it was ordered as follows; ***“There is hereby established in accordance with the 2022 APC constitution, a Transitional Interim Independent Elections Management Committee, (TIEMC) whose Chairman shall be the Chairman of the APC Party Constitutional review Committee.”***

AND WHEREAS by paragraph 90(14) of the judgment of court by the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J. dated 28th April 2022, it is further ordered as follows; ***“The ITGC shall appoint the membership of 25 persons of the TIEMC, save for the Chairman”***

AND WHEREAS by paragraph 90(15) of the judgment of court by the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J. dated 28th April 2022, it was also ordered as follows; ***“The TIEMC shall oversee and conduct the first set of elections within the Party, i.e ward, constituency, district and regional in accordance with Article 82 (g,h,i) of the 2022 APC Constitution, the rules of the elections promulgated by the ITGC and subject to supervision by the 4th defendant PPRC and the general control of the ITGC”.***

NOW THEREFORE, the ITGC pursuant to its mandate under the judgment of the court dated 28th April 2022 in Paragraph 90 (10)(1) met at the party secretariat to discuss the party's rules and regulations and hereby approve the following rules and regulations to govern the first set of elections to be conducted under the March 7th. 2022 Constitution:

ARTICLE 1 - WARD ELECTIONS:

1. A Ward Election shall be conducted in every place demarcated as a ward by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL) as prescribed by the Public Elections Act No. 4 of 2012.
2. The Ward Election shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the elections.
3. All registered and fully paid-up members of the party within the ward consistently for one year before the date of the Ward Election shall be eligible to vote at the election pursuant to section 54(g) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Ward Election, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the party for one year immediately preceding the elections.
5. The following positions shall be contested for at the Ward Elections:
 - a. The Ward Chairman;
 - b. The Deputy Ward Chairman;
 - c. The Ward Secretary;
 - d. The Ward Organising Secretary;
 - e. The Ward Treasurer;
 - f. The Ward Public Relations Officer;
 - g. The Ward Women's Leader;
 - h. The Ward Veteran Leader;
 - i. The Ward Young Congress Leader.
6. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of elections by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:
 - a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the Ward Elections shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the elections.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party in that ward together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position at the Ward Elections shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be

designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.

- d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located at the Ward, Constituency, District, Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of one (1) year, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum one (1) year period.
- f) Any person wishing to contest for the position of 'The Ward Young Congress Leader', shall also provide with his/her application to the ITGC, proof of membership of the National Young Congress of the party, formerly known as the APC National Youth League in addition to his/her party membership.

ARTICLE 2 - CONSTITUENCY CONVENTIONS:

- 1. A Constituency Convention shall be conducted in every place demarcated as a Constituency by the Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone (ECSL).
- 2. The Constituency Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the elections.
- 3. The Constituency Executive shall be elected in accordance with Article 34(c)(ii) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution. Members of the Constituency Convention in accordance with Article 34(b) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution shall be:
 - a) Outgoing Constituency Executive Committee
 - b) The Ward Chairmen in that Constituency.
 - c) Members of each Ward Executive Committee in that Constituency.
- 4. 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 (2) years immediately preceding the elections in accordance with Article 55 (f) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.

5. Pursuant to Article 35 of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution, the following positions shall be contested for at the Constituency Conventions:

- a. The Constituency Chairman;
- b. The Deputy Constituency Chairman;
- c. The Constituency Secretary;
- d. The Assistant Constituency Secretary;
- e. The Constituency Organising Secretary;
- f. The Deputy Constituency Organising Secretary;
- g. The Constituency Treasurer;
- h. The Assistant Constituency Treasurer;
- i. The Constituency Public Relations Officer;
- j. The Deputy Constituency Public Relations Officer;
- k. The Constituency Women's Leader;
- l. The Deputy Constituency Women's Leader;
- m. The Constituency Veterans Leader;
- n. The Deputy Constituency Veterans Leader;
- o. The Constituency Young Leader;
- p. The Deputy Constituency Young Leader.

6. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of elections by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:

- a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the Constituency Convention shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the elections.
- b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party in that constituency together with copies of their party subscription cards.
- c) Any member contesting for a position at the Constituency Elections shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
- d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the Constituency, District, Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.

- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of Two (2) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum two (2) year period.
- f) Any person wishing to contest for the position of 'The Constituency Young Leader and Deputy Constituency Young Leader', shall also provide with his/her application to the ITGC, proof of membership of the National Young Congress of the party, formerly known as the APC National Youth League in addition to his/her party membership.

ARTICLE 3 - DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:

1. The District Convention shall be conducted in every District as provided for in the Public Elections Act No. 4 2012.
2. The District Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC of the Party, not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the elections.
3. The District Executive shall be elected in accordance with Article 32(c)(ii) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution. Members of the District Convention in accordance with Article 32(b) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution shall be:
 - d) Outgoing District Executive Committee
 - e) All Constituency Chairmen in that District.
 - f) Members of each Constituency Executive Committee in that District.
4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a District Convention, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than TWO (2) years immediately preceding the elections in accordance with Article 55 (e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
5. The following positions shall be contested for at the District Conventions:
 - a. The District Chairman;
 - b. The Deputy Chairman;
 - c. The District Secretary;
 - d. The Assistant District Secretary;
 - e. The District Organising Secretary;
 - f. The Deputy District Organising Secretary;
 - g. The District Public Relations Officer;
 - h. The Deputy District Public Relations Officer;
 - i. The District Treasurer;
 - j. The Assistant District Treasurer;
 - k. The District Financial Secretary;
 - l. The District Women's Leader;
 - m. The Deputy District Women's Leader;

- n. The District Veteran Leader;
- o. The Deputy District Veterans Leader;
- p. The District Young Leader;
- q. The Deputy District Young Leader;

6. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of elections by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:

- a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the District Convention shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the elections.
- b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party in that district together with copies of their party subscription cards.
- c) Any member contesting for a position at the District Convention shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
- d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the District, Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of Two (2) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum two (2) year period.
- f) Any person wishing to contest for the position of 'The District Young Leader and Deputy District Young Leader', shall also provide with his/her application to the ITGC, proof of membership of the National Young Congress of the party, formerly known as the APC National Youth League in addition to his/her party membership.

ARTICLE 4 - REGIONAL CONVENTIONS:

- 1. A Regional Convention shall be conducted in every place demarcated as a Region in accordance with the Public Elections Act No. 4 of 2012.

2. For the purposes of conventions, the Diaspora shall be considered as a Region of the Party and treated as such pursuant to Article 31(e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
3. The Regional Convention shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the convention.
4. The Regional Executive shall be elected in accordance with Article 29(c)(iii) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution. Members of the Regional Convention in accordance with Article 29(b) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution shall be:
 - a) Members of the outgoing Regional Executive Committee
 - b) All District Chairmen in that Region,
 - c) All members of each District Executive Committee in that Region,
 - d) All sitting Members of Parliament of the Party in that Region.
5. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Regional Convention, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE (5) years immediately preceding the convention pursuant to Article 55 (d) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Regional Conventions:
 - a. The Regional Chairman;
 - b. The Deputy Regional Chairman;
 - c. The Regional Secretary;
 - d. The Assistant Regional Secretary;
 - e. The Regional Organising Secretary;
 - f. The Deputy Regional Organising Secretary;
 - g. The Regional Public Relations Officer;
 - h. The Deputy Regional Public Relations Officer;
 - i. The Regional Legal Adviser;
 - j. The Regional Treasurer;
 - k. The Assistant Regional Treasurer;
 - l. The Regional Financial Secretary;
 - m. The Regional Women's Leader;
 - n. The Deputy Regional Women's Leader;
 - o. The Regional Veterans Leader;
 - p. The Deputy Regional Veterans Leader;
 - q. The Regional Young Leader;
 - r. The Deputy Regional Young Leader;
 - s. Two ex – officio members.
7. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of elections by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:

- a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the Regional Convention shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the elections.
- b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party in that region together with copies of their party subscription cards.
- c) Any member contesting for a position at the Regional Convention shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
- d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of Five (5) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum Five (5) year period.
- f) Any person wishing to contest for the position of 'The Regional Young Leader and Deputy Regional Young Leader', shall also provide with his/her application to the ITGC, proof of membership of the National Young Congress of the party, formerly known as the APC National Youth League in addition to his/her party membership.

ARTICLE 5 – DIASPORA CONVENTIONS

- 1. Elections shall be conducted at every external Branch and Chapter of the Party in the Diaspora or such a place to be determined by the ITGC not later than Fifteen (15) days before the conduct of the convention.
- 2. All registered and fully paid-up members of the party for a period of ONE (1) year in accordance with Article 54(g) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution within a Chapter in the Diaspora shall constitute the voting delegates at the **CHAPTER CONVENTION** and the positions contested for shall be the same as those contested for at the Constituency Conventions, as far as applicable.
- 3. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Diaspora Chapter Convention, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than TWO (2)

years immediately preceding the convention in accordance with Article 55(f) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.

4. All newly elected Chapter Executive committee members of the Chapters within a particular Branch, all outgoing Branch Executive committee members save for the Chairmen shall constitute the voting delegates at the **BRANCH CONVENTION**. The positions contested for at the Branch Convention shall be the same as those contested for at the District Conventions, as far as applicable.
5. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Diaspora Branch Convention, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than TWO (2) years immediately preceding the convention.
6. Elected members of each Branch Executive committee shall constitute the voting delegates at the **DIASPORA REGIONAL CONVENTION**. The positions contested for at the Diaspora Regional Convention shall be the same as those contested for at the Regional Conventions.
7. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at a Diaspora Regional Convention, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE (5) years immediately preceding the convention in accordance with Article 55 (d) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
8. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of elections by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the fifteen (15) days period announced as follows:
 - a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position in the Diaspora Regional Convention, shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first three days of the fifteen (15) days window leading to the elections.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signature of two other members of the party in that Chapter, Branch or Region together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position in the Diaspora Regional Convention shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank must also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
 - d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours, validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located at the Chapter, Branch, Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.

- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum number of years required to contest for the Chapter, Branch or Regional executive positions without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum number of years.
 - f) Any person wishing to contest for the position of 'The Chapter, Branch or Regional Young Leader and Deputy Young Leader', shall also provide with his/her application to the ITGC proof of membership of the Young Congress of the party, formerly known as the APC Youth League in addition to his or her membership of the party.
9. The **50 DIASPORA DELEGATES to the NDC** pursuant to Article 16 (4) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution shall comprise of representatives from all Branches, or geographical Divisions as the case may be.

ARTICLE 6 – NATIONAL WOMEN’S CONGRESS SPECIAL CONFERENCE

- 1. The National Women’s Congress Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC of the Party, not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the conference.
- 2. The National Women’s Congress shall hold a special conference for the election of its officers pursuant to Article 26 (e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
- 3. The Constituency, District, Regional Women’s Leaders and the outgoing National Officers of the Women’s Congress excluding its Leader shall constitute the voting delegates at the special conference in accordance with Article 26(g) of the 7th March 2022 Constitution.
- 4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the Special Conference, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE (5) years immediately preceding the conference pursuant to Article 55 (c) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
- 5. The following positions shall be contested for at the Special Conference:
 - a. National Women’s Leader
 - b. Deputy National Women’s Leader
 - c. National Women’s Secretary-General
 - d. Deputy National Women’s Secretary-General
 - e. National Women’s Organising Secretary
 - f. Deputy National Women’s Organising Secretary;
 - g. National Women’s Publicity Secretary;
 - h. Deputy Women’s Publicity Secretary;
 - i. National Women’s Treasurer;
 - j. Deputy National Women’s Treasurer;
 - k. National Women’s Legal Adviser;

1. Deputy National Women's Legal Adviser;
 - m. National Women's Financial Secretary;
 - n. Deputy National Women's Financial Secretary;
 - o. National Women's Whip.
6. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of Special Conference by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:
 - a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the National Women's Congress Special Conference shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the Special Conference.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position at the National Women's Congress Special Conference shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
 - d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
 - e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of Five (5) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum Five (5) year period.

ARTICLE 7 –NATIONAL VETERANS CONGRESS SPECIAL CONFERENCE

1. The National Veterans Congress Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC of the Party not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the elections.
2. The National Veteran's Congress shall hold a special conference for the election of its officers pursuant to Article 27 (e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
3. The Constituency, Districts, Regional Veteran Leaders, and the National Officers of the outgoing Veteran's Congress excluding its Chairman shall be the voting delegates at the National Veteran's Congress Special

Conference in accordance with Article 27(g) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.

4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the National Veteran's Congress Special Conference, that member shall have been a registered and fully paid-up member of the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE (5) years immediately preceding the special conference pursuant to Article 55 (c) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
5. The following positions shall be contested for at the Conference:
 - a. National Veterans Leader
 - b. Deputy National Veterans Leader
 - c. National Veterans Secretary-General
 - d. Deputy National Veterans Secretary-General
 - e. National Veterans Organising Secretary
 - f. Deputy National Veterans Organising Secretary;
 - g. National Veterans Publicity Secretary;
 - h. Deputy Veterans Publicity Secretary;
 - i. National Veterans Treasurer;
 - j. Deputy National Veterans Treasurer;
 - k. National Veterans Legal Adviser;
 - l. Deputy National Veterans Legal Adviser;
 - m. National Veterans Financial Secretary;
 - n. Deputy National Veterans Financial Secretary;
 - o. National Veterans Whip.
6. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of Special Conference by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:
 - a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the National Veteran's Congress Special Conference shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the Special Conference.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position at the National Veteran's Congress Special Conference shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
 - d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which

said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.

- e) Where a member has held a party card for a minimum of Five (5) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum Five (5) year period

ARTICLE 8 –NATIONAL YOUNG CONGRESS SPECIAL CONFERENCE

1. The National Young Congress (NYC) Special Conference shall be conducted at such a place to be determined by the ITGC, not later than Ten (10) days before the conduct of the elections.
2. The National Young Congress shall hold a special conference for the election of its officers pursuant to Article 28 (e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
3. The Constituency, Districts, Regional Young Leaders, the National Executive of NUAS and the National Young Officers of the outgoing National Young Congress excluding its President shall be the voting delegates at the Special Conference in accordance with Article 28(g) of the 7th March 2022 Constitution
4. For a member to be eligible to be voted for at the National Young Congress Special Conference, that member shall be between the ages eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) as at the date of election pursuant to Article 28 (a) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8, Paragraph (4) above the member to be to be a registered and fully paid-up at **BOTH** the National Young Congress (formerly known as the National Youth League) **AND** the Party for a continuous period of not less than FIVE (5) years immediately preceding the Special Conference pursuant to Article 55 (c) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
6. The following positions shall be contested for at the Conference:
 - 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 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.

7. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of Special Conference by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced, as follows:
- a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the National Young Congress Special Conference shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the Special Conference.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position at the National Young Congress Special Conference shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.
 - d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the Region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
 - e) Where a member has held both the National Young Congress and the party membership card for a minimum of Five (5) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum Five (5) year period

ARTICLE 9 - THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE (NDC):

- 1. The National Delegates Conference (NDC) shall be held at such a place, date, and time to be determined by the ITGC of the Party not later than TWENTY-EIGHT (28) days after the holding of the Lower-level Elections pursuant to Paragraph 90(10)(3) of the judgment of 28th April 2022 of the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J.
- 2. The NDC shall elect the TWELVE (12) Non-Executive members of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Party pursuant to Article 17 (e) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
- 3. The NDC shall elect the National Coordinator and such other members of the Internal Elections Management Committee (IEMC) of the Party pursuant to Article 42 of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.

4. In the interest of fairness, the **‘such other members’** of the IEMC to be elected at the NDC shall be THIRTY (30) as follows:
 - a) One (1) from each of the seventeen (17) administrative districts of Sierra Leone pursuant to Article 32 (a) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
 - b) Two (2) from each of the five (5) Regions within Sierra Leone (i.e., North-East, North-West, East, West, and South).
 - c) Three (3) from the Diaspora Region of the party as established in the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
5. The NDC shall elect an Internal Auditor of the Party pursuant to Article 51 (b) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
6. The following National Officers shall be elected at the National Delegates Conference (NDC) in addition to those already elected by their respective constituent bodies:
 - a. National Chairman;
 - b. Deputy National Chairman;
 - c. National Secretary-General;
 - d. Deputy National Secretary-General;
 - e. National Organising Secretary;
 - f. Deputy National Organising 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;
7. The NDC shall elect the Party’s Flagbearer who shall become the Presidential Candidate at the June 24th, 2023, Presidential Elections for Sierra Leone pursuant to Article 17 (f) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
8. The following shall constitute the voting delegates at the NDC:
 - a. Members of the ITGC, the Regional and District Executive Committees, MPs belonging to the Party and Members of the Elders Council.
 - b. Fifteen (15) delegates from the National Women’s Congress including the Leader and the Secretary;

- c. Fifteen (15) delegates from the National Young Congress including the Leader and Secretary and, twenty (20) more delegates from NUAS;
 - d. Fifty (50) delegates from the Diaspora (including a representative from all branches, Chapters, or geographical division in so far as applicable.
 - e. Fifteen (15) delegates from the National Veteran's Congress, five of whom shall be drawn from the five regions in the Country;
 - f. Eight (8) delegates from each Constituency comprising the newly elected Constituency Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Women's Leader, the Veteran's Leader, the Young Congress Leader, the Secretary, the Organising Secretary and the Public Relations Officer;
 - g. Five (5) delegates from the Persons with Disability Wing;
 - h. Ten (10) delegates from each local council having thirty or more APC councilors and five (5) delegates from each local council with less than thirty APC Councilors; in addition to the Mayor/Chairperson of that Local Council;
 - i. Ten (10) former APC Members of Parliament;
 - j. Ten (10) former APC Councilors;
 - k. Representation from affiliates groups constituting not more than two percent of the total delegate count, such delegates to be elected by the groups they represent.
9. For a member to be eligible to be voted for into any position contested for at the National Delegate Conference 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 immediately preceding the NDC pursuant to Article 55 (c) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution.
10. Upon announcement of the date of conduct of the NDC by the ITGC, the following events shall occur within the ten (10) days period announced as follows:
- a) Any member who wishes to contest for a position at the NDC shall submit an application to the secretariat of the ITGC within the first two days of the ten (10) days window leading to the NDC.
 - b) The application shall be supported by the signatures of two other members of the party together with copies of their party subscription cards.
 - c) Any member contesting for a position at the National Delegates Conference shall pay the required fee prescribed in these rules to a bank account that will be designated for such purpose by the ITGC, and payment slip issued and stamped by the Bank shall also be attached to the application to be submitted to the secretariat of the ITGC.

- d) Upon receipt of the application, the secretariat of the ITGC shall within 96 hours validate and confirm the applications of all applicants and publish a list of all candidates eligible and qualified to contest, which said list shall be posted at the party offices located in the constituency, district, region, or such conspicuous public place for viewing.
- e) Where a member has held a party membership card for a minimum of Five (5) years, without being fully paid-up, that member will be allowed by the ITGC to pay backlog of dues accumulated and owed to the party covering that minimum Five (5) year period

ARTICLE 10 – GENERAL:

1. Where a member satisfies the general requirements for membership card status for the position, he/she wishes to contest, and/or vote in an election but owes backlog of subscription to the party to complete his/her qualification/voting status, that member shall be permitted to pay all outstanding backlog dues owed to the Party at least seven (7) days before the election applied for, proof of which shall complete eligibility to vote and be voted for.
2. For the purposes of these elections only and pursuant to the judgment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J. dated 28th April 2022 and in accordance with the provisions of 7th March 2022 APC Constitution these elections shall be conducted by the Transitional Interim Independent Elections Management Committee, (TIEMC) comprising 25 persons appointed by the ITGC, save for the Chairman.
3. The TIEMC shall oversee and conduct the first set of elections of the party in accordance with Article 82(g, h, i) of the 7th March 2022 APC Constitution, these rules and subject to the supervision of the PPRC and the general control of the ITGC pursuant to Paragraph 90(15) of the judgment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher J. dated 28th April 2022.
4. All elections shall be conducted in a free, fair, and transparent manner in accordance with the rules and regulations contained herein.
5. All disputes which may arise relating to these elections shall be determined by a (5) five-man Transitional Interim Independent Elections Complaints Board to be appointed by the ITGC.
6. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
7. The register of voters shall be published by the ITGC secretariat 21 days before the relevant convention.

8. Any member or contestant may petition the register or a name on the register by filing a petition in writing to the Transitional Interim Independent Elections Complaint Board not later than seven days after publication of the register and the Transitional Interim Independent Elections Complaint Board shall decide on such petition not later than seven days after the filing of the petition.
9. The TIEMC shall be responsible to conduct, supervise and manage these elections; responsible to prepare and distribute ballot papers and boxes, count votes, and announce results of elections.

ARTICLE 11 – 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 Transitional Elections Rules and Regulations approved by the ITGC.
2. Any member who wishes to contest for a position shall pay a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee as prescribed below:

POSITION	AMOUNT (LE.)
Flagbearer	500,000,000
National Chairman	100,000
Deputy National Chairman	50,000,000
National Secretary General	50,000,000
All other substantive National Officer Positions	5,000,000
All deputy National Officer Positions	2,500,000
Non – Executive Elected Members of NAC	2,500,000
Regional Chairmen	2,500,000
All other substantive Regional Executive Positions	1,000,000
All deputy Regional Executive Positions	500,000
National Women’s Leader	5,000,000

All other substantive National Women's Congress positions	1,000,000
All deputy National Women's Congress positions	500,000
National Veterans Leader	2,500,000
All other substantive National Veterans Congress positions	500,000
All deputy National Veterans Congress positions	250,000
National Young Leader	5,000,000
All other substantive National Young Congress positions	1,000,000
All deputy National Young Congress positions	500,000
District/Branch Chairmen	3,000,000
All other District/Branch Executive positions	1,000,000
All deputy District/Branch Executive positions	500,000
Constituency/Chapter Chairmen	500,000
All other Constituency/Chapter Executive positions	200,000
Ward Chairmen	100,000
All other Ward Executive positions	50,000