

CONSTITUTION OF THE GROUND PARTY OF KENYA

ARTICLE 1: PARTY NAME

1.1 The name of the political party is Ground Party of Kenya.

1.2 The abbreviation of the party shall be GPK.

ARTICLE 2: PREAMBLE, VISION, MISSION, MOTTO & VALUES

2.1 Preamble:

We, the members of the Ground Party of Kenya, committed to upholding democratic governance, human rights, national values, and the socioeconomic development of Kenya, hereby enact this Constitution to guide the Party in fulfilling its objectives and aspirations.

2.2 Vision:

To be the leading political force in promoting inclusive governance, social justice, and sustainable development in Kenya.

2.3 Mission:

To empower Kenyans through transparent leadership, meaningful representation, and inclusive participation in the political process.

2.4 Motto:

"Empowering Kenyans for a Just Future."

2.5 Values:

Integrity

Equality

Accountability

Unity

Patriotism

Inclusivity

Respect for Diversity

ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To advocate for equitable resource distribution for all Kenyans.
- 3.2 To promote a political culture of transparency, accountability, and respect for the rule of law.
- 3.3 To uphold and protect the national values and principles of governance as provided for in the Constitution of Kenya.
- 3.4 To support initiatives that advance the socioeconomic development of Kenya.
- 3.5 To provide a platform for Kenyans to actively participate in the country's political and governance processes.
- 3.6 To ensure the participation of marginalized groups, women, and youth in decision-making processes at all levels of governance.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Eligibility for Membership:

Any citizen of Kenya who is 18 years or older, is of sound mind, and subscribes to the objectives and values of the Party is eligible for membership.

4.2 Subscription Fees:

The membership subscription fee shall be Fees are payable upon application and annually thereafter.

4.3 Categories of Membership:

4.3.1 Ordinary Member: A member who pays the required subscription fee.

4.3.2 Life Member: A member who pays a one-time fee as determined by the NEC.

4.3.3 Honorary Member: A member granted honorary status by the NEC for exceptional contributions.

4.4 Rights of Members:

Members shall have the right to:

4.4.1 Participate in party activities.

4.4.2 Vote in party elections.

4.4.3 Access information on party matters.

4.4.4 Seek nomination for any election.

ARTICLE 5: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Resignation:

Any member may resign from the Party by giving written notice to the Secretary-General.

5.2 Disqualification:

Membership shall be terminated if a member:

5.2.1 Ceases to be a citizen of Kenya.

5.2.2 Joins another political party.

5.2.3 Violates the Party's code of conduct.

5.3 Expulsion:

A member may be expelled for gross misconduct, subject to the disciplinary process as set out in Article 13 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 6: ORGANS AND CAUCUSES OF THE PARTY

6.1 The following shall be the main organs of the Party:

6.1.1 National Executive Committee (NEC)

6.1.2 Parliamentary Caucus

6.1.3 Governors Caucus

6.1.4 County Assemblies Caucuses

6.1.5 Party Secretariat

6.1.6 Youth League

6.1.7 Women's League

6.1.8 Elders Council

6.2 Youth League:

A platform for young members to engage in political activities and advocacy.

6.3 Women's League:

A forum for women to discuss issues affecting them and to promote women's representation in politics.

6.4 Elders Council:

A council consisting of respected senior members of the Party to provide guidance and wisdom in decision-making.

ARTICLE 7: COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF PARTY ORGANS

7.1 National Executive Committee (NEC):

7.1.1 Composition:

Party Leader

Deputy Party Leader

Secretary-General

National Treasurer

Organizing Secretary

Women's League Chairperson

Youth League Chairperson

Elders Council Representative

..... (Other specified members)

7.1.2 Duties:

7.1.2.1 Responsible for overall management and decision-making.

7.1.2.2 Provides strategic direction and oversees the Party's activities.

7.1.2.3 Ensures the representation of women, youth, and marginalized groups in party decisions.

7.2 Parliamentary Caucus:

Shall consist of Members of Parliament belonging to the Party, responsible for coordinating party activities in the National Assembly and the Senate.

7.3 Governors Caucus:

Shall consist of all Governors elected under the Party, responsible for coordinating county-level political activities.

7.4 County Assemblies Caucuses:

Shall consist of Members of County Assemblies affiliated with the Party, responsible for coordinating the Party's activities at the county level.

7.5 Local Branches:

Local branches shall be established in every constituency to enhance grassroots participation and representation.

ARTICLE 8: PARTY OFFICIALS

8.1 The officials of the Party shall be as follows:

Party Leader

Deputy Party Leader

Secretary-General

National Treasurer

Organizing Secretary

Women's League Chairperson

Youth League Chairperson

Elders Council Representative

ARTICLE 9: DUTIES OF THE PARTY OFFICIALS

9.1 Party Leader:

9.1.1 Provides overall leadership to the Party.

9.1.2 Represents the Party at national and international forums.

9.1.3 Ensures the integration of youth and women's perspectives in party policies.

9.2 Secretary-General:

9.2.1 Manages the Party's day-to-day activities.

9.2.2 Maintains the Party's records.

9.2.3 Coordinates the activities of the Party Secretariat.

9.3 National Treasurer:

9.3.1 Manages the finances of the Party.

9.3.2 Oversees the preparation of financial statements.

ARTICLE 10: THE PARTY SECRETARIAT

10.1 The Party Secretariat shall be responsible for implementing decisions made by the NEC and ensuring effective administration of the Party.

10.2 The Secretariat shall consist of appointed officers led by an Executive Director.

ARTICLE 11: NOMINATIONS

11.1 The Party shall conduct nominations for candidates for general elections and by-elections in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Act.

11.2 Nomination Methods:

11.2.1 Direct Nomination

11.2.2 Consensus

11.2.3 Electoral College

ARTICLE 12: PARTY LISTS

12.1 The Party shall submit party lists to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) as required by law.

ARTICLE 13: PARTY DISCIPLINE

13.1 Disciplinary action shall be taken against members or officials who violate the Party's code of conduct.

13.2 Disciplinary Measures:

13.2.1 Warning

13.2.2 Suspension

13.2.3 Expulsion

13.3 The disciplinary process shall be in accordance with Articles 47 and 50 of the Constitution of Kenya.

ARTICLE 14: THE ELECTIONS BOARD

14.1 The Elections Board shall oversee all internal elections and nominations within the Party.

14.2 Composition and responsibilities of the Board shall be determined by the NEC.

ARTICLE 15: NATIONAL ELECTIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL

15.1 The Tribunal shall handle appeals arising from party nominations and other elections within the Party.

ARTICLE 16: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

16.1 Members shall uphold the highest standards of integrity and abide by the principles and values set forth in this Constitution.

16.2 The code of conduct shall include provisions for:

16.2.1 Ethical behavior and decision-making.

16.2.2 Respect for diversity and inclusivity.

16.2.3 Accountability for actions taken on behalf of the Party.

ARTICLE 17: THE PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS

17.1 The Parliamentary Caucus shall coordinate and facilitate the Party's legislative agenda in Parliament, ensuring alignment with the Party's objectives.

17.2 The Caucus shall consist of all Members of Parliament elected under the Party's banner.

ARTICLE 18: GOVERNORS CAUCUS

18.1 The Governors Caucus shall represent and coordinate the interests of the Party's Governors.

18.2 The Caucus shall advocate for policies that benefit their constituencies and support the Party's objectives.

ARTICLE 19: COUNTY ASSEMBLIES CAUCUSES

19.1 County Assemblies Caucuses shall be responsible for coordinating Party activities at the county level, promoting grassroots engagement.

19.2 These caucuses shall ensure that the voices of constituents are represented in party decisions.

ARTICLE 20: LEAGUES, COUNCILS, AND CHAPTERS

20.1 The Party shall establish special leagues including the Youth League, Women's League, and Elders Council, as well as councils and chapters to cater to different interest groups.

20.2 These groups shall advocate for their specific interests and work to ensure their representation in Party matters.

ARTICLE 21: PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

21.1 All meetings of the Party organs shall be conducted in accordance with democratic principles and guided by a set agenda.

21.2 Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and made available to members.

ARTICLE 22: QUORUM

22.1 The quorum for meetings of any organ of the Party shall be as follows:

22.1.1 For the National Delegates Conference (NDC): A minimum of two-thirds of the delegates must be present.

22.1.2 For the National Executive Committee (NEC): A minimum of half of the members must be present.

22.1.3 For County and other meetings: A minimum of one-third of the members must be present.

ARTICLE 23: THE PARTY SEAL, SYMBOL, FLAG

23.1 The Party shall have a seal, symbol, and flag, as registered with the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties.

23.2 The design of the seal, symbol, and flag shall be determined by the NEC and ratified by the NDC.

ARTICLE 24: FINANCE

24.1 The Party shall raise funds through membership fees, contributions, and fundraising activities.

24.2 Funds shall only be used for activities that promote the objectives of the Party, and no part of the funds shall be distributed among members.

ARTICLE 25: AUDITORS

25.1 The Party shall appoint qualified auditors to audit its accounts annually.

25.2 The auditors shall submit their reports to the NEC and present them at the NDC for approval.

ARTICLE 26: INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS

26.1 Party members and the public shall have the right to inspect the Party's accounts and membership register, subject to reasonable conditions set by the NEC.

ARTICLE 27: PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

27.1 All publications and press releases by the Party shall be authorized by the Secretary-General.

27.2 The Party shall maintain a media policy to guide communication with the public.

ARTICLE 28: GENERAL LEADERSHIP PROVISIONS

28.1 Party leaders shall lead by example, uphold integrity, and adhere to national values and principles of governance.

28.2 Leadership development programs shall be established to nurture future leaders within the Party.

ARTICLE 29: RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BY-LAWS

29.1 The NEC may make rules, regulations, and by-laws to govern specific matters not covered by this Constitution, provided such rules are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 30: AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION

30.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the NDC.

30.2 Proposals for amendments must be submitted to the Secretary-General in writing at least 30 days before the NDC.

ARTICLE 31: MERGER

31.1 The Party may merge with another political party upon approval by a two-thirds majority of the NDC.

31.2 The merger process must be transparent and benefit the objectives of the Party.

ARTICLE 32: COALITIONS

32.1 The Party may enter into coalitions with other political parties for mutual benefit, as approved by the NDC.

32.2 The terms of such coalitions must be clearly defined in a written agreement.

ARTICLE 33: TRANSITION

33.1 Provisions for transition shall be established to guide the transfer of power and responsibilities during changes in Party leadership.

ARTICLE 34: DISSOLUTION AND RENAMING

34.1 The Party may be dissolved by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the NDC.

34.2 Upon dissolution, the assets of the Party shall be disposed of according to applicable laws, ensuring any remaining resources benefit the community.

Signed on behalf of the Ground Party of Kenya:

Party Leader: _____

Secretary General: _____

Date: _____
