

**THE CONSTITUTION OF ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE
UNION (I.E.D.P.U), 2015.**

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UNION**

PREAMBLE:

We, members of the ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION, recognizing the need to consolidate ourselves into an active, progressive and democratic body for the progress and development of the Emirate and our people at home and abroad, appreciating the problems of our Society and the role we must play in the maintenance of a united, democratic and progressive Union and dedicating ourselves to work for the realization of these ideals as enshrined in this Constitution firmly and solemnly resolved to have this Constitution.

SECTION 1

- (a) NAME: The name of the Union shall be "ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION (I.E.D.P.U)".
- (b) MOTTO: The Motto of the Union shall be "**Unity and Progress**".
- (c) EMBLEM AND SEAL: The emblem of the Union shall be a Warrior in full regalia on a horse holding a spear in the left hand and a tasbih in the right hand with the inscription "ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION (I.E.D.P.U)" written around it.
- (d) SECRETARIAT: The Secretariat and the registered address of the Union shall be UMARU SARO ROAD, GARIN ALIMI ROUNDABOUT, ILORIN with Annex at No. 146, KAMALDEEN STREET, PAKATA P.O. BOX 1127 ILORIN or at such other place(s) as the National Executive Council may determine from time to time, (e) The Union shall be a NON-POLITICAL organization.

SECTION 2

INTERPRETATION

Unless otherwise stated herein:

(a) "ILORIN EMIRATE" covers and includes the following Towns and Districts:

- (i) Ilorin Town;
- (ii) Iponrin District;
- (iii) Afon District;
- (iv) Malete District;
- (v) Akanbi District;
- (vi) Ejidongari District;
- (vii) Oloru District;
- (viii) Owode District;
- (ix) Onire District;
- (x) Lanwa District and
- (xi) Ipaiye District.

Now comprising Asa, Ilorin East, Ilorin South, Ilorin West and Moro Local Government Areas of Kwara State.

(b)

- (i) "UNION" means ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION,
- (ii) "MEMBER" means a registered financial member of the Union.
- (iii) "EXECUTIVE MEMBER" means member of any Executive arm of the Union.

- (iv) "INDIGENE" means a DESCENDANT OF ILORIN EMIRATE as defined above.
- (v) "WARD" means a traditional title area within Ilorin.
- (vi) "BANK" refers to any legally recognized Bank in Nigeria wherein the Union maintains account(s).

SECTION 3

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Union shall be to:

- (a) Foster and promote unity, progress and mutual understanding amongst the indigenes of Ilorin Emirate and other communities;
- (b) Co-operate/collaborate with other similar Unions/Associations/Institutions within the State and other parts of the Federation for mutual benefit.
- (c) Honour and show appreciation for individuals'/group'-outstanding contributions towards the development of the community;
- (d) Promote the socio-economic, cultural and educational development of the Community;
- (e) Promote security and welfare of its members and the wellbeing of the entire Ilorin Community;
- (f) Publish books and periodicals on the activities of the Union;
- (g) Co-operate and work with various Islamic religious groups within the Community with a view to propagating Islam;
- (h) Acquire and own property(ies) in furtherance of the objectives of the Union;
- (i) Collate, project and represent the views and stand of the Community on developmental issues; and
- (j) Do all such other lawful things that will enable the Union attain its objectives.

SECTION 4

(a) MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership of the Union shall be open to every indigene of Ilorin Emirate resident in Nigeria and Abroad;
- (ii) To become an active member of the Union, an indigene shall upon being duly registered with a Branch of the Union be issued with a membership identity card by the National Executive Council.

(b) RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

Financial members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership including the right to:

- (i) Vote and be voted for;
- (ii) Participate fully in debates at any meeting;
- (iii) Any other benefits/privileges as may be determined from time to time by the Union.

SECTION 5

MEETINGS OF THE UNION

Meetings of the Union shall be of four (4) categories: -

(a) NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- (i) Annual delegates conferences; and
- (ii) Emergency national conferences.

(b) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

- (i) Weekly Executive Council meetings;

(ii) Emergency Executive Council meetings.

(c) ZONE:

(i) Delegates meetings;

(ii) Executive meetings;

(iii) Annual general Convention; and

(iv) Emergency meetings.

(d) BRANCH:

(i) Weekly general meetings;

(ii) Executive meetings;

(iii) Annual general meetings; and

(iv) Emergency meetings.

SECTION 6

(a) ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNION

The Organs of the Union shall be:

(i) National Conferences

(ii) National Executive Council

(iii) Zone

(iv) Branch

(b) COMPOSITION, CONDITIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ORGANS OF THE UNION

(i) NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 1) The National Conference shall be the highest organ of the Union and its decisions shall be final;
- 2) The Union shall hold Annual National Conference to which accredited Branches shall be required to send delegates;
- 3) National Conference membership shall comprise the accredited delegates from Branches and current members of the National Executive Council;
- 4) A Branch delegation shall comprise at least one member and at most four members of the Branch;
- 5) The Annual Conference shall be held over at least two succeeding days during the month of December in Ilorin Emirate at a Venue as may be decided by the National Executive Council;
- 6) The Branches shall be informed of the date of the Conference at least two months before its commencement;
- 7) On the days of the Annual Conference, members shall receive Annual Reports for the current year's activities of the Union together with audited Statement of Accounts;
- 8) An emergency National Conference may be summoned by the National Executive Council if and when circumstances demand;
- 9) The quorum of the National Conference shall be two third (2/3) of the number of accredited Branches of the Union;
- 10) Two third (2/3) registered Branches shall have the power to summon an Emergency National Conference if and when circumstances demand.

(ii) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

It shall be the duty of the National Executive Council (NEC) to:

- (1) Defend the Constitution of the Union;
- (2) Take decision on any urgent and important matters affecting the Union which are not provided for in the Constitution. Such a decision in that respect shall be binding provisionally on members subject to the ratification of the subsequent National Conference;

- (3) Take care of the Union's properties;
- (4) Represent the Union's views in all matters;
- (5) Authorize all expenditures of the Union;
- (6) Authorize promotion and discipline of Union Staff as and when the need arises;
- (7) Replace any non-performing Ex-officio member(s);
- (8) Appoint members of Standing Committees to deal with or find solution to urgent matters in the interest of the Union;
- (9) Appoint Ad-hoc Committees other than the Standing Committees to look into specified matters as the need arises;
- (10) In the absence of the National President and the National Vice President, the National Executive Council meeting shall be presided over by any of the vice Presidents from the Zones, and in their absence, any elected officer from among the members present.
- (11) Hold weekly meetings;
- (12) Hold at least 35 weekly meetings in a year and at least ten of the National Executive Council members shall form the quorum for the meeting.

(iii) ZONE

- (1) The recognized Zones of the Union are - Central Zone, Northern Zone, Western Zone and South-South Zone;
- (2) A Zone shall not be represented at the National Conference as such, as attendance is based on Branch representation;
- (3) Member Branches of any Zonal group shall continue to be recognized by the National Headquarters as individual Branches and the Zonal arrangements shall subsist and its decision shall be binding on Branches among themselves only.

(iv) BRANCH

- (1) Branch meetings shall be held at such time and place as such Branch agrees upon;
- (2) Each Ward in Ilorin may constitute a Branch of the Union;
- (3) Branches shall be established in all places of domicile in Nigeria and abroad where there are Ilorin Emirate indigenes;
- (4) Any newly formed Branch of the Union shall be required to process its registration by application through the Zone where it falls, to the National Executive Council. If the recommendation to the National Executive Council is affirmative, it shall approve the registration of the Branch provisionally for subsequent introduction to the National Conference for ratification.
- (5) The viability of a Branch shall be determined by its regular attendance, participation and financial contribution at the National Conference;
- (6) Where a Branch fails to attend three (3) consecutive National Conferences and /or neglect to pay its annual due and Conference registration fees, such a Branch shall be deemed unviable and deregistered accordingly;
- (7) Where a report of non-viability of a Branch is received by the National Executive Council from any Zone, whether the Branch falls within the Zone or not, such a Branch shall be deregistered after due investigation by the National Executive Council;
- (8) All Branches shall send their annual dues and levies to the National Conference not later than the end of September of each year;
- (9) Each Branch shall have its own Executive Committee;
- (10) There shall be 128 numbers of branches of the Union and such other number(s) as the congress may approve from time to time and in accordance with Section 6(iv)(4) of this Constitution;
- (11) The branches referred to in Sub-section (10) are those listed in the First Schedule to this Constitution PROVIDED that the numbers shall be added to as time and circumstances dictate and such new Branch shall be listed accordingly.

SECTION 7

(a) ELECTIONS

- (i) Election into the National Executive Council shall be held biennially i.e. every two years;
- (ii) On the last day of Conference of the election year, National Conference shall elect all officers of the National Executive Council through a majority vote of delegates and outgoing National Executive Council members present and voting;
- (iii) The National Executive Council as elected shall hold office for a period of two consecutive years;
- (iv) A National Executive Council member shall be eligible for re-election except that no officer can hold office for more than two consecutive terms on the same post;
- (v) The election shall be conducted by an ad-hoc Electoral Committee appointed by the Conference during the Conference in session;
- (vi) Election shall be by simple majority while un-opposed candidates at an election shall be required to have 50% yes votes to be deemed elected;
- (vii) Every member eligible to vote shall be entitled to only one vote;
- (viii) Every member of the Union whether present or not at the Conference is eligible to be voted for; For a member to be eligible to stand for election, he must have been nominated and his nomination must have been seconded by accredited delegates present at the Conference;
- (ix) Any member of the Union who is a political office holder, either by appointment or election, shall not be eligible to stand for election into any office of the Union or be a delegate;
- (x) Election shall be conducted by secret or open ballot; Out-going Officers shall surrender all the Union's properties to the newly elected Officers not later than two weeks after the election;

- (xi) Active members shall be appointed by the elected National Executive Council as ex-officio members in such a way that selection shall be well spread across the Local Government Areas in Ilorin Emirate and professional interest groups.

(b) BYE ELECTION

There shall be a bye-election during the National Conference of a non-election year to fill any vacant elective office. Such office shall be deemed vacant in the following circumstances:

- (i) By resignation;
- (ii) On ground of prolonged ill health beyond six (6) months, incapacitation or death;
- (iii) Absence from meetings for six consecutive months without acceptable reason(s);
- (iv) Upon being appointed/elected into a political office;
- (v) Poor performance or persistent violation of the provision of this Constitution as may be determined by not less than two third (2/3) majority of the members of the National Executive Council present when such a decision is to be taken.

SECTION 8

COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The power of the Union shall be vested in a body called the National Executive Council composed of the following Officers: -

- (a) National President;
- (b) National Vice President;
- (c) Vice President, Central Zone;
- (d) Vice President, Northern Zone;
- (e) Vice President, Western Zone;

- (f) Vice President, South-South Zone (and any other Zone so recommended by the NEC of the Union and approved by the National Conference);
- (g) National Secretary;
- (h) 1st National Assistant Secretary, 2nd National Assistant Secretary and 3rd National Assistant Secretary;
- (i) National Treasurer;
- (j) National Financial Secretary;
- (k) National Assistant Financial Secretary;
- (l) National Social Secretary;
- (m) National Assistant Social Secretary;
- (n) National Publicity Secretary;
- (o) National Assistant Publicity Secretary;
- (p) National Legal Adviser;
- (q) National Internal Auditor;
- (r) Such number of Ex Officio members as the National Executive Council may deem fit to appoint;
- (s) Past National Presidents, National Secretaries, current Zonal Chairmen, current Zonal Secretaries and current Branch Chairmen.

SECTION 9

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

For a member to be eligible for elective position on the National Executive Council of the Union, he must be:

- (a) an active and financial member of a registered branch of the Union;
- (b) recognized and nominated by a branch from a Zone;
- (c) found worthy in experience and character.

SECTION 10

FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

(a) NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The National President shall:

- (i) Preside over the Executive Council meetings and the National Conferences;
- (ii) Co-ordinate the activities of the National Executive Council;
- (iii) Be the Chief spokesman of the Union;
- (iv) Be the principal signatory to the Union's Bank Account(s);
- (v) Have power to convene Emergency meetings;
- (vi) Receive monthly reports from Officers and may cause overall reports to be sent to the Branches when necessary;
- (vii) Perform or delegate to other Executive members those duties not treated by the Constitution but are in line with the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Union;
- (viii) Have the power to rule, in consultation with the National Legal Adviser, on matters on which the Constitution is silent and which the NEC could not resolve;
- (ix) Present his action plan for his tenure within 3 months of election.

(b) NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The National Vice President shall have power to:

- (i) Carry out the duties of the President in his absence;
- (ii) Assist the President;
- (iii) Perform other functions that may be assigned by the President or the National Executive Council.

(c) VICE PRESIDENTS (ZONES)

- (i) Being members of the National Executive Council, shall carry out liaison jobs between the National Executive Council and the respective Zones;
- (ii) Perform other functions that may be assigned by the President or the National Executive Council.

(d) NATIONAL SECRETARY

The National Secretary shall:

- (i) Be the administrative head of the Secretariat of the Union;
- (ii) Be responsible for all the secretariat duties of the Union;
- (iii) After consultation with the President, summon the meetings of the Union;
- (iv) Record, produce and keep full and correct minutes of the Conference and Executive Council meetings;
- (v) Ensure the production of bounded copies of the minutes of the National Executive Council quarterly;
- (vi) Be responsible for preparing and reading the annual report of the Union;
- (vii) Always liaise with the President in his activities;
- (viii) Be one of the alternate signatories to the Union's Bank Accounts;
- (ix) Be the overall custodian of the Union's properties;

(x) Perform other duties assigned to him by the President or the National Executive Committee.

(e) **1st NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, 2nd NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND 3rd NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

(i) The three (3) National Assistant Secretaries shall: Assist the National Secretary in all the secretariat duties and carry out the duties assigned to the Secretary in his absence;

(ii) Perform other specific duties assigned by the Constitution;

(iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Secretary or the National Executive Council.

(f) **NATIONAL TREASURER**

The National Treasurer who shall be a professionally qualified accountant shall

(i) Submit annual/quarterly reports of the Union's Accounts to the National Executive Council/Annual National Conference;

(ii) Disburse approved expenditures and keep record of same along with other financial records of the Union;

(iii) Within 72 hours, deposit the Union's money to the Union's Bank Account(s) and carry out other monetary transactions as assigned to him by the National Executive Council;

(iv) Be one of the alternate signatories to the Union's Accounts.

(g) **NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The National Financial Secretary shall:

(i) Collect all monies and account for same on behalf of the Union;

(ii) Submit all accounts and documents to the Auditor for checking when called for;

(iii) Collect all subscriptions from members and any money obtained from any activities organized by the Union, and pay same to the Treasurer within 48 hours;

- (iv) Issue official receipts on all monies collected;
- (v) Keep and make available record of receipts and payments on demand;
- (vi) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(j) NATIONAL ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The National Assistant Financial Secretary shall:

- (i) Assist the Financial Secretary in his duties;
- (ii) Carry out all the duties assigned to the Financial Secretary in his absence;
- (iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(k) NATIONAL SOCIAL SECRETARY

The National Social Secretary shall:

- (i) Arrange activities in conjunction with Social Committee of the Union as may be approved by the National Executive Council;
- (ii) See to the welfare of the delegates at the National Conference;
- (iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(j) NATIONAL ASSISTANT SOCIAL SECRETARY

The National Assistant Social Secretary shall:

- (i) Assist the National Social Secretary in his duties;
- (ii) Carry out all the duties assigned to the Social Secretary in his absence;
- (iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(k) NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The National Publicity Secretary shall:

- (i) Be responsible for publicizing the Union's activities in the media;
- (ii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(I) NATIONAL ASSISTANT PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The National Assistant Publicity Secretary shall:

- (i) Assist the Publicity Secretary at all times;
- (ii) Carry out all the duties assigned to the Publicity Secretary in his absence;
- (iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(m) NATIONAL LEGAL ADVISER

The National Legal Adviser who shall be a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria of not less than 10 years standing at the bar shall.

- (i) Advise the Union on all legal matters,
- (ii) Handle all Union's assignments involving legal issue(s);
- (iii) Prepare all legal documents relating to the Union;
- (iv) Have the power to interpret the rules and provisions of this Constitution,
- (v) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

(n) NATIONAL INTERNAL AUDITOR

The National Internal Auditor who shall be a professionally qualified accountant shall:

- (i) Be responsible for examining all the Union's Accounts with the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer at least once in a year;
- (ii) Submit a detailed report of his examination and findings to the Annual Conference;
- (iii) Perform other duties assigned by the National Executive Council.

SECTION 11

(a) COMPOSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) General Purpose Committee;
- (ii) Social Committee;
- (iii) Publicity Committee;
- (iv) Education Committee;
- (v) Finance Committee;
- (vi) Investment Committee;
- (vii) Disciplinary Committee;
- (viii) Project Committee;
- (ix) Security Committee;

(b) FUNCTIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

(i) GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise the National President who shall be its Chairman and six (6) other members appointed by the National Executive Council. The Secretary to the Committee shall be the National Secretary;
- (2) Perform other duties assigned to it by the National Executive Council within the provision of this Constitution.

(ii) SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise the Social Secretary who shall be its Chairman, Assistant Social Secretary who shall be the Committee's Secretary and any other five (5) members appointed by the National Executive Council;

- (2) Arrange all social functions including the Annual Conference as well as other activities of the Union;
- (3) Arrange and be responsible for transport service of delegates during the Annual Conference necessary,
- (4) Perform any other social functions conferred on it by the National Executive Council within the provision of this Constitution.

(iii) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise the Publicity Secretary as its Chairman, the Assistant Publicity Secretary as the Committee's Secretary and any other five (5) members appointed by the Executive Council;
- (2) Be responsible for the publication and distribution of the Union's Magazine, (Newsletter), Greeting Cards, etc.;
- (3) Produce the newsletter of the Union quarterly;
- (4) Publicize the Union's activities.

(iv) EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise an educationist who shall be its Chairman, the 2nd National Assistant Secretary as the Secretary and any other five (5) members appointed by the National Executive Council;
- (2) Be responsible for the proper running and maintenance of the education establishments and projects;

- (3) Arrange public lectures and symposia for the purpose of increasing the communities' awareness of the importance of education;
- (4) Operate bursary/scholarship schemes for the benefit of deserving indigenes;
- (5) Compile or cause reports to be compiled on general education progress (both statistical and analytical) of Ilorin Emirate Community and suggest remedies for education problems,
- (6) Perform any other functions conferred on it by the National Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(v) FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise the Treasurer as the Chairman, Financial Secretary as Committee's Secretary, the Assistant Financial Secretary and any other two (2) member appointed by the National Executive Council;
- (2) Advise the Union from time to time on lawful means of raising funds;
- (3) Have a supervisory/advisory role on matters relating to the Union's revenue and expenditures;
- (4) Perform other functions conferred on it by the National Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(vi) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise a management expert as its Chairman, the 3rd National Assistant Secretary as the Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Legal Adviser and any other two (2) nominees;
- (2) Advise the Union from time to time on the most profitable means of investing its funds;
- (3) Oversee all investment and business ventures of the Union;

- (4) Keep all the records of the Union's investments;
- (5) Remit the proceeds profits from all investments to the Union
- (6) Perform any other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Council.

(vii) DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise the National Vice President as the Chairman Legal Adviser and any other three members appointed by the National Executive Council.
- (2) instill discipline in members by enforcing strict compliance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- (3) Ensure accurate judgment within the scope of this Constitution;
- (4) Consider all cases of offence referred to it by the National Executive Council recommend appropriate disciplinary action to be meted out to the offender;
- (5) Have the power to hear complain of a member, Branch or Zone who wishes to appeal any case;
- (6) Have power over staff disciplinary matters referred to it by the National Executive Council;
- (7) Submit its written recommendation(s) on all cases to the National Executive Council which shall have the power to approve or reject the recommendation. However, any disciplinary action involving the expulsion of a member of the union must be submitted to the National Conference for ratification.

(viii) PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise a management expert as the Chairman and any other four members appointed by the National Executive Council,
- (2) Serve in advisory role from time to time on projects to be executed by the Union;
- (3) Oversee the projects of the Union as assigned by the National Executive Council;
- (4) Ensure prudent management and execution of the Union's project;
- (5) Perform other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Council

(ix) SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Committee shall:

- (1) Comprise a security expert who shall be its Chairman and any other four members appointed by the National Executive Council,
- (2) Be responsible for creating security awareness amongst members of the Union and the general public;
- (3) Have a supervisory/advisory role on matters relating to security and safety of life and property;
- (4) Liaise with the Security Agencies on provision of adequate security for delegates at the National Conference and other activities organized by the Union;
- (5) Perform other functions assigned to it by the National Executive Council.

SECTION 12

OFFENCES AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

(a) OFFENCES

The following shall constitute offences during the meeting or any activity of the Union:

- (i) Acting in any capacity without due authority;
- (ii) Use of abusive/derogatory/foul language;
- (iii) Hooliganism
- (iv) Fighting

- (v) intoxication;
- (vi) Fraudulent acts;
- (vii) Refusal/hoarding/delay in handing over any property/records of the Union in line with provisions of this Constitution;
- (viii) Any behavior capable of distorting the peace and smooth conduct of the meeting or activities of the Union;
- (ix) Any acts capable of tarnishing the image and reputation of the Union.

(b) DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

The followings shall be the disciplinary/corrective measures, any of which may be taken against any officer or member found guilty of the offences listed in section 11(a) above:

- (i) **WARNING:** Written or verbal warning, which shall precede other disciplinary measures;
- (ii) **SUSPENSION:** A culpable member, Branch or Zone may be suspended from the Union for a period not less than three (3) months but not more than six (6) months for a first-time offender. Subsequent offences by the same member, Branch or Zone shall attract stiffer penalty as may be decided by the National Executive Council;
- (iii) **EXPULSION:** A recalcitrant offender shall be expelled only on the recommendation of the disciplinary committee subject to the ratification by two-third (2/3) majority of members present at the National Executive Council meeting where the recommendation is being considered;
- (iv) Any expelled member, Branch or Zone shall not be eligible to participate in meetings and other activities of the Union;
- (v) Any expelled member, Branch or Zone shall only be eligible for a readmission into the Union after two (2) years on expulsion and on the ground of appeal subject to the ratification by two-third (2/3) majority of members present at the National Executive Council meeting where the appeal is being considered.

SECTION 13

FINANCE

(a) FUNDS

The following shall be the main sources of funds of the Union:

- (i) Monthly dues, the amount to be determined by member of the respective Branches;
- (ii) Levy may be imposed by the Branches on each member and by the National Headquarters on the Branches;
- (iii) Borrowing from members or from the Union's Bankers;
- (iv) Donations from members or other well-wishers;
- (v) Sales of books or publications and revenue from disposal of the property of the Union with the authority of the National Executive Council;
- (vi) Public Elections and donations from the general Public for specific purpose from time to time;
- (vii) Proceeds of economic and social activities of the Union;
- (viii) income from any commercial venture of the Union;
- (ix) Annual dues from member Branches and any other money mat the Branches may deem necessary to be emitted :o the National Headquarters;
- (x) Any other awful means of generating revenue.

(b) ACCOUNTS

- (i) Receipts must be issued for ai! monies received on behalf of the Union;
- (ii) AH monies belonging to the Union must be deposited in the Union s account within 48 hours of receipt;
- (iii) Any member of the Union who collects any money for or from the Union would be expected to give acceptable accounts of such collections;

- (iv) Proper records must be kept for all monies received and disbursed by the Union;
- (v) An annual account of all financial transactions of the Union must be prepared by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and checked by the Auditor.

(c) AUDIT

- (i) An external Auditor who shall be a member of a recognized Accounting Body may be invited to audit the account of the Union when necessary irrespective of whether or not the accounts were checked by the Internal Auditor;
- (ii) The report on observations and recommendations of such external auditing exercise shall be received by the National Executive Council for discussion and subsequent presentation to the National Conference for implementation.

SECTION 14

TRUSTEES

- (a) His Royal Highness, the Emir of Horn- shall of the late Patron of the Union and shall be one of the registered Trustees;
- (b) The Trustees for the Union, for the purpose of Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 shall be appointed at the Annual National Conference of the Union by a simple majority of members present;
- (c) Such registered Trustees shall be seven (7) in number and shall be known as the Registered Trustees of Emir of Horn- Descendants Progressive Union (I.E.D.P.U);
- (d) A Trustee shall cease to hold office if he:
 - (i) Resigns his office;
 - (ii) Becomes insane;
 - (iii) Is officially declared bankrupt;

- (iv) Is dead
- (v) Is recommended for removal from office by two-third (2/3) votes of members at the National Conference of the Union.
- (e) Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Trustees, a subsequent National Conference shall appoint an eligible member in replacement;
- (f) The common seal of the Trustees shall be kept in the custody of the National Secretary who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees;
- (g) The Trustee shall have a common seal;
- (h) All documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by any 5 or the Registered Trustees and sealed by common seal;
- (i) The Trustees shall apply to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Certificate of Incorporation under the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1. of 1990-part C;
- (j) If such Certificate is granted, the Trustees shall have power to accept and hoses in bust all land belonging to Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (I.E.D.P.U) and to acquire landed properties, equipment and other materials on behalf of (I.E.D.P.U) subject to such condition as the Commission may impose.

SECTION 15

(a) STAFF OF THE UNION

- (i) The National Executive Council shall set up Employment Committee to be chaired by the National Secretary to handle Union staff recruitment, discipline and promotion as the need arises;
- (ii) Suitable members and non-members of the Union shall be eligible for appointment as staff of the Union;
- (iii) All employees of the Union shall hold office at the pleasure of the Union;

- (iv) Union staff in the performance of their duties shall be under the general supervisions of the National Secretary;
- (v) Any staff of the Union may resign his/her appointment at any time by fulfilling the terms and conditions of his/her appointment;
- (vi) The staff of the Union shall be required to give at least one month notice to the National Secretary or pay one month's salary in lieu of notice after which the resignation shall become effective;
- (vii) A resigning Union staff shall be required to surrender all properties of the Union in his/her custody to the National Secretary and shall settle any debt which may be outstanding against his/her name.

(b) PROPERTY OF THE UNION

- (i) Anything belonging to the Union is regarded as the Union Property;
- (ii) Individual Officer shall be accountable for property assigned to his office;
- (iii) Union Property shall not be put to private use and as much as practicable shall be at the Union Secretariat;
- (iv) Major repairs of the Union Property shall be undertaken only with the consent of the National Executive Council;
- (v) Repair shall be deemed major when above N10,000.00.

(a) STANDING ORDERS

- (i) Each Branch or Zone shall promulgate a set of rules and regulations called Standing Order/bye Laws to guide the operation of its meetings and other activities;
- (ii) Such Standing Order/bye Laws shall be null and void as much as they contradict this Constitution.

(b) VALIDITY OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (i) The provisions of this Constitution shall be binding on all members. National Executive Council, Zones and Branches of the Union;
- (ii) No Branch or Zone shall have any other separate Constitution.

(c) REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

- (i) This constitution shall be reviewed when necessary;
- (ii) Any amendment sponsored by any member, branch or zone shall be sent to the National executive council who shall upon receipt, constitute a constitution amendment/ review committee to consider the proposed amendment (s);
- (iii) Any approved amendment shall be circulated to all branches for preliminary information at least two months before the national conference;
- (iv) The National Executive council shall tender the approved amendment (s) at the national conference for consideration and adoption;
- (v) No national conference resolution to approve any proposed amendment to the constitution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is supported by a majority of two-third (2/3) of delegates present, at the conference session.

SECTION 17

(a) SPECIAL CLAUSE

- (i) THE INCOME AND PROPERTY of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (I.E.D.P.U) where so ever derived shall be applied solely towards die promotion of the objectives of the Union as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however by way of profit to the members of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union;

- (ii) PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Union but so that no member of the Council of Management or Governing Body shall be appointed to any salaries office of the Union or any office of the Union paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefits in money or monies shall be given by the Union to any member of such Council or Governing Body except repayment of out of pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Union provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment of any company to a member of the Union may be a company in which such member shall not hold more than one hundredth part of the capital and such member shall not be bound on account for any share of profits he may receive in respect of any such payment;
- (iii) NO ADDITION, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the Constitution for the time being in force, unless the same have been previously submitted to and approved by the Registrar General; In the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (I.E.D.P.U) if there remains after the satisfaction of all its liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be appropriated to or distributed among the members of the Union but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Union and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at great as is imposed on the Union under or by virtue of the SPECIAL CLAUSE hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Union if effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some charitable objects.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 6) (iv), (10), (11)

Branches of the Union

1. **NORTHERN ZONE:** Kano, Maiduguri, Kaduna, Zaria, Sokoto. Jos, Bauchi, Birnin Gwari, Illela, Buruku, Wudu, Kafanchan, Katsina, Gusau, Dutse, Kazaure, Tamburawa,

Minna, Yola, Kotangora, Abuja, Azare, Binchi, Bodinga, Karimo, Bukuru, Gombe, Jalingo, Bida, Lafia, Bwari, Garki, Markurdi, Funtua, Keffi, Maje, Gwagwalada, Saminaka, Kuje, Malun Fashi, Daura and Makarfi.

2. **WESTERN ZONE:** Abeokuta, Ado-Ekiti, Agege, Aiyeye Ijebu, Ajase, Akure, Ajeromi-Ifelodun, Ajegunle-Apapa, Badagry, Badia-Ijora, Bariga, Cotonou, Ebute-Meta, Ede, Ejigbo, Eti-Osa, Idiroko, Ibadan North Ago-Ilorin, Ibadan South west, Ibadan North west, Ibadan Central, Idanre, Ijebu-Ode, Ikorodu-Agunfoye, Ikorodu Central, Kajola, Kosofe, Lagos Island 1, Lagos Island 2, Mafoluku/Oshodi, Mile 12 (Iso-lsu), Mushin-Ojuwoye, Ojodu-Berger, Ondo, Ore, Oshogbo, Sango Ota, Otto-Dido, Woo, Sajama, Port Novo and Cotonou.
3. **CENTRAL ZONE:** Afon, Agbonle, Alanamu, Ajapa/Eakase, Batita, Baboko/Mogaji Ngeri, Bala/Eyenkorin, Balogun Fulani, Bode Saadu, Gaa Odota, Gambari, Fate, Fufu, Igbaja, Ilesha Baruba, Jebba, Kabba, Kaiama, Kishi, Lokoja, Maletе, Mokwa, New Bussa, Offa/Oyun, Ogele, Ogidi/Oloje. Oke Onigbin, Oke-Oyi, Okene, Omu-Aran, Oro, Ote, Pakata/Ubandawaki and Share.
4. **SOUTHERN ZONE:** Port Harcourt, Eleme, Uyo, Warri, Yenegoa, Calabar, Obudu, Enugu, Onitsha, Benin, Agbor and Owerri.

SECOND SCHEDULE

OATH OF OFFICE OF ELECTED OFFICERS/MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

I.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION; that as _____ I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of IEDPU and the Law, and always in the interest of the Union, integrity, solidarity,

wellbeing and prosperity of the Union and Ilorin as a whole; that I will strive to preserve the integrity and culture of Ilorin; that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people according to Law without fear or favor, affection or ill will; that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall become known to me as

.....except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as.....

and that I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of the people of Ilorin.

So, help me God.

CITATION


This Constitution may be cited as the Constitution of ILORIN EMIRATE DESCENDANTS PROGRESSIVE UNION (IEDPU), 2015.

COMMENCEMENT

This Constitution as amended shall come into effect on the 19th day of April, 2015.

Signed:

Signed:



NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Date: 19th April, 2015

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