



THE CONSTITUTION

Of

NIGERIAN MUSLIMS NETWORK (NMN)

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**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE BENEFICENT
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Preamble

Strongly affirming our faith in Allah, the message of the Quran and Sunnah as everlastingly binding and concretely resolving to live in practical line with Allah's statements:

- (a) You are the best of peoples evolved for mankind - Aal-'Imran, 3:110; and
- (b) The Believers are but a single Brotherhood - Al-Hujurat, 49:10.

Fully realizing that Allah created death and life that He may try who among mankind is best in deed. Therefore, we members of the Nigerian Muslims Network (NMN) hereby resolve to give ourselves this Constitution and agree to abide by all its provisions.

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CHAPTER 1: BASIC IDENTITY

1. Name of the organization: The Name of the Organization shall be “NIGERIAN MUSLIMS NETWORK (NMN). It is a Group of Nigerian Muslims at home and in Diaspora.

2. Motto and Logo:

- (i) The Motto of NMN shall be “In pursuit of Allah’s pleasure.
- (ii) The Logo of the Organization shall be green coloured Nigerian Map with embedded networks with acronym NMN at its right side below.

3. Registered Office: The Registered Office of the NMN shall be in Abuja, the Nigerian Federal Capital or any location approved by the Shura Council and communicated to the General Assembly of the NMN.

4. Legal Effect: The provision of this Constitution shall have a binding force on all organs and members of the Organization.

5. Amendment:

- (1) Any Amendment to any Section of this Constitution shall be validly effected only by the General Assembly at any period assigned by the Shura Council.
- (2) A motion for an amendment if outside the SC may be forwarded to the General Secretary with copies to the General Assembly of Partners’ mailing lists by any member but must be seconded by at least seven members.
- (3) The motion to amend the Constitution whether from the SC or the required number of members shall be deemed to have been approved if supported by eleven members.

6. Aims and Objectives:

- (1) To promote and propagate the understanding and practice of Islam.
- (2) To serve as a unique forum for efficient and effective communication, information and ideas sharing, intellectual discourse, positive networking and fostering the spirit of Islamic brotherhood.
- (3) To promote the general welfare of members as well as Nigerian Muslims and global Ummah, promote and defend their rights and interests at all times and in all places.
- (4) To collaborate with Nigerian Muslims Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s) that share the aspirations and focus of NMN.
- (5) To co-operate with like-minded Islamic Organizations in consolidating the unity of Nigerian Muslim Ummah in particular and Global Muslims Ummah in general.

- (6) To acquire properties or structures (landed or otherwise) and engage in other lawful activities in realization and fulfillment of the aforementioned aims and objectives.

7. Membership:

- (1) Membership of the Organization shall be open only to Nigerian Muslim Adults who share all its aims and objectives and are prepared to carry out promptly as and when necessary their financial and participatory responsibilities.
- (2) A new member shall be introduced by an existing member in addition to other conditions that may be stipulated by the Shura Council.

8. Organization Structure:

The organization shall have 3-layer structure:

- i - Shura Council
- ii - Committee
- iii - General Assembly

CHAPTER 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

9. Officers of the Organization:

- i Amir
- ii Naibul-Amir
- iii General Secretary
- iv Asst. General Secretary
- v Financial Secretary
- vi Public Relations Officer
- vii List Administrator
- viii Asst. List Administrator
- ix Regional Coordinator, Nigeria
- x Regional Coordinator, Africa but Nigeria
- xi Regional Coordinator, Middle East
- xii Regional Coordinator, Far East and Australia
- xiii Regional Coordinator, Europe
- xiv Regional Coordinator, Americas

xv Immediate Past Amir

xvi Immediate Past General Secretary

xvii Sisters' Representative

xviii - xx Member, Special Duties (1,2,3)

Provided that the Posts of List Administrator, Immediate Past Amir and Immediate Past General Secretary shall be by Shura mandate.

10. Qualification for Leadership:

- (1) Leadership position in all the organs of the NMN shall be open to only committed members with normal internet accessibility.
- (2) Deliberate efforts shall be made to build sincere and solid sense of belonging across the diversity of Nigeria as well as global spread of membership without disregard to gender sensitivity.

11. Tenure:

- (1) The tenure of office of all officers of the NMN shall be two (2) years.
- (2) Any serving officer is eligible for a re-election for another term of two (2) years only in the same post.

12. Removal from office:

Upon anti-Islamic behavior, inconsistency, non-performance or inefficiency, any officer of the NMN may be removed from office by the Shura Council after the due consideration of the report of the disciplinary Committee set up therefor, by the votes of two-third of Members.

13. Resignation:

- (1) Any officer of the NMN may resign from office for a reasonable and just cause. The resignation process shall be forwarded to the Amir and in case of Amir, it should be forwarded to General Secretary.
- (2) The resignation process shall be deliberated upon by the Shura Council. Whatever conclusion made shall be conveyed to the instant officer and the General Assembly notified.

14. Filling of vacant post:

- (1) Whenever any substantive office becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation or removal, the member occupying the second in command capacity of the vacant post shall assume the substantive one.

- (2) Where any office of a second in command to a substantive post is vacant as a result of sub-section (1) above, or a post that has no second in command becomes vacant the Shura Council shall nominate a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy in acting capacity till the next election.

15. Election of officers:

- (1) The Election of Officers shall be by the Electoral Committee of seven (7) made up of highly pious, learned and very committed members. They shall also be people of integrity and experience, and this shall include the List Administrator as a permanent member.
- (2) The Electoral Committee shall be constituted by the Shura Council consequent upon their nominations by the General Assembly within the 6 months of expiration but not later than 4 months to the end of the current tenure.
- (3) Regards shall be given to practicable balancing of diversity of membership in Nigeria as well as regional location on the globe.
- (4) The Shura Council shall appoint the Chairman for the Committee while the Secretary is chosen by the membership of the Committee.
- (5) The election period within the election year shall be 15th day of Shawwal to 15th day of Dhul-Qadah.
- (6) No member of the Election Committee shall be eligible to hold any of the posts being processed by it.
- (7) The Election Committee has the power to draw its rules to arrive at a just and fair election without unnecessarily abandoning long-established systems. The committee has the power to resolve all disputes and its judgment is final.
- (8) The newly elected Shura Council shall be inaugurated within the month of Muharram following the election year.

CHAPTER 3: GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SHURA COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS.

16. The Shura Council: The Shura Council shall have power to

- (a) Be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the NMN.
- (b) In consultation with the General Assembly initiate and execute programmes and Projects that could bring about the prompt realization of the aims and objectives of the NMN.
- (c) Launch appeal for funds, levy and receive contributions and dues from members.

- (d) Prepare annual budgetary proposals and present to the General Assembly.
- (e) Issue policy and major statements as well as press releases on behalf of the Organization.
- (f) Generate other funds from any halal sources, authorities or individuals.
- (g) Relate to and communicate with the various tiers of Government in Nigeria and the World on any matters of interest to Islam, Muslims, Welfare and Good governance.
- (h) Constitute various standing and Ad-hoc Committees and charge such Committees with appropriate terms of reference.
- (i) To be conflict prevention and resolution organ of the NMN and have final Say on any issue, dispute or conflict within the NMN except election dispute.
- (j) Shall advice and assist the Amir in taking important decisions of NMN.

17. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

i – Amir

The Amir shall be the Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the NMN with the following additional duties:

- (a) Be directly responsible for the proper implementation and practicalisation of all the objectives of the NMN.
- (b) Presides over all meetings and events of the organization
- (c) Ensures high standard of spiritual and personal development of self and members.
- (d) Interprets the goal of the NMN to the Public at large.
- (e) Presents annual Amir Address to the General Assembly.
- (f) Delegates any of his duties to the Naibul-Amir, General Secretary, Regional Coordinator or any member of the Shura Council.
- (g) Queries any erring officer or member of the NMN and reports same to the Shura Council if need be for further actions.
- (h) Shall be a principal signatory to the NMN accounts.

ii – Naibul-Amir

- (a) Shall be the chairman of the Contact and strategy Committee and possibly in addition to another Standing Committee.
- (b) He shall work with and collaborate fully with the Amir in all his duties.
- (c) He shall carry other duties that may be specifically assigned to him by the Amir in addition to acting for him in his absence.

iii – General Secretary

- (a) Shall be responsible for the administration of the NMN Secretariat

- (b) Shall keep track and records of all the organizations activities for effective implementation.
- (c) Shall have the power to delegate duties to the Assistant Secretary
- (d) Shall perform such other duties duly assigned to him by the Amir or the Shura Council.
- (e) Shall be a signatory to NMN bank accounts.

iv – Assistant Secretary

- (a) Shall work with the Secretary and act for him in his absence.
- (b) He shall be directly involved in smooth running and monitoring of committees.
- (c) Shall perform such other duties duly assigned to him by the General Secretary, the Amir or the Shura Council.
- (d) Shall cover some specific Committees for effectiveness.

v- Financial Secretary

- (a) Shall keep proper records of all funds and financial transactions of the NMN maintaining standard accounting books.
- (b) He shall be the Chairman of Finance Committee.
- (c) Shall be responsible for the finance and budgetary planning of the organization.
- (d) Shall prepare and render mid-year as well as year-end financial reports and statements to the General Assembly.
- (e) Shall strive for and ensure financial buoyancy of the NMN at all times.
- (f) Shall be a principal signatory to the NMN bank accounts.
- (g) Shall perform such other duties duly delegated to him by the Amir or the Shura Council.

vi- Public Relations Officer

- (a) Shall be directly responsible for projecting the positive image of the NMN
- (b) He shall be the Chairman of Publicity and Current Affairs Committee
- (c) Shall be the major bridge between the NMN and Media entities.
- (d) Shall work closely with the Amir in ensuring prompt release of press statements and appropriate reactions as need be.
- (e) Shall perform such other duties duly assigned to him by the Amir or the Shura Council.

vii- List Administrator

- (a) Shall be directly responsible for maintaining up-to-date list of all members, maintaining the NMN website as well as establishing and keeping an effective and efficient database of members.
- (b) Shall be the Chairman of Data and List Administration Committee (DLAC)
- (c) Shall perform such other duties duly assigned to him by the Amir or the Shura Council.
- (d) Shall ensure proper decorum and civility by all members in all their communications.

viii- Assistant List Administrator

- (a) Shall work closely with the List Administrator and act for him in his absence.
- (b) Shall be the Secretary of Data and List Administration Committee.
- (c) Shall perform such other functions duly assigned to him by the List Administrator, the Amir or the Shura Council.

ix- Regional Coordinators

- (a) Shall be the eyes and ears of the Amir and the Shura Council in their respective regions ensuring the realization of all the aims and objectives of the NMN.
- (b) Shall be directly in charge of the collection and proper custody of membership dues and other authorized funds in their regions.
- (c) Be members of Finance and Members' Re-union Committees.
- (d) Shall maintain close link with NMNers in their regions.

X- Sisters Representative

- (a) Shall encourage sisters' participation in the list and other activities of the NMN.
- (b) Shall work for the membership of sisters in the Shura Council to facilitate effective co-ordination of female members as well as proper linkage with muslim women organizations like FOMWAN.
- (c) Shall be a member of Matrimonial Advisory and Members' Reunion Committees.

Xi- Member, Special Duties (1,2,3)

- (a) Shall be the reservoir of all that is positive, honourable, models and versatile.
- (b) Shall be up and doing in most Committee tasks.
- (c) Shall perform any assignment assigned to them by the Amir or the Shura Council.
- (d) Shall be considered for chairmanship of any Standing Committee

Xii- Past Amir/ General Secretary

- (a) Shall always be ready to put their experience and exposure at advantage to the Shura Council for objectives' realization
- (b) Shall be involved in critical Committee assignments.
- (c) Shall perform such other tasks duly delegated to them by the Amir or the Shura Council.

18. DISCIPLINE

- (1) All Officers and Members of the NMN shall be subjected to Islamic discipline in line with the Sharee'ah.
- (2) Members shall regularly conduct themselves with decorum and sound civility in all communications or interactions.
- (3) All resolutions of Netiquette Committee approved by the General Assembly shall have binding effect on all members.

- (4) Any breach of the above resolution, despite necessary naseehah or warning shall be referred to the Judicial Committee (JC) for adjudication. Appeal from the decision of JC lies to the Appeal Committee which is also the Shura Council. The decision of the Shura Council shall be final in all dispute or breach except election dispute.

19. STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) List of the standing Committees:

- 1) Data and List Administration
- 2) Research and Publication
- 3) Finance
- 4) Projects
- 5) Netiquette
- 6) Judicial
- 7) Publicity and Current Affairs
- 8) Appeals
- 9) Matrimonial Advisory Committee
- 10) Members' Re-union
- 11) Contact and Strategy

(2) Functions of the Standing Committees

- 1) DATA AND LIST ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (DLAC)
 - (a) Maintaining up-to-date list of all members:
 - i) Attending to subscription and un-subscription requests
 - ii) Dealing with problematic e-mail addresses
 - (b) Maintaining the NMN Web site:
 - i) Uploading approved material on the web site.
 - ii) Updating the web site.
 - iii) Archiving old but valuable material for easy retrieval.
 - iv) Attending to e-mail inquiries from visitors to the Web site.
 - v) Maintaining direct contact with the Internet Service Provider.
 - (c) Establishing and maintaining a database of members (Talent Bank). Members will have their full details in this bank e.g. field of specialization or expertise, interests, contact information, etc. This information shall be kept in confidence by the List Administration Committee and could only be released to interested parties with consent of the members concerned.
 - (d) Sending a welcome message to new subscribers and periodically re-circulating the NMN Netiquette. The welcome message gives a brief introduction to the aims and

objectives of the NMN, historical background of the forum, and subscription and un-subscription procedures.

- (e) Implementation of disciplinary measures as ruled by the appropriate organ or committee of the NMN. This may include suspension and/or expulsion from the mailing list etc.

2) RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (RPC)

- (a) Researching and writing articles on topical issues, especially those directly related to the Muslims in Nigeria, with a view to educate, correct misrepresentations, refute fallacies, remove misconceptions etc., and publishing same on the NMN mailing list, NMN web site as well as other web-sites.
- (b) Collaborating with other NMN members who write articles relevant to (a) and post them to the NMN list, to review/edit/corroborate such articles and publish same as in (a) above.
- (c) Requesting or sponsoring NMNers and non-NMNers, especially those specialized in various fields of Islamic Knowledge, History, Sociology and comparative religion, to write articles relevant to (a) above and publish same as in (a) above.
- (d) Identifying, analyzing and proposing solutions to major problems facing the Nigerian Muslims, in collaboration with other organizations, groups and individuals. Such proposals should be published as in (a) above, and forwarded to the relevant bodies through the PCAC.
- (e) Overseeing the production of the proposed “Annual Review of Islam and Muslims in Nigeria”

3) FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

- (a) Suggesting ways of sourcing funds for executing NMN projects and other activities.
- (b) Collecting annual membership dues and periodically informing the GA about the progress.
- (c) Coordinating the collection of donations and contributions from members and other sources towards the execution of NMN projects and activities.
- (d) Maintaining NMN financial accounts and keeping the SC informed about status of same.
- (e) Releasing approved funds to various NMN committees or other authorized recipient(s) for the execution of NMN activities.

4) PROJECTS COMMITTEE (PC)

- (a) Planning and Execution of NMN approved projects:
 - (i) Preparing budget for the projects.
 - (ii) Inviting other individuals and Muslim organizations (where necessary) towards executing the projects.
 - (iii) Proposing the time and venue for the projects for SC approval.
 - (iv) Identifying recipients/participants of the projects.

5) NETIQUETTES COMMITTEE (NC)

- (a) Monitoring discussion on NMN list and forwarding reminders to or issuing appropriate fines to members when they go against the NMN codes of conduct, especially those regarding the use of abusive language, use of languages other than English, congratulating members or expressing condolences to members in the General Assembly.
- (b) Reporting members who refuse or neglect to pay up issued fines as required or persist in violating NMN codes of conduct to the JC for further necessary disciplinary actions.

6) JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (JC)

- (a) Take disciplinary measures as provided by NMN rules and guidelines against members who refuse or neglect to pay up their issued fines as required or persist in violating NMN codes of conduct with fair hearing.
- (b) Entertain all grievances brought before it by any member or organ.
- (c) Give legal advice to Shura Council and other NMN committees.
- (d) Give legal advice or assistance where possible to members in Nigeria and elsewhere, whose rights to practise their religion is under threat or violated.

7) PUBLICITY AND CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (PCAC)

- (a) Monitoring current affairs, especially those affecting Nigerian Muslims, through media and other Nigerian Muslim organizations and keeping NMN members informed about same.
- (b) Drafting NMN position papers, memoranda, petition letters etc., as prompt as possible, on issues relevant to (a) according to NMN guidelines.
- (c) Coordinating and compiling input (and signatures derivation where necessary) from the GA and incorporating same into (b) above.
- (d) Finalizing and Distributing the NMN position papers, etc., to the appropriate authorities and publishing same on NMN web-site, other relevant web-sites and media organizations.
- (e) Maintaining cyberspace-based link between NMN and other organizations in Nigeria and the world at large, by carrying out publicity and information dissemination campaigns/programs on Islamic and contemporary issues affecting the Nigerian Muslim Ummah.
- (f) Publicizing the NMN web-site and Mailing list to other Nigerian Muslims organizations and relevant web-sites.
- (g) Organizing and moderating debates and discussions on topical socio-economic and political issues on the NMN mailing list.
- (h) Receiving and arranging for disseminating any information from various Nigerian Muslim Organizations as it deems fit.

8) APPEAL COMMITTEE

- (a) Hearing appeal from any ruling or judgment of The Judicial Committee.

- (b) It is composed of and constituted by the Shura Council.
- (c) Having the final say on any appeal it hears with the exception of election related matters.
- (d) Members of the SC who are also members of the JC shall not participate in hearing any appeal from cases they have adjudicated upon.

9) MATRIMONIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- (a) To provide a highly confidential platform for matchmaking for ripe, free, ready and available members of the Network or Ummah.
- (b) Render counseling sessions for about to wed, newly wedded and couples on reliable referrals.
- (c) Organize enlightenment sessions on Islamic etiquette of courtship, pre-marital relationship, stable marriage, parenting and child-upbringing.
- (d) Conduct arbitration in respect of relationship in difficulty
- (e) Generally promotes and encourages blissful marital life by all members.

10) MEMBERS' RE-UNION COMMITTEE

- (a) To deepen the genuine sense of Islamic brotherhood within limit.
- (b) Facilitate the practicalisation of positive networking among members from one region to another in the Diaspora and from State to State in Nigeria
- (c) Promote the habit of Islamic etiquette of honouring guests
- (d) Assist in demolition of extreme formality wall among members within Islamic limits.

11) CONTACT AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

- (a) Shall be responsible for strategic planning of the Organization.
- (b) Monitors and relates to the Shura Committee any perceived or identified discrepancy in the visionary direction of the NMN.
- (c) Harnesses the multiple human resources of the Ummah for effective development and growth.
- (d) Compliments the Shura Council in acting as a think tank for the NMN by generating innovative strategies to realize the aims and objectives of the Organization.

(3) Conditions for all the Standing Committees

The following conditions shall apply to all Standing Committees:

- i. The tenure of office of any Committee shall be two years in the first instance. Any member or the whole Committee may be re-appointed by the Shura Council if found efficient and effective for as long as found performing to expectation.
- ii. The Shura Council shall appoint a chairman for every committee if not statutorily indicated. Each Committee shall appoint its secretary within the membership if unspecified by the Constitution not later thirty days of

its inauguration. Failing this, the Shura Council shall appoint the Committee Secretary within its membership.

- iii. On the recommendation of the Chairman of a Committee, any uncommitted or inactive member may be recommended to the Shura Council for removal.
- iv. Membership of any Committee shall not be less than Seven (7) with at least a member from each region and as far as practicable with due regard to geographical diversity at home.

20. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

The NMN may establish any Ad-hoc Committee for specific tasks or projects which are not covered by any standing Committee. The Shura Council shall define the terms of reference, scope, membership as well as the duration and timeline for the Committees.

CHAPTER 4: SPECIAL BODIES

21. THE SHURA COUNCIL (SC)

The Shura Council (SC) is the highest decision – making organ of the NMN. It shall have the final say on all matters and issues of the organization, having the responsibility of running its day-to-day affairs and navigating same towards the prompt realization of all its aims and objectives. It consists of the Amir and other nineteen (19) officers detailed in Sections 9 and 17 of this Constitution above.

22. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

The general Assembly is a critical organ of the NMN consisting of all members in all the six (6) regions of the NMN namely:

- i. Nigeria
- ii. Africa but Nigeria
- iii. Middle East
- iv. Far East and Australia
- v. Europe and
- vi. Americas

23. REGISTERED TRUSTEES (Composition, Tenure e.t.c.)

- (1) The Trustees of the NMN for the purpose of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No 1 of 1990, Part C and any other relevant statutes in force in Nigeria shall be appointed by the Shura Council from among its past principal Officers which must include the List Administrator.
- (2) Such Trustees shall be seven (7) in number.
- (3) The Registered Trustee shall remain in office for a term of five (5) years. However any or all of the members of the Board may be reappointed if found still fit and may remain in office for an unlimited terms subject to renewals of appointment at the

expiration of every term of five (5) years.

- (4) The quorum of the Board shall be five (5) and all its meetings shall be at the instance of its Chairman or by the members forming the quorum jointly summoning same.
- (5) Any member of the Board of Registered Trustees shall cease to hold office if he:
 - (a) Resigns on his own
 - (b) Unsubscribes or terminates his membership of NMN
 - (c) Ceases to be a Muslim
 - (d) Becomes insane
 - (e) He is officially declared bankrupt
 - (f) He is convicted of a criminal offence or fraud
 - (g) He is recommended for removal from office by the Shura Council with at least two-thirds (2/3) majority approval at a special session for the agenda.
- (6) Upon a vacancy occurring in member of Registered Trustees, such a vacancy shall be filled by the Shura Council at a special session planned for same.
- (7) The Trustees shall have a Common Seal to be kept in the custody of the General Secretary of the NMN who shall produce same when required for use by the trustees.
- (8) All documents to be executed by the Registered Trustees shall be signed by at least three (3) of them and Sealed with the Common Seal.

24. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Registered Trustees shall:

- (a) Have power to acquire landed or other properties on behalf of the NMN and hold same in trust for the organization.
- (b) Act as the conscience of the NMN ensuring the highest standard of morality and conduct.
- (c) Advise the NMN and safeguard its interest.

CHAPTER 5: PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE

25. PROGRAMMES

The programmes of the NMN shall be derived from its espoused aims and objectives to include but not limited to:

- (a) Exchange of sound and healthy intellectual discourse.
- (b) Organization of Scholarly For a.
- (c) Welfare and relief activities for the deprived.

- (d) Assistance in infrastructural provision for needy but handicapped ones.
- (e) Encouragement of the pursuit of highest academic achievement to the advancement of the Ummah and the Nigerian society at large.

26. FINANCE

The sources of funding NMN activities shall include the following:

- (a) Members Annual dues
- (b) Special Levies and Fines
- (c) Voluntary Donations
- (d) Zakat Collections
- (e) Profit from Investments
- (f) Any other Halal avenues

27. BANK SIGNATORIES

The signatories to any Bank Account of the NMN shall be:

- i. The Amir
- ii. The General Secretary
- iii. The Financial Secretary or such other signatories as approved by the Shura Council

28. BANKERS

The Bankers of NMN shall be any Islamic Bank or in its absence any bank approved by the Shura Council.

CHAPTER 6: STANDING ORDERS AND SPECIAL PROVISION

29. STANDING ORDERS

The following shall be the standing orders of the NMN

(1) Quorum

- I. The Quorum at Shura Council Session shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership within the fixed timeline. Provided that if quorum is not attained at the end of the timeline, another extension of time for only once be made. The matter shall be concluded at the lapse of the second timeline whether or not the required quorum is reached.
- II. Quorum for any Committee Session shall half ½ of the membership within the stipulated time. The timeline shall be extended for an additional time and the issue will be decided or meeting held at the end of the additional time notwithstanding the level of the quorum.

- (2) Where the required quorum is a fraction, the number shall be taken to the nearest upper whole number.
- (3) Members may not necessarily resort to voting on every matter but rely on sincere deliberation and consensus building. In the event of critical disagreement, Amir's decision or ruling in line with Quran and Sunnah, shall be final.
- (4) In a situation where the officer or head empowered to call a meeting arbitrarily refuses or neglects to call same, the appropriate number constituting its quorum shall have the power to jointly call and hold the meeting or event.
- (5) Any Special Resolution of the SC to the GA shall have binding effect unless objected to by 11 members within 120 hours (5 days) of its publication.
- (6) Any Ordinary Resolution of the SC to the GA shall have binding effect unless objected to by 7 members within 120 (5 days) hours of its publication.

30. OPERATING CALENDAR YEAR

- (1) For purposes of financial reporting, mid-year or year-end report Annual Session, tenure of office, election of officers etc the Islamic calendar year beginning on Muharram and ending on 29th or 30th Dhul-Hijjah shall apply.
- (2) A year in the life of NMN shall mean the twelve (12) months of Islamic Calendar as stated above.
- (3) All official and internal correspondences, notes, programmes, activities etc shall be dated using the Islamic Calendar with the Gregorian calendar in parenthesis.

31. OMNIBUS PROVISION AND COMMON SEAL

- (1) The Omnibus Provision required for purposes of registration under the Companies and Allied Matters Act No 1 1990 is hereby adopted as part of this Constitution.
- (2) The custody of NMN Common Seal shall be with the General Secretary of the organization.

CHAPTER 7: INTERPRETATION, CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

32. INTERPRETATION

1. In this Constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly indicated or the context admits:
 - (a) Da'wah means calling to Allah's course or propagation of Islam.
 - (b) FOMWAN means Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria.
 - (c) Halal means Islamically lawful.
 - (d) Naseehah means Islamic admonition generally based on The Quran and Sunnah.

- (e) NMNER means a member of Nigerian Muslims Network.
 - (f) Ordinary resolution means resolution on issues outside special issues like Netiquette rules, etc.
 - (g) Principal Officers mean the following Officers of the NMN: Amir, Naibul-Amir, General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Sisters' Representative and Chairmen of Standing Committees.
 - (h) Sharee'ah means Islamic legal system.
 - (i) Shura means consultation.
 - (j) Special Resolution means resolution on budgetary proposal, constitutional ratification or amendment and any other issue so designated by the SC
 - (k) Sunnah means in line with Prophet Muhammad's example and guidance.
 - (l) Ummah means Muslim Community.
2. In this Constitution, reference to a person holding an office also includes reference to a person in acting capacity.
 3. Any question as to the meaning of any aspect of this Constitution in the absence of the appropriate Sharee'ah Court shall be decided by the Shura Council with finality.

33. CITATION

This Constitution may be cited as the Constitution of Nigerian Muslims Network 1432 (2011).

34. COMMENCEMENT

The provisions of this Constitution shall come into force on the 5th day of Rajab, 1432 (7th day of June, 2011).

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