



## THE POLITICAL PARTIES CODE OF CONDUCT AT A GLANCE

The First Schedule to the Political Parties Act, 2011 (PPA) provides for the Political Parties Code. Political parties are required pursuant to Articles 91 and 92 of the Constitution and the PPA subscribe and observe the Code. The Code seeks to regulate the behavior of members and office holders of political parties, aspiring candidates, candidates and their supporters, promote good governance and eradicate political malpractices.

### **A political party SHALL:**

- ✓ Respect, uphold and defend the Constitution of Kenya.
- ✓ Respect and uphold this Act and any other written law relating to elections and political parties.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and defend their respective political party constitutions, political party election rules, political party nomination rules and any other political party rules and regulations developed and agreed upon in accordance with this code of conduct.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness and nondiscrimination and protection of the marginalized.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote human rights and the rule of law.
- ✓ Promote national patriotism and national unity.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote democratic values and principles, performing inclusive participation of party members and accountable representation in governance for the development of the country.

- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote good governance, integrity, respect, tolerance, transparency and accountability.
- ✓ Promote cooperation in the political competition.
- ✓ Promote sharing and devolution of power and resources.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote democratic practices through regular free, fair and credible elections within the political party and among others have a democratically elected governing body and political party organs.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote democratic practices through free, fair and credible political party nominations.
- ✓ Respect, uphold and promote leadership and integrity as prescribed in the constitution of Kenya.
- ✓ Perform transparency and accountability in all its legislation and regulations, structures, procedures and performance.

### **A political party shall NOT:**

- ✓ Engage in or encourage violence by its members or supporters.
- ✓ Engage in or encourage any kind of intimidation of opponents, any other person or any other political party.
- ✓ Engage in influence peddling, bribery or any other form of corruption.
- ✓ Accept or use illicit or illegal money.
- ✓ Accept or use public resources other than those allocated to the political party through the political party fund.
- ✓ Advocate hatred that constitutes ethnic incitement, vilification of others or incitement to cause harm.
- ✓ Obstruct, disrupt, break-up or in any other way whatsoever interfere with a meeting, rally or demonstration of another political party or its leadership.
- ✓ Establish or maintain a para-military force, militia or similar organisation or having any links with such organizations.
- ✓ Use state resources for partisan campaigns.

***Note: A political party through its designated officials is required to sign to subscribe and abide by the Political Parties Code of Conduct pursuant to Articles 91 and 92 of the Constitution and Section 8 of the Political Parties Act, 2011.***

Each registered political party in Kenya has the responsibility of promoting inter-party relations by ensuring free competition among political parties in respect of different political views and principles; fostering trust and confidence through mechanisms for cooperation; managing and mitigating political differences through constructive dialogue enhancing harmony among the parties, promoting national reconciliation and building national unity.

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