



# CONSTITUTION

**ECONOMIC LIBERATORS FORUM  
SOUTH AFRICA**



## **PREAMBLE DEFINITIONS**

<b>ARTICLE 1:</b>	The Name of The Organisation
<b>ARTICLE 2:</b>	The Aims and The Objectives of The Organisation
<b>ARTICLE 3:</b>	Founding Statement of The Economic Liberators Forum
<b>ARTICLE 4:</b>	Functions And Mandates of The Elf
<b>ARTICLE 5:</b>	Membership of the Elf
<b>ARTICLE 6:</b>	Rights Of Members
<b>ARTICLE 7:</b>	Duties And Obligation of a Member
<b>ARTICLE 8:</b>	The Forum Structures and Its Policy Formulation
<b>ARTICLE 9:</b>	The National Structure and Its Functions
<b>ARTICLE 10:</b>	Resignation Of Members of The Executive Committee
<b>ARTICLE 11:</b>	The Forum Structure at Provincial, Regional and Branch Level
<b>ARTICLE 12:</b>	Amendments
<b>ARTICLE 13:</b>	Dissolution
<b>ARTICLE 14:</b>	Miscellaneous
<b>ARTICLE 15:</b>	Code Of Conduct and Discipline

## **PREAMBLE:**

The Economic Liberators Forum (ELF) is a firmly dedicated organisation which brings to practise the principles of economic freedom, social justice and inclusive prosperity, by embracing the principles of humanism with an understanding of enhancing and promoting economic growth and restoring human dignity through fair economic practices, empower underprivileged communities and create patriotic society.

The Economic Liberators Forum (ELF) aims to ensure fair entrepreneur opportunities with emphases on fair distribution of wealth across economic structures while promoting social justice and economic solidarity across society. The ELF wishes to be home which will reflect in practice oneness, advocacy, inclusive and fair organisation with the commitment to uphold democratic values, transparency, and accountability in all organisational activities.

The ELF understands without contrast the true enemies of humanity in this economic climate in the global spectrum and in the country and these enemies must be defeated to ensure human survival, namely: hunger, unemployment, corruption, lack of proper and relevant education and economic inequality. The ELF programs and activities provide clear, transparent and reachable targets to ensure inclusion, skills development and sustainable economic growth.



## DEFINITIONS

**Economic Liberators Forum Executive Committee (ELCEC):** The ELCEC is made up of five democratic elected officials, and other 5 additional members as deemed fit by the ELCEC principal officials.

**Annual General Session (AGS):** The Annual general session is the highest decision -making body of the Economic Liberators Forum convened annually by the Executive Committee through the secretariat office endorsed by the ELF President. This session adopts the credentials, programmes, guidelines, policies and necessary amendments and additions deemed necessary for the progress of the organisation.

**Member:** Any citizen of South African by birth or by means of any legal stature of the age of eighteen years or above who voluntary accepts the constitution of the ELF regardless of race, religion social status or gender.

**Sub-committee:** These structures are put forged by the Economic Liberators Forum Executive Committee with clear mandate and clear timelines and duration of office, such structures may be dissolved once the mandate has been completed or maybe reinstated for new mandated or were deemed fit.

**General membership:** Refers to individuals who support the objectives of the Economic Liberators Forum (ELF). General members are encouraged to attend general meetings and events organized by ELF. This membership category is open to all interested parties, and there are no membership fees associated with it. Active membership is reserved for individuals who actively participate in all organizational activities of ELF. Active members are expected to contribute their time, skills, and expertise towards the achievement of ELF's objectives.

**Executive Committee (EC):** The Executive Committee is the principal officials of the ELF at structure level.

**Gender Parity:** Have a minimum of 40% women in all Executive Committee(EC).

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME OF THE ORGANISATION**

The organization shall be known as the Economic Liberators Forum, hereinafter referred to as ELF.

## **ARTICLE 2: THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ELF**

1. To advocate for and promote economic liberation, skills development, and social justice.
2. To fight against inequality, poverty, and discrimination in all spheres of life.
3. To empower underprivileged communities through various economic initiatives and policies.
4. To eradicate all forms of economic corruption, intimidation, and unfair exclusion.
5. To support entrepreneurship, innovation, and equitable economic growth.
6. To promote and encourage the development of rapid economic growth and economic research.
7. To foster collaboration and partnership with other organizations, governments, and individuals who share our values.
8. To engage in research, education, and public awareness programs related to economic liberation.
9. Colours of the organisation
10. To foster Skills Development in all the communities of our country.

## **ARTICLE 3: FOUNDING STATEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC LIBERATORS FORUM**

We, the members of the Economic Liberators Forum, based in South Africa, hereby establish this organization with the primary mandate to advocate for the underprivileged and the poor to actively participate in the local, national, and international economy. We recognize the urgent need to achieve economic transformation and promote inclusivity in our society.





## **Our Vision:**

We envision a South Africa where every citizen, regardless of their socio-economic background, has equal opportunities to thrive and actively contribute to the economy. We strive for a nation where economic power is effectively distributed among all individuals and communities.

## **Our Mission:**

The Economic Liberators Forum is committed to promoting a fair and just economic system that uplifts the underprivileged and empowers them to become active participants in all aspects of economic life. Our mission includes:

### **1. Transformation of the Educational System:**

We believe that a strong educational foundation is essential for economic empowerment. We advocate for comprehensive reforms in the educational system that will equip South African citizens with the necessary skills and knowledge to compete on a national and global level. We understand the significance of quality education in creating a capable and competitive workforce.

### **2. Empowering TVET Colleges:**

We recognize the potential of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges as catalysts for economic growth. We strive to elevate TVET colleges as centres of excellence, providing high-quality vocational training and practical skills relevant to the demands of the South African economy. We work towards establishing strong collaborations between industry, government, and educational institutions to ensure that TVET colleges play a central role in developing a skilled workforce.

### **3. Responsible Utilization of Public Resources:**

We believe that accountable governance is vital for utilizing public resources in a manner that benefits the people. We advocate for transparency and effective management of public funds to ensure that these resources are allocated towards initiatives that uplift the underprivileged, promote economic development, and eradicate poverty. We believe in holding government officials accountable for their actions and decisions while ensuring the public purse is not misused or squandered.

#### **4. Advocacy and Policy Influence:**

As a forum, we strive to be a powerful voice for the underprivileged and the poor. We engage in informed advocacy to influence policies that address socio-economic inequalities and promote economic emancipation. We collaborate with various stakeholders, including government institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to drive change and enact policies that create an equitable and inclusive economy.

Through our collective efforts, we aim to create a society where economic liberation is not limited to a few but is accessible to all South African citizens. We commit ourselves to tirelessly pursuing our mission with integrity, transparency, and determination.

#### **ARTICLE 4: FUNCTIONS AND MANDATES OF THE ELF**

1. ELF shall engage in advocacy, lobbying, and public awareness activities to further its objectives.
2. ELF shall actively collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including government institutions, businesses, and civil society organizations, to promote economic liberation.
3. ELF shall undertake research and analysis on economic policies, reforms, and socio-economic conditions to support evidence-based decision-making.
4. ELF may initiate, and support programs, projects, and campaigns aimed at empowering underprivileged communities, encouraging entrepreneurship, and fostering economic growth.
5. ELF shall regularly communicate with members through newsletters, meetings, conferences, and other appropriate methods to ensure transparency and information dissemination.
6. ELF shall have financial autonomy and may solicit funds, donations, or grants to fulfil its objectives, adhering to legal and ethical procedures.

#### **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ELF**

1. Membership of ELF shall be open and voluntary to all individuals who are committed to realizing the organization's aims and objectives.
2. Members shall be sixteen years of age or older and subscribe to the conditions of membership



- 3.** Members shall have equal rights and obligations, regardless of gender, race, religion, or any other discriminatory factor.
- 4.** The ELF membership fee, and the renewal process shall be determined by the organization's executive committee.

## **ARTICLE 6: RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

Every member of ELF shall have the right:

- 1.** To elect and to be elected to any office of the ELF in accordance with the rules guidelines and regulations adopted by the ELF Executive Committee
- 2.** To participate in meetings and activities organised by ELF with clear guidelines stipulated in the constitution of the ELF.
- 3.** To criticize constructively any shortcomings of the organisation at its meetings when there are due reasons and grounds to do so.
- 4.** To request information on policies, programme of action and organisational guidelines.
- 5.** To attend in person and visual meetings of the organisation that discuss and pass decisions on activities and programs of the ELF.
- 6.** Active members shall enjoy the following rights and privileges:
  - a)** Voting rights in decisions concerning ELF's affairs, including elections and policymaking processes.
  - b)** Eligibility to hold positions and take part in leadership roles within ELF, subject to the organization's constitution and by-laws.
  - c)** Access to resources, training, and opportunities provided by ELF to enhance their skills and knowledge.

## **ARTICLE 7: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF A MEMBER**

Every member of the EFL shall have the duty:

- 1.** To comply with implement and uphold the provisions of this constitution sincerely, honestly, and faithfully.





2. To actively participate in the activities of the organization to achieve its objectives 3. To conduct herself/himself with integrity, faithfulness, and honesty in dealing with the organization and the external members of the public and not to bring the organization into disrepute.

4. To promote and strengthen the ELF mandate through ensuring constant collective and individual updated academic and financial economic research.

5. To respect decisions, resolutions and policies and all constitutional structures and all ELF regulations through its Executive Committee.

#### **7.1 Eligibility:**

To become an active member, individuals must meet the following criteria:

a) must not have any criminal record.

b) Must actively participate in society or hold an influential role in the community, residing on or historically referenced as an active member.

c) Must undergo an interview with the Branch Executive Committee to assess their qualifications as a prospective member.

#### **7.2 Membership Fees:**

Active members are required to pay an annual membership fee determined by the National Executive Committee. This fee helps sustain the operations and activities of the organization. The payment schedule and methods will be decided by the National Executive Committee and communicated to the members.

#### **7.3 Termination of Active Membership:**

The active membership of an individual may be terminated under the following circumstances:

a) The member voluntarily resigns by submitting a written request to the Branch Executive Committee.

b) Non-adherence to ELF's code of conduct or violation of the constitution.

c) Failure to fulfil the responsibilities and obligations associated with active membership.

#### **7.4 Appeal Process for Termination:**

In the case of termination, the affected member shall have the right to appeal the decision. The appeal process will be governed by the procedures outlined in ELF's constitution and Code of Conduct.

#### **7.5 Revocation of Active Membership:**

ELF reserves the right to revoke active membership if a member's actions or behaviour significantly contradict the values, principles, or objectives of the organization. The revocation process will follow the guidelines set forth in ELF's constitution and Code of Conduct.

## **ARTICLE 8: FORUM STRUCTURES OF ELF-SA AND POLICY FORMULATION**

- 1.** The ELF shall be organised in the National, Provincial, Regional, Constituency and Branch structures, each of which shall be primarily responsible for its own organisation and administration.
- 2.** The ELF structures shall be based on a differentiation between the responsibilities, functions and roles of each structure and its respective administrative or research mandate.
- 3.** Any elected Committee of the ELF shall remain in the office for a reasonable period after the expiry of their term to allow for the next election to take place
- 4.** The quorum of structures and sub-structures of the ELF shall be fifty percent plus one.
- 5.** Any member of the ELF who misses more than three consecutive meetings without any apology ceases to be a member of its committees, structures and substructures.
- 6.** Any member serving in the higher structure is not permitted to be available for elections into the leadership of the lower structure.
- 7.** The National and Provincial organs of the ELF shall be fiscally and financially autonomous. Branches and constituencies shall follow fiscal and administration and financial guidelines as determined by the province concerned.

### **8. ELF Policy formulation**

**8.1** The policy formulation shall be as a result of co-operation between the National and Provincial levels. National policies shall bind each Province, however, shall remain sufficiently general with respect to provincial affairs that they can implement in each province to adjust them to the specific needs and policy aspirations of that province.

**8.2** Any legitimate and reasonable doubt between National and Provincial competence a policy matter should be resolved in accordance with the National policy, provided that any doubt between National and Provincial competence in an administrative, organisational or financial matter should be solved in favour of provincial autonomy.

**8.3** Under the co-ordination and direction of the President, the Executive Committee and the General Secretary of Administration shall seek to co-ordinate its activities with ELF research groups established within the organisation or within the affiliated organisations.

## **ARTICLE 9: THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTION**

The Executive Committee shall:

- 1.** Attend to the day to day of logistic and operational matters of the ELF.
- 2.** Implement ELF policies, regulations and resolutions as passed in the Annual General Meeting and other constituted ELF sittings.
- 3.** The EC shall be composed of elected members who shall hold positions including President, Deputy President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Treasurer General and five additional members.
- 4.** Elections for the EC shall be held every five years through a transparent, democratic process.
- 5.** The EC shall be accountable to the general membership and responsible for implementing the decisions made through consensus or democratic voting.
- 6.** Regional chapters or branches may be established as deemed necessary, with their own elected representatives, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
- 7.** The EC shall be the highest decision-making body and shall have authority to lead the organization subject to the Constitution, regulations, resolutions, the decisions of the Annual General Meeting and strategic direction and policies of the organization.
- 8.** The EC shall have the right to co-opt up to three additional members for the purpose deemed necessary during their term of office.
- 9.** The EC shall set up necessary sub-teams on various levels to implement the work and objectives of the ELF were deemed necessary.
- 10.** The EC shall have a right to replace any EC member who resigns, passes away or is expelled from the ELF.
- 11.** The EC has the powers to recall any deployed of the organization from any position of development.
- 12.** The EC shall meet once every month and/or when convened for special purposes.
- 13.** The EC shall be the only elected structure that has the powers to dissolve or put under administration and elected structure of the ELF. The EC shall have the power to remove and replace incompetent members of the EC and such removal and replacement shall be granted

after an opportunity to make presentation to the officials are made by the individual/s on why they should not be removed or replaced.

**14.** The EC shall be the highest decision-making body in-between conferences.

**15.** The NEC shall consist of elected representatives from all provinces, regions, and branches, ensuring fair representation and inclusivity.

**16.** The activities and the overall operations of ELF, including but not limited to, formulating and implementing national programs, coordinating regional activities, and ensuring compliance with the constitution and relevant laws.

**17.** The NEC shall have the authority to review and approve the annual budget, appoint key personnel, and establish committees as required. The EC is the principal organ of the National Assembly and shall consist of the following office bearers:

- President
- Deputy President
- Secretary General
- Deputy Secretary General
- Treasurer General and;
- Five additional members

### **17.1 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ELF OFFICE BEARERS**

#### **President:**

The President of the Economic Liberators Forum shall:

- 1.** Providing leadership and guidance to the Forum, head functions and programmes of the organisation and lead all activities of the organisation and, when present, preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 2.** Have the power to convene meetings of the Executive Committee
- 3.** Have the power to give instructions to any official of the organisation on any matters affecting the organisation.
- 4.** Empower any member of the organisation to exercise any power or specific function on behalf of the chairperson or any office of the Executive Committee.

5. Make pronouncements on behalf of the ELF and providing clarity on policy and all organisational mandate directed questions.
6. Be the principal spokesperson of the organisation on national and international affairs.
7. Present a comprehensive ELF report under the overall supervision of the Executive Committee.
8. Be the principal signatory of all contracts and legal obligations binding the ELF.
9. Overseeing the financial management of the Forum, in collaboration with the Treasurer.
10. Upholding the values and principles of the organization.
11. Final resolution will be through the wisdom of the President in the scenario there is no consensus met by the EC.

**Deputy President:**

Together with the President, constitute the presidency of the ELF, responsibilities include:

1. Be responsible for Governance in the ELF
2. Act as the President in the absence of the President.
3. Assist the President in their duties and tasks whenever such assistance is required.
4. In the absence of the president, represent the ELF and, in the presence of the President, deputise.
5. Collaborating with the President and other office bearers in decision-making processes.
6. Supporting the President in external engagement and representation of the organization.
7. Assisting in the coordination of tasks and activities within the Forum.
8. Collaborating with the President to ensure effective communication within the organization.
9. Shall be the chair of the Disciplinary Committee as stipulated in the Code of Conduct.

**General Secretary and Deputy Secretary-General:**

The General Secretariat office: is responsible for managing the administrative functions and ensuring smooth operations within the Economic Liberators Forum.

Their roles and responsibilities include:

1. Promote the formulation and oversee the implementation of policies and programmes of the ELF.

2. Convey, communicate all decisions, and promote the implementation of the ELF resolutions.
3. Be responsible for all document and record keeping and correspondence within the ELF.
4. Have the power to give instructions on any matter affecting the ELF to any official of the organisation and to ask for reports and information from any official or structure within the ELF, excluding the President of the ELF.
5. Exercise any other powers and prerogatives as directed by the President.
6. Preparing and distributing agendas, meeting notices, and minutes of meetings.
7. Keeping official records and documents of the Forum.
8. Coordinating and maintaining communication with members.
9. Handling internal and external correspondence on behalf of the Forum.
10. Managing the membership database and ensuring accurate and up to date records
11. Collaborating with the President and other office bearers to develop and implement policies and procedures.
12. Assisting in organizing events, conferences, and workshops.
13. Coordinating with external stakeholders, such as venues, service providers, and sponsors.
14. He/She shall be the head of recruitment and orientation of new members.

#### **Deputy Secretary -General**

1. Assisting the General Secretary in managing administrative functions.
2. Supporting the General Secretary in keeping records, maintaining the membership database, and handling correspondence.
3. Assisting with the coordination and organization of events, conferences, and workshops.
4. Collaborating with the General Secretary in internal and external communication.
5. Assisting in the recruitment and orientation of new members.
6. Supporting the General Secretary in day-to-day operations and decision-making processes.

#### **Treasurer:**

The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the financial management of the Economic Liberators Forum. Their main role and responsibilities include:

1. managing the organization's finances, including budgeting, accounting, and reporting.



2. Maintaining accurate financial records and performing regular internal audits.
3. Preparing financial statements and reports for internal and external stakeholders.
4. Ensuring compliance with financial regulations, laws, and internal policies.
5. Managing and monitoring income and expenses.
6. Coordinating the collection of membership fees and other financial contributions.
7. Collaborating with the President and other office bearers to develop and implement financial strategies and plans.
8. Providing financial advice and guidance to the Forum.
9. Facilitating the annual financial audit and reporting process.
10. Presenting financial reports and updates to the Forum's members.
11. Shall be the chairperson Financial Committee(FINCO).

#### **ARTICLE 10: RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The President of the ELF may, by writing under his or her hand addressed to the Executive Committee, indicate his or her intentions to resign from office, giving reasons therefore for the submission to the ELF General Sitting.
2. A member of the ELF Executive Committee (other than the President) may by writing under his or her hand addressed to the President and the Secretariat office give notice of his or intentions to resign from the office giving reasons therefore, and such notice shall be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee which will resolve or refer the decision to the General sitting if deemed fit.
3. A member of the Executive Committee (other than the President) may cease to hold office due to resignation, incapacitation, illness, death or any other cause, the Executive Committee shall cause the vacancy to be filled by an acting member until the next election or may be filled on temporary basic until the next General Sitting.

#### **ARTICLE 11: THE FORUM STRUCTURE AT THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committee And The Branch**

**Executive Committee**

## **1. PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Provincial Executive Committee shall be made up of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, and other members elected at the Provincial Conference.

### **1.1 Provincial Headquarters**

- a.** There shall be a Provincial Headquarters for each Province.
- b.** There shall be a Provincial Council composed of the Provincial Executive Committee.
- c.** The Provincial Executive shall be made up of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer and ten additional members elected at the Provincial General Sitting plus the elected regional chairpersons and secretaries and elected sub-structures.
- d.** The office bearers of the PE, shall determine roles of the additional members.

### **1.2 Election of Provincial Chairpersons**

- a.** On the basis of proposal from Districts, Constituencies and Branches, each Provincial Council shall recommend the name of a candidate for the position of Provincial Chairperson of the ELF, to be submitted to the Provincial Conferences, providing that such Conferences may elect a different member.
- b.** The term of office of the Provincial Executive Committee shall be four years.

### **1.3 Resignation of Provincial Chairperson or member of a Provincial Council**

- a.** A Provincial Chairperson may, by writing under his or her hand addressed to the relevant Provincial Deputy Chairperson and Provincial Secretary, indicate his or her intention to resign from office giving reasons for such resignation, and the Provincial Deputy Chairperson shall forthwith convene a meeting of the Provincial Council.
- b.** A member of a Provincial Council (other than the Provincial Chairperson) may by writing under his or her hand addressed to his or her Provincial Chairperson and Provincial Secretary give notice of his or her intention to resign from office giving reasons, therefore, and such notice shall be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the relevant Provincial Council.

### **1.4 Functioning of the Provincial Council**

- (a)** Members of the Provincial Council shall meet at such time and place as the Provincial Chairperson shall determine or at the request of not less than seven members.

(b) The quorum at meetings of the Provincial Council shall be 50% +1.

### **1.5 Powers and Functions of the Provincial Executive Committee**

Members of the Provincial Executive Committee shall be the principal officials of the ELF at Provincial Headquarters. The Provincial activities and Provincial organisation of the ELF shall be controlled from the Provincial Headquarters of the ELF.

The Provincial Executive Committee shall:

(a) Implement the policies and procedures of the ELF in the Province and develop policies to meet the specific needs of the province, within the framework of the policies of the ELF.

(b) Exercise complete control over all Provincial officials.

(c) Take any action designed to promote the objectives, ideals and interests of the ELF or to help the attainment thereof.

(d) Each province within ELF shall have a Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), responsible for overseeing and managing the affairs of the organization within the respective province.

(e) The PEC shall consist of elected representatives from the various Regions within the province, ensuring representation at grassroots levels.

(f) The PEC shall implement the policies and programs formulated by the NEC, ensuring their effective execution within the province.

(g) The PEC shall ensure regular communication and coordination with the regional and national levels, providing updates and feedback on the progress and

### **1.6 The Provincial Conference**

1. There shall be Provincial Conference to be chaired by the Provincial

Chairperson, which shall be constituted as follows

i Members of the Provincial Executive Committee

ii Each Regional Executive

iii Delegates from branches as determined by PEC

iv National Deployee's as non-voting delegates

## **2. Regional executive committee:**

The Regional Executive Committee shall be made up of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasure and ten additional members elected at the Regional Conference. The Economic Liberators Forum (ELF) shall for its purposes through the demarcation decided by its National Executive committee demarcate regions alongside Districts or Metropolitan Municipalities.

### **2.1 Regional Headquarters**

- a.** There shall be Regional Headquarters for each Region.
- b.** There shall be a Regional Conference constituted as follows.
  - i each Constituency executive
  - ii Delegates from branches as determined by the REC
  - iii regional members of the national and provincial EC
  - iv and all additional membership delegated by the NEC.

### **2.2 Regional Functions and Duties**

ELF shall be organized into various regions based on geographical areas or specific requirements.

- (a)** Each region shall have a Regional Committee, responsible for overseeing and coordinating the activities of the branches within the region.
- (b)** The Regional Committee shall consist of representatives from the branches within the region, ensuring effective communication and collaboration.
- (c)** The Regional Committee shall implement the policies and programs formulated by the NEC, ensuring their effective execution within the region.
- (d)** The Regional Committee shall report to the PEC and the NEC, providing insights into regional activities, challenges, and opportunities.
- (e)** The regional committee shall meet once a month
- (f)** The regional Committee shall have the right to replace three members who leave the REC due to death, expulsion, or resignation over a period of their term of office.
- (g)** The regional committee shall have a right to co-opt up to three additional members for whatever reasons or purpose in its term of office.

## **3. Branch executive committee**

Branch is the most basic structure of the Economic Liberators Forum and is constituted of a minimum of 50 paid-up members and minimum of 100 general members has been recognized and approved by the National Executive Committee.

### **3.1 Branch Executive Committee**

**(a)** The Branch Executive Committee shall be made up of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasure and not more than 10 members who will hold additional offices.

**(b)** The Branch Executive Committee shall meet forthrightly.

### **3.2 Branch Functions and Duties**

ELF shall establish branches at various levels, including local, district, and other suitable units.

**(a)** Each branch shall have an Executive Committee, responsible for managing and coordinating the activities of the branch.

**(b)** The Branches' Executive Committee shall consist of elected representatives from the branch members.

**(c)** The Branches' Executive Committee shall implement the policies and programs formulated by the NEC, ensuring their execution at the branch level.

**(d)** The Branches' Executive Committee shall maintain regular communication with the PEC, Regional Committee, and NEC, providing updates on the branch's progress, challenges, and suggestions for improvement.

## **4. Cooperation and Collaboration:**

**a.** The National Executive Committee, Provincial Executive Committee, Regional Committee, and Branch Executive Committee shall maintain open lines of communication, fostering cooperation, and collaboration.

**b.** Regular meetings, conferences, and consultations shall be organized to facilitate exchange of information, coordination of activities, and sharing of best practices among the committees.

**c.** Each committee shall support and encourage the development of leadership skills and capacity building within their respective levels.

## **5. Amendment and Interpretation:**

- a.** Any proposed amendments to this clause shall be presented to the NEC and ratified by two-thirds majority vote to become effective.
- b.** In case of any dispute or ambiguity in the interpretation of this clause, the final decision shall rest with the NEC, ensuring fairness and adherence to the constitution. This clause outlines the roles and responsibilities of the National Executive Committee, Provincial Executive Committee, Regional Committee, and Branch Executive Committee within the ELF. It aims to establish an organized and efficient structure for decisionmaking, program implementation, and coordination at various levels of the organization.

## **ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS**

- 1.** Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the general membership present at a National Conference.
- 2.** Proposed amendments shall be circulated to all members at least 30 days prior to the general meeting.

## **ARTICLE 13: DISSOLUTION**

- 1.** In the event of dissolving the ELF, a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership in a general meeting shall be required.
- 2.** In the case of dissolution, remaining ELF assets shall be distributed to one or more non-profit organizations with similar objectives, as determined by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 14: MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1.** Standing orders may be made by the National Executive Committee in respect of any subject matter for the purpose of facilitating the implementations of the provisions of this Constitution.
- 2.** Orders made by the National Executive Committee shall be submitted to the next Annual General Session for further ratification and subsequent relevant Conferences.



## **ARTICLE 15: CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

- 1.** The EC shall adopt a code of conduct which will be the guideline tool in administering ethical conduct and ensuring matters of discipline within the ELF.
- 2.** The code of conduct guideline document shall be plural with the organisations regulations and principles detailed in the Constitution.

This constitution is hereby adopted by the founding members of the Economic Liberators Forum, witnessed by their signatures on this \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.