

# **The Basic Rules of The Sudan People's Liberation Movement – Democratic Change, 2009.**

## **Explanatory Note.**

**The Basic Rules** comprise twelve chapters and 55 articles as follows:

**Chapter One (Articles 1 and 2)** is about the name and commencement, and definition of the words and phrases contained in the Basic Rules.

**Chapter Two (Articles 3 and 4)** is devoted to the objectives and guiding principles of the party.

**Chapter Three (Articles 5-9)** specifies the membership of the party: conditions, rights, duties, loss of membership and the rights of women.

**Chapter Four (Article 10)** specifies the organizational structure of the party as the National Organs (The National Delegates' Congress, the National Council, the National Executive Committee and the General Secretariat), Sectors organs, States organs, Area organs, Branch organs and organs of the Basic Unit.

**Chapter Five (Articles 11-25)** deals in detail with the functions and powers of the National organs as well as the duties, functions and powers of the office bearers on the National level.

**Chapter Six (Articles 26-34)** sets out the functions and powers of the State organs as well as the duties, functions and powers of the office bearers on the State level.

**Chapter Seven (Article 35)** is about the Area organs and stipulates that the National Council shall specify the functions and powers of the Area organs and also the duties and powers of the office bearers on the Area level.

**Chapter Eight (Article 36)** is about the Branch organs and stipulates that the National Council shall specify the functions and powers of the Branch organs as well as the duties and powers of the party leadership on the Branch level.

**Chapter Nine (Articles 37-43)** sets out in detail the functions and powers of the party organs on the level of the Basic Unit and also the duties and powers of the party leadership on this level.

**Chapter Ten (Articles 44-46)** covers the Finances of the party: sources of income, the management of finance and auditing of accounts.

**Chapter Eleven (Articles 47-49)** covers party discipline, specifically, general conduct, misconduct, and investigation and disciplinary committees.

**Chapter Twelve (Articles 50-55)** contains miscellaneous provisions. These are: perpetual succession, headquarters, amendments, dissolution, logo and flag.