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Environmental Policy

1. Policy Statement

The People's Forum for Rebuilding Democracy (PFRD) recognizes the environment as a vital foundation for sustainable national development, human health, and the wellbeing of future generations. As a political organization that values democracy, justice, and sustainability, PFRD commits to conducting all its operations in an environmentally responsible, lawful, and ethical manner.

PFRD shall comply with the **Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999 (as amended 2015)** and all other applicable national and county environmental laws, regulations, and international conventions to which Kenya is a party.

The Party shall integrate environmental considerations into its decision-making processes, programs, and campaigns to promote a **green, resilient, and sustainable democracy**.

2. Purpose of the Policy

This Environmental Policy provides a framework for:

- Minimizing the environmental impact of PFRD's operations and events.
- Ensuring compliance with all environmental laws and standards in Kenya.
- Promoting environmental awareness among party members and the public.

- Supporting national and global efforts toward sustainable development and climate action.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All PFRD offices, branches, staff, volunteers, elected officials, contractors, and visitors.
- All political, administrative, and public outreach activities organized or supported by PFRD.
- All facilities, meetings, campaigns, publications, and events under the PFRD name.

4. Legal and Policy Framework

This policy is anchored on the following legal and policy instruments:

- **Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999 (Amended 2015)**
- **Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003**
- **Waste Management Regulations, 2006**
- **Climate Change Act, 2016**
- **National Environment Policy (2014)**
- **Political Parties Act, 2011**
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, particularly SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

5. Guiding Principles

1. **Sustainability:** Promote environmental conservation as a core political and operational principle.
2. **Prevention:** Prevent pollution, degradation, and waste before they occur.
3. **Compliance:** Adhere to all environmental laws, licenses, and best practices.
4. **Transparency:** Report environmental performance openly and truthfully.
5. **Accountability:** Ensure every member and office takes responsibility for environmental impact.

6. **Continuous Improvement:** Regularly assess and improve environmental performance through audits and training.

6. Environmental Objectives

PFRD shall:

- Minimize waste generation and promote reuse, recycling, and responsible disposal.
- Reduce energy and water consumption across all its facilities.
- Integrate green procurement practices in sourcing goods and services.
- Conduct environmentally sustainable political events and campaigns.
- Promote public awareness on environmental protection and climate change.
- Support policies and legislation that strengthen environmental governance in Kenya.

7. Key Environmental Focus Areas

7.1 Waste Management

- Offices and event sites shall implement the **3Rs Principle:** Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- PFRD shall separate waste at source (plastics, paper, organic, and hazardous waste).
- Authorized waste handlers shall be engaged in line with NEMA regulations.
- No littering or illegal dumping shall be permitted during rallies, meetings, or campaigns.

7.2 Energy and Water Conservation

- Install energy-efficient lighting (e.g., LED) and power management systems in offices.
- Encourage the use of solar and renewable energy where feasible.
- Implement water-saving fixtures and promote responsible water use.
- Shut down equipment and lights when not in use.

7.3 Green Procurement

- Prefer suppliers who demonstrate environmental responsibility and compliance.

- Avoid purchasing single-use plastics, non-recyclable materials, or hazardous chemicals.
- Encourage eco-friendly printing and digital communication alternatives.

7.4 Climate Change Mitigation

- Integrate climate change action into PFRD's policies and political agenda.
- Promote tree planting, reforestation, and environmental restoration campaigns.
- Advocate for green jobs, renewable energy, and sustainable agriculture policies.
- Partner with local communities and environmental organizations to build resilience.

7.5 Sustainable Events and Campaigns

- Political rallies, meetings, and trainings shall be organized to minimize environmental footprint.
- Use reusable banners, biodegradable materials, and digital outreach to reduce waste.
- Avoid excessive use of paper by prioritizing digital documentation.
- Ensure proper waste disposal and clean-up after events.

8. Roles and Responsibilities

8.1 National Executive Committee (NEC)

- Provide leadership and approve environmental initiatives and budgets.
- Oversee compliance and reporting of environmental performance.
- Integrate environmental objectives into party strategy and governance.

8.2 National Environment and Climate Desk

- Coordinate implementation of this policy across all PFRD branches.
- Liaise with **National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)** and county environment departments.
- Conduct periodic audits and training on environmental compliance.
- Maintain environmental records and reports.

8.3 County and Branch Offices

- Implement environmental practices at the local level.
- Designate **Environmental Focal Persons** in each branch.
- Report any environmental incidents, pollution, or non-compliance.

8.4 All Staff, Members, and Volunteers

- Comply with all environmental procedures and guidelines.
- Use resources efficiently and report wasteful practices.
- Participate in environmental awareness, tree planting, and cleanup exercises.

9. Environmental Awareness and Training

- PFRD shall integrate environmental education into member induction and staff orientation.
- Regular training on waste management, energy conservation, and climate change will be conducted.
- Environmental messages shall be embedded in political and civic education programs.

10. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

- The National Environment and Climate Desk shall prepare annual **Environmental Performance Reports**.
- Environmental indicators (energy use, waste generation, emissions, etc.) will be monitored and reviewed quarterly.
- Branch offices shall submit biannual environmental compliance summaries.
- The NEC shall review and act on the findings for continuous improvement.

11. Compliance and Legal Responsibility

- PFRD shall obtain and maintain all necessary environmental permits, licenses, and approvals as required under EMCA.
- Non-compliance by staff or contractors may lead to disciplinary action, contract termination, or legal reporting.
- The party will cooperate fully with inspections and audits conducted by NEMA or county governments.

12. Community Engagement and Advocacy

- PFRD shall promote environmental democracy by advocating for citizens' right to a clean and healthy environment (Article 42, Constitution of Kenya).
- The party will work with communities, schools, and local groups to promote green initiatives.
- PFRD shall use its political platforms to influence sustainable policies nationally and regionally.

13. Continuous Improvement

- Annual environmental audits shall be conducted to identify progress and improvement areas.
- Feedback from members, the public, and regulators shall inform updates to this policy.
- PFRD shall set measurable targets (e.g., paper reduction, tree planting goals) and track them.

14. Policy Review

This Environmental Policy shall be reviewed **every two years**, or sooner if there are significant changes in operations, legislation, or national priorities.

15. Approval and Adoption

This Environmental Policy has been approved and adopted by the **National Executive Committee (NEC)** of the People's Forum for Rebuilding Democracy (PFRD) on this ____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signed:

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Party Leader / National Chairperson

People's Forum for Rebuilding Democracy (PFRD)

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Secretary-General

People's Forum for Rebuilding Democracy (PFRD)

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