

ANAKBAYAN CONSTITUTION



PREAMBLE

Under the light of our noble cause to serve the people and contribute our intellect and strength in the struggle to bring down imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism and to achieve national liberation, democracy and socialism, we the youth, workers, peasants, fishermen, students, professionals, migrants, urban poor youth, church people, national minorities, Moro, together in unity shall fight for the immediate and long term interests of the Filipino youth, and stands on the historical role of the youth in the people's movement, firmly stand by, unite on and uphold this constitution.

ARTICLE I: NAME, EMBLEM, FLAG, HEAD QUARTERS

Sec 1. The name of the organization is Anakbayan.

Sec 2. Its emblem is a golden alibata letter Ka surrounded by three golden stars forming a triangle. The three stars symbolizes light and hope and the national character of the organization, Luzon, Visayans and Mindanao. The triangular formation symbolizes the triangular character of Philippine society. The alibata Ka represents the continuation of the Katipunan's aims in 1896 and of Kabataang Makabayan's in the 60s and 70's.

Sec 3. The organization's flag is red with a golden emblem in the middle. Underneath the emblem, the name Anakbayan is written in black letters. The color Red represents militancy and bravery. The color Gold stands for the golden objectives of the organization. The color Black reflects the present dark Philippine society that the organization wants to change.

Sec 4. The National Office of Anakbayan is in the national capital city. The regions can also establish their own in their respective area.

ARTICLE II: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

Sec 1. Anakbayan is a national-democratic comprehensive mass organization of the youth that seeks to arouse, organize and mobilize young workers, peasants, students, professionals, out of school youth, migrants, Moro and other national minorities and women for national democracy and to merge this movement with the powerful movement of the toiling masses (anak-pawis).

Sec 2. Anakbayan believes that the Philippine Society is semi-colonial and semi-feudal wherein huge numbers of youth are exploited and abused. Anakbayan recognizes education, employment, land, rights and social services as immediate and long term problems of the Filipino youth. These problems are part and cannot be separated from the overall problem of the Filipino people, imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism. Anakbayan is a part of the struggle to end the semi-colonial and semi-feudal society and win the struggle for National Democracy towards Socialism.

Sec 3. Anakbayan recognizes the historical role of the youth as a powerful force that advocates and advances social change against a rotten and old social system. The majority of the youth comes from the laboring class (uring anakpawis) who are the most determined in winning National Democracy towards Socialism.

ARTICLE III: GOALS

Sec 1. Goals of Anakbayan:

- a) Build the firm unity of the Filipino Youth; young workers, peasants, students, professionals, out of school youth, migrant, Moro and other national minorities and women wherever they maybe.
- b) Study and propagate the line, program and analysis of National Democracy among the youth and people.
- c) Fight for employment, land, education, rights, social services as just demands and interests of the youth.
- d) Actively participate and join the people's movement to continue the historical mission of the people to achieve genuine freedom and democracy.
- e) Connect and collaborate with other youth groups for concrete demands and struggles.
- f) Firmly unite with other organizations of the youth overseas and build a broad anti-imperialist front. Build chapters of Anakbayan among the ranks of Filipino youth overseas.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Sec 1. Any Filipino youth ages thirteen (13) to thirty-five (35) that believes and espouses the principles, goals and policies of Anakbayan may become a member. Anyone above the age of 35 that believes in the principles, goals and policies of Anakbayan can be an "honorary member" of the organization. Anyone below the age of 13 can be a "probationary member".

Sec 2. All members of affiliated organizations will be treated as individual members of Anakbayan.

ARTICLE V: AFFILIATION, DISAFFILIATION OTHER RESIGNATION OF AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

Sec 1. Any organization that accepts and is ready to uphold the program and policies of Anakbayan can become an affiliate organization of Anakbayan.

Sec 2. All individual members of the affiliate organization will be treated as members of Anakbayan and will enjoy equal standing within the organization.

Sec 3. The affiliated organization is directly answerable to Anakbayan wherever it is affiliated to (national, regional, provincial or local).

Sec 4. In the case of disaffiliation, members of the org who wish to stay members of Anakbayan will become members in their individual capacity.

Sec 5. An affiliated org may be removed upon proof of serious offenses against the principles, policies and responsibilities of Anakbayan.

ARTICLE VI: ANAKBAYAN PLEDGE

Sec 1. The pledge to Anakbayan is a statement of loyalty and readiness of the members to uphold the basic principles and program of the organization. Whoever wishes to be a member must pledge before the flag of Anakbayan.

Sec 2. The Pledge:

I, (state your name), wholeheartedly declare my readiness to enthusiastically arouse, organize and mobilize the youth for their democratic interests and to firmly integrate it with the national democratic aims and struggle of the entire people.

I stand by and embrace the constitution, principles, and cause of Anakbayan. I pledge to implement its overall tasks and programs at all times. I will uphold all the decisions and policies of the National Congress and all the higher organs and collectives that I belong to.

I will forge myself into an activist for the masses. I will resolutely study Philippine society. I will uphold simple living and aggressive struggle.

I pledge to uphold the revolutionary tradition of the Filipino youth. I will continue the unfinished struggle for national liberation and democracy. I will be loyal, enthusiastic, and arduously serve the interests of the youth and the people, even if it means offering my life.

ARTICLE VII: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Sec 1. The rights of each member of Anakbayan are as follows:

- a) All are free to attend and participate in the meetings and activities of the Chapter (Balangay), Committee and collective that one belongs to and may represent at any meeting outside the Chapter if this is agreed upon by the Chapter or collective one belongs to.
- b) Participate in decision making, express opinions and present suggestions.
- c) Vote and be elected into responsible positions in the organization.
- d) Present suggestions, grievances within or with other units, committee or organs of Anakbayan
- e) Appeal any decision of any higher organ through the correct process.
- f) Everyone has the right to resign from the organization after providing basis of resignation.

Sec 2. All the rights mentioned will be enjoyed by "honorary members" and "probationary members" with the exception of being elected and voting.

Sec 3. The following are the tasks of every member of Anakbayan:

- a) Uphold and propagate the principles, goals and programs of Anakbayan
- b) Finish the basic studies of the organization
- c) Encourage other youth to join Anakbayan. Assist in establishment Chapters in schools, communities or place of work that does not have Anakbayan Chapters.
- d) Pay membership dues/ contribution to the organization
- e) Actively respond/participate in activities, programs of the Chapter and other formations of Anakbayan
- f) Protect the prestige and security of the organization at all times.

ARTICLE VIII: DISCIPLINE AND EXPULSION

Sec 1. Any member can be expelled if proven to have committed a grave violation of the principles, policies and duties of Anakbayan

Sec 2. Any member may be subjected to disciplinary action for not fulfilling their tasks in the organization, violating the principles and policies especially if this compromises the security and prestige of the organization. The weight of the disciplinary action will be based on the gravity of the violation committed.

Sec 3. Loss of status of membership can be through resignation or expulsion from the organization. Each individual member is responsible for any actions that may harm the organization or shows disrespect and disloyalty to it.

Sec 4. No individual member can be given any disciplinary action without undergoing due process.

Sec 5. The Acceptance, suspension, resignation and expulsion will be decided, overseen and implemented by the organ or formation of Anakbayan that is directly involved.

Sec 6. The National Executive Committee or the Executive Committee of every organ or formation will receive and investigate the cases that will be presented. It will conduct an investigation as basis of making a decision of every organ or formation of Anakbayan.

ARTICLE IX: TREASURY

Sec 1. Anakbayan will primarily adhere to the principle of self-reliance. It will strive to generate funds to sustain its needs. The members and affiliate organizations of Anakbayan on various levels shall be the well of funds and resources of the organization.

Sec 2. Membership dues will be paid by every individual member of Anakbayan. This will amount to P20.00

Sec 3. It is the duty of every member to pay their monthly dues determined by the chapter or any other formation that is established before the establishment of a chapter.

Sec 4. Affiliated organizations shall pay institutional dues that will be determined by the formation that they are affiliated to (national, regional, provincial, municipal, district or chapter)

Sec 5. The national funds in the bank and other legal transactions will be managed by the National Secretary General and National Treasurer.

Sec 6. It is the responsibility of each chapter of Anakbayan to contribute to the central fund that is determined by the National Council.

ARTICLE X: LEADING NATIONAL ORGAN

Sec 1. The National Congress is the highest decision making body on policies, programs and plans of Anakbayan. This will be comprised of the general membership of Anakbayan. The National Congress will be held every two years, it will come up with assessments and programs for two years, it will come up with new policies and will manage the national organization. It is the responsibility of the National Congress to elect new members of the National Council. It is allowed to hold a special congress and a special elections based on the decision of the National Council. The National Council may also decide to postpone calling for a regular Congress based on grave reasons that concerns the organization.

Sec 2. The National Council is the second highest decision making body on policies, programs and plans of Anakbayan. It is the highest decision making body during times when the Congress is not in session. It shall call a meeting twice a year to make tactical programs, assess activities and come up with amendments on the plans. The National Council will be comprised of the National Executive Committee and representatives of each region and other sectors determined by the Congress. It is also the task of the National Council to elect a new National Chairperson, National Vice-chairperson, Vice-chair for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, National Secretary General. The National Executive Committee may hold special meetings of the National Council in times when important decisions need to be made that is beyond the mandate of the National Executive Committee, the members will be given written memos 10 days prior to the meeting.

Sec 3. The National Executive Committee (NEC or PKT) will be comprised of the National Chairperson, the National Vice-chairperson, the Vice-chair for Luzon, the Vice-chair for Visayas, the Vice-chair for Mindanao, the National Secretary General, National Deputy Secretary for Organization, National Deputy Secretary for Education and the National Treasurer. The tenure of the members of the National Executive Committee shall be two years.

Sec 4. The powers and duties of the NEC are the following:

- a) Outline policies and supervise the daily activities of the whole organization.
- b) Form committees and supervise them in order to implement the program and objectives of Anakbayan.
- c) Represent the national organization in sectoral, multi-sectoral and international activities.
- d) Ensure the regular issue of publications and theoretical and political journals of Anakbayan.
- e) Determine the position of the organization on important and timely issues, concerns and to release statements.

ARTICLE XI: POWER AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL LEADERS

Sec 1. Power and Duties of the National Chairperson:

- a) The National Chairperson is the head officer of Anakbayan
- b) Call and facilitate the meetings of the National Congress, National Council and the National Executive Committee
- c) Represent in external relations of the Organization.
- d) Form and appoint leaders of committees to be formed based on the unities of the NEC
- e) Call for and facilitate the meeting of the National Council

Sec 2. Power and Duties of the National Vice-Chairperson:

- a) Take the role of the Chairperson if the National Chairperson is unable to function, is sick or have resigned from the position
- b) Be the partner of the National Chairperson in propaganda work
- c) Manage and ensure the regular issue of publication and journal of Anakbayan
- d) Serve as the chairperson in the commission on campaigns and mass struggles

Sec 3. Power and Duties of the Vice-chairperson for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

- a) Take on the task as the head officer of the organization in each major island of responsibility.
- b) Take on the role in coordination of the regions of responsibility.
- c) Take on other tasks assigned by National Council.

Sec 4. Power and Duties of the National Secretary General:

- a) Supervise the day to day running of the organization and work in close coordination with other lower organs.
- b) Secure and keep all records, writings, documents and other letters of the National Congress, National Council and the National Executive Committee.
- c) Come up with reports of activities, plans and accomplishments that are approved by the Chairperson and the NEC, that will be submitted to the National Council and the National Congress.
- d) Serve as the Chairperson of the National Secretariat

Sec 5. Power and Duties of the Vice Secretary General for Organization:

- a) Take on the task of the National Secretary General in the event that the latter cannot perform such duties



- b) Serve as the partner of the National Secretary in his/her tasks of managing the organization
- c) Take on other tasks assigned by National Council.

Sec 6. Power and Duties of the Vice Secretary General for Education:

- a) Chair the Committee on Education and ensure the implementation of education work throughout the country.
- b) Serve as partner of the National Secretary General in managing of education
- c) Take on other tasks assigned by National Council.

Sec 7. Power and Duties of the National Treasurer:

- a) Responsible for all property and funds of the organization.
- b) Collect membership dues and manage bank deposits
- c) Regularly submit updates on finance of the National Congress, Council and Executive Committee.
- d) Chairperson of the National Committee on Finance
- e) Take on other tasks assigned by National Council.

ARTICLE XII: ASSEMBLY OF REGIONS, PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES & BARANGAY / BARRIO

Sec 1. The assembly in the region, province, district, city, municipality and barangay/barrio is the highest decision making body composed of every member in every level.

Sec 2. The regional, provincial, district, city, municipal and barangay/barrio assembly will be held annually to elect the leadership, form plans and particular program and according to the program of the National Congress and other higher organs of each level.

Sec 3. A special Assembly can be called anytime based on the recommendation of the territorial formations and unities of the executive committee.

ARTICLE XIII: COUNCIL OF REGIONS, PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND BARANGAY/BARRIO

Sec 1. The council in the regional, provincial, district, city, municipality and barangay/barrio is the second highest decision making body in every level during times when there is no Assembly in every level.

Sec 2. The council will be comprised of the executive committee and representatives of all organs under it.

Sec 3. The Council shall meet twice or more a year based on the necessity.

ARTICLE XIV: IMPLEMENTING COMMITTEE OF REGIONS, PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND BARANGAY/BARRIO

Sec 1. The executive committee is composed of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary general, treasurer and the officer for propaganda and education. The first three are elected by the assembly and the others are appointed by the elected officers.

Sec 2. Power and Duties of the Implementing Committee:

- a) Facilitate the meetings of the Council and Assembly.
- b) Form committees that are needed.
- c) Ensure the implementation of programs and policies of Anakbayan in every level.

ARTICLE XV: CHAPTER

Sec 1. The basic unit of Anakbayan is the chapter.

Sec 2. Each chapter will be composed of no less than fifteen (15) individual members.

Sec 3. Each chapter must elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary general and officers for education and finance.

Sec 4. To perform the tasks of Anakbayan, it forms various committees. This also serves as the venue for the democratic participation of the membership.

Sec 5. The following are the responsibilities of the chapter:

- a) Propagate the line, program and policies of AB.
- b) Build the structure for democratic participation in the unit.
- c) Recruit new members, collect membership dues and form new chapters.
- d) Conduct studies among its membership.
- e) Study and investigate the needs, conditions and interests of the youth.
- f) Advance the struggle for the interest and welfare of the youth and the people.
- g) distribute the publications and readings of Anakbayan.
- h) submit timely reports to the immediate and higher organs.

ARTICLE XVI: LEADERSHIP AND IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES

Sec 1. Any officer or officers of the National Executive Committee and National Congress may be impeached from their position based on one or more of the following basis:

- a) Grave violation of the constitution,
- b) Abandonment of responsibilities as an elected official
- c) Treachery to the organization and conducting of activities that places the organization in danger.

Sec 2. Any impeachment shall undergo due process. An impeachment tribunal will be formed at the level where the officer is involved after a study of the case filed.

ARTICLE XVIII: AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION

Sec 1. This constitution shall be ratified by a 2/3 vote of delegates of the National Congress.

Sec 2. This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the National Congress.

Sec 3. Any suggested amendments must be submitted to the National Executive Committee six (6) months prior to the holding of the National Congress.