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## Yiaga Africa opposes calls for the Scrapping of SIECs

Yiaga Africa has voiced opposition to the increasing calls for the abolition of State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs) and the transfer of local government election responsibilities to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). According to a statement by the Executive Director, Samson Itodo, such a move would be counterproductive, overburden INEC, and undermine the decentralization essential for effective local governance.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/scrapping-state-independent-electoral-commissions-siecs-is-counterproductive-suffocates-inec-and-undermines-decentralization/>

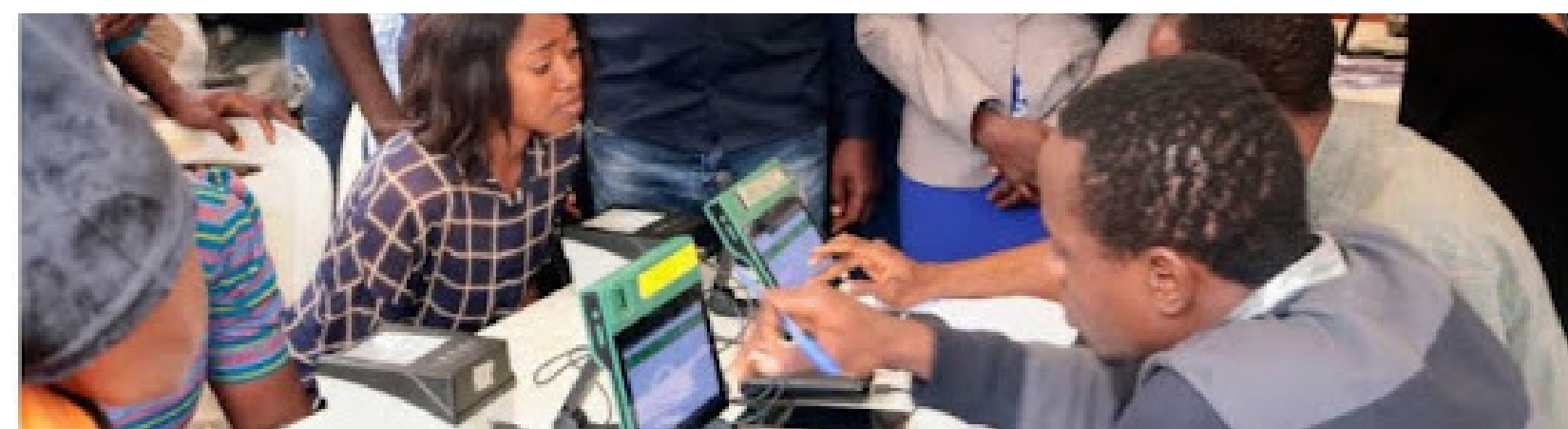


## 2027: Electoral Hub Harps On Credible Polls, Launches EMB Books

Geared towards igniting a sense of urgency and collaboration for enhanced electoral governance in Nigeria, IRIAD-The Electoral Hub has unveiled its new books shedding light on the history and functions of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) since 1958. Princess Hamman-Obels, Director IRIAD – The Electoral Hub, disclosed this during the presentation in Abuja, emphasizing the study's triple objectives: disseminating research insights to a wider audience, gathering expert and stakeholder perspectives on Nigeria's EMB experiences, and fostering a concerted effort towards boosting electoral integrity for credible polls in the country.

Read more:

<https://dailytrust.com/2027-electoral-hub-harps-on-credible-polls-launches-emb-books/>



## INEC extends voter registration in Edo, Ondo

Following appeals by stakeholders, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has announced a four-day extension of the ongoing Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise in Edo and Ondo states.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/breakingnews/inec-extends-voter-registration-in-edo-ondo/>



## **SIEC: SERAP demands transparency from governors**

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has called on Nigeria's 36 state governors to disclose comprehensive details about the State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs) in their jurisdictions to enhance transparency and accountability. In an official statement on Sunday, SERAP urged the governors to reveal information about the chairpersons and members of the SIECs, including their qualifications, political affiliations, and appointment mechanisms. Additionally, SERAP emphasized the need for detailed reports on the outcomes of local government elections since 1999 and the associated voters' registers.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/siec-serap-demands-transparency-from-governors/?amp>



## **IPAC Wants Independent Body To Appoint INEC Chairman**

Read more:

<https://leadership.ng/ipac-wants-independent-body-to-appoint-inec-chairman/>

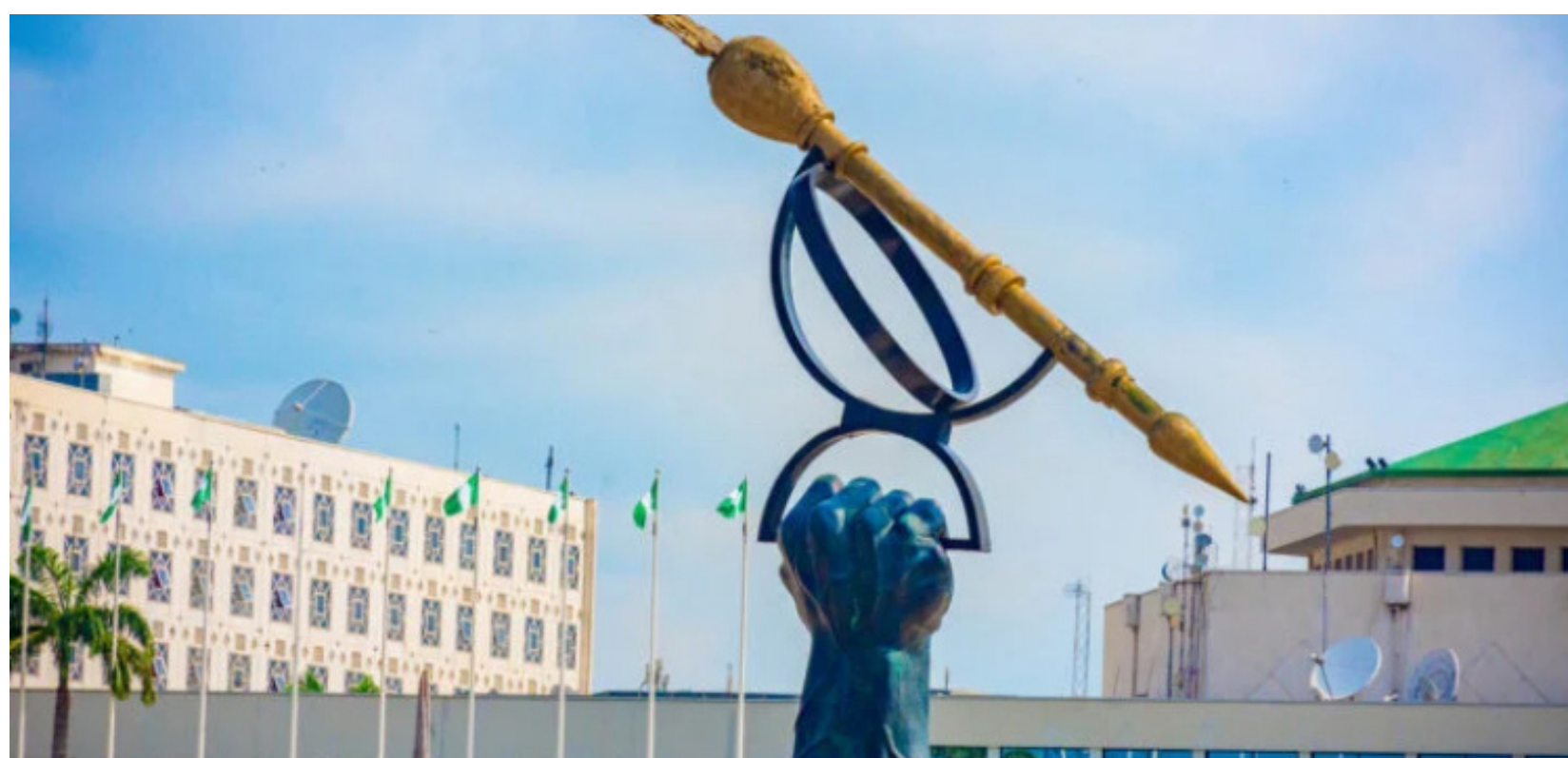
Alhaji Yusuf Mamman Dantalle, the national chairman of the Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC), has called for the establishment of an independent body responsible for appointing the chairman, national commissioners, and resident electoral commissioners of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). Dantalle proposed that this shift of power from the President to a neutral entity, subject to Senate confirmation, would ensure impartiality, asserting that it's inappropriate for the President, who is involved in elections, to appoint its umpire.

## **'It's not with us' — N'Assembly disowns 'bill seeking return of Nigeria to regional government'**

The National Assembly has dissociated itself from a purported draft bill seeking to return Nigeria to a regional system of government, which was reportedly drafted by an individual named Akin Fapohunda, who is not a member of the assembly. Senate spokesperson Yemi Adaramodu clarified that no such bill is currently before the National Assembly.

Read more:

<https://www.thecable.ng/its-not-with-us-nassembly-disowns-bill-seeking-return-of-nigeria-to-regional-government/amp/>



## Jigawa PDP kicks as Assembly moves to amend state electoral law

The Jigawa State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has warned against an alleged plan to amend the state's electoral law, fearing it is intended to enable the imposition of caretaker committee chairpersons in the 27 local government areas. This concern arises as the state House of Assembly has formed an eight-member ad hoc committee to review the State Independent Electoral Commission (SIEC) and Local Government Laws.

Read more:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/700163-jigawa-pdp-kicks-as-assembly-moves-to-amend-state-electoral-law.html>



## Edo Guber: PDP Shifts Campaign Council Inauguration Over Strike

Sequel to the industrial action embarked upon by labour unions in the country, the National Publicity Secretary of PDP, Hon. Debo Ologungaba has announced the indefinite



postponement of the party's national campaign council for the Edo State governorship election, previously scheduled for June 4th, 2024.

Read more: <https://leadership.ng/edo-guber-pdp-shifts-campaign-council-inauguration-over-strike/>



## Aspirants call for cancellation of Ebonyi councillorship primary election

Three aspirants for the Okpohsi Ward One Councillorship position in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, under the All Progressives Congress (APC), have called for the cancellation of the primary election held on Friday. The aspirants, Igwe Frank Arinze, Ali Uchenna Ugadu, and Agbo Sunday Agbo, urged the Chairman of the Ebonyi State Independent Electoral Commission (EBSIEC), Barrister Josy Eze, and APC State Chairman, Stanley Okoro Emegha, to nullify the election, citing gross irregularities, intimidation, and crises in an alleged attempt to impose a candidate on the people.

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/06/02/aspirants-call-for-cancellation-of-ebonyi-councillorship-primary-election/>

## Edo LP suspends caretaker committee chairman over insubordination

Following the escalated crisis within the Edo State chapter of the Labour Party, Caretaker Committee Chairman Elizabeth Ativie has been suspended over alleged gross misconduct and insubordination. This decision was made during an enlarged meeting of the State Working Committee, attended by local government chairmen and party secretaries. This development comes less than a week after Ativie was sworn in as caretaker chairman by the party's national leadership following the dissolution of the state executive committee led by Kelly Ogbaloi.

Read more:

<https://punchng.com/edo-lp-suspends-caretaker-committee-chairman-over-insubordination/?amp>



## Ondo 2024: Edema Dumps APC, Emerges NNPP Candidate

Ahead of the November 16th governorship election in Ondo State, Barrister Olugbenga Edema, a prominent aspirant from the All Progressives Congress (APC), has left the party and emerged as the candidate for the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP). Edema secured his candidacy at the substitution governorship primary held in Akure, following the voluntary withdrawal of the party's former candidate, Ayeni Oluwatosin.

Read more: <https://leadership.ng/ondo-2024-edema-dumps-apc-emerges-nnpp-candidate/>



## ADP Holds 3rd Non-Elective Convention, Changes Logo

The Action Democratic Party (ADP) in Nigeria held its third National Non-elective Convention in Abuja, during which it ratified its party constitution and addressed various challenges. The convention also adopted changes to the party's logo and made promises to secure more elective positions in future elections. Additionally, National Chairman Yabagi Yusuf Sani received a vote of confidence from party members for his exemplary leadership qualities.

<https://von.gov.ng/adp-holds-3rd-non-elective-convention-changes-logo/>



## Edo 2024: AAC guber candidate commends CVR progress

Dr. Udoh Oberaifo, the African Action Congress (AAC) gubernatorial candidate for the September 21, 2024, governorship election in Edo State, on Sunday commended the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for the progress of the ongoing Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise despite initial setbacks caused by flooding.

Read more:

<https://tribuneonlineng.com/edo-2024-aac-guber-candidate-commends-cvr-progress/>



## Akwa Ibom reveals date for LG elections

In a stakeholder engagement meeting organized by the Akwa Ibom State Independent Electoral Commission, Governor Umo Eno announced that the state has scheduled elections in its 31 local government areas for October 26, 2024.

Read more:

<https://theeagleonline.com.ng/akwa-ibom-reveals-date-for-lg-elections/>



**Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024**

**106** DAYS TO **Edo State Elections 21st September, 2024**

**162** DAYS TO **Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024**