

The Ballot

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NDPC, INEC Meet To Enhance Data Protection Measures In Election Process

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) recently met with the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) at INEC's headquarters to discuss data protection measures. INEC requested clarifications and sensitization from the NDPC to better protect the personal data of Nigerian citizens in its database. The meeting aimed to establish adequate safeguards for citizens' and voters' information, ensuring the integrity and security of elections.

Read more:

<https://independent.ng/ndpc-inec-meet-to-enhance-data-protection-measures-in-election-process/>

Edo/Ondo guber: INEC tasks media on fake news, disinformation

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has called on media organizations to act as a safeguard against the spread of fake news, misinformation, and disinformation. During the 3rd quarterly consultative meeting with the media, ahead of the Edo and Ondo state governorship elections, INEC Chairman Prof. Mahmood Yakubu emphasized the importance of factual and accurate reporting in line with journalistic ethics. He also urged media outlets to expedite the submission of their accreditation applications before the September 5th, 2024 deadline.



Read more: <https://blueprint.ng/edo-ondo-guber-inec-tasks-media-on-fake-news-disinformation/>

Anambra assembly screens, confirms ANSIEC board nominees

The Anambra House of Assembly confirmed six nominees for the Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC) on July 30, following a nomination by Governor Chukwuma Soludo. Upon resumption, the lawmakers promptly referred the governor's request to the House Screening Committee for review. The nominees underwent screening on Wednesday morning and were subsequently confirmed during the plenary session.

Read more:

<https://businessday.ng/news/article/anambra-assembly-screens-confirms-ansiec-board-nominees/>



Kano Electoral Commission set dates for LG elections, to conduct drugs test on candidates

The Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC) has announced that local government elections will be held on November 30, promising a transparent and impartial process free from external interference. According to the Commission's Chairman, Professor Sani Lawan Malumfashi, the official notification of the election will be released on November 15. Nomination forms will be available from October 1 to October 11, with a submission deadline set for October 18, 2024.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/07/31/kano-electoral-commission-set-dates-for-lg-elections-to-conduct-drugs-test-on-candidates/>

LG elections: Bauchi electoral commission to recruit 16,000 ad-hoc staff

The Bauchi State Independent Electoral Commission (BASIEC) has announced its commencement of recruitment for approximately 16,000 ad-hoc staff in preparation for the upcoming local government elections scheduled for August 17th, 2024. The announcement was made by the Chairman of the Commission, Alhaji Ahmad Makama, during a press briefing on the current state of preparations for the election.

Read more:

<https://tribuneonlineng.com/lg-elections-bauchi-electoral-commission-to-recruit-16000-ad-hoc-staff/>





Osun LG polls: OSSIEC releases election guidelines

The Osun State Independent Electoral Commission (OSSIEC) has announced the guidelines for the February 2025 Local Government Elections. In a statement issued on July 22, 2024, Omoyemi Badru, the secretary to the OSSIEC chairman, detailed the essential information and procedures for political parties, candidates, and stakeholders to follow in the upcoming electoral process.

Read more:

<https://www.westernpost.ng/osun-lg-polls-ossiec-releases-election-guidelines/>

NUJ opposes glamour for local government electoral commission

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<https://thenationonlineng.net/nuj-opposes-glamour-for-local-government-electoral-commission/amp/>

Kogi gov candidate plans to appeal Ododo's victory at S'Court

In a statement issued on Friday, Otunba Olayinka Braimoh, the Action Alliance governorship candidate in the November 2023 election in Kogi State, announced his intention

to appeal to the Supreme Court after the recent Appeal Court judgment in Abuja upheld the Tribunal's verdict against him. The Appeal Court confirmed Governor Ododo as the duly elected governor of Kogi State in the November 11, 2023, election. Braimoh emphasized that pursuing this appeal is crucial for ensuring the triumph of democracy and justice for the people of Kogi State.



Read more: <https://punchng.com/kogi-gov-candidate-plans-to-appeal-ododos-victory-at-scourt/?amp>



LGAs election: Why SIECs should be reformed, not scrapped – PAACA

The Peering Advocacy and Advancement Center in Africa (PAACA) has advised against the abolition of State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs), advocating instead for reforms to enhance their autonomy and independence. In a statement released Thursday in Abuja, PAACA warned that replacing SIECs with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) or a federal body would jeopardize state autonomy and threaten the federal system.

Read more: <https://blueprint.ng/lgas-election-why-siecs-should-be-reform-not-scrapped-paaca/>

At the third quarterly consultative meeting of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) with the media on July 31, Chris Isiguzo, the national president of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), expressed concerns over establishing a separate body for local government elections following a recent Supreme Court judgment. Isiguzo argued that creating a new commission could lead to redundancy, increased bureaucracy, and potential conflicts of interest. He suggested that, instead, the relevant authorities should empower INEC to oversee grassroots elections, streamlining the electoral process and reducing administrative complications.



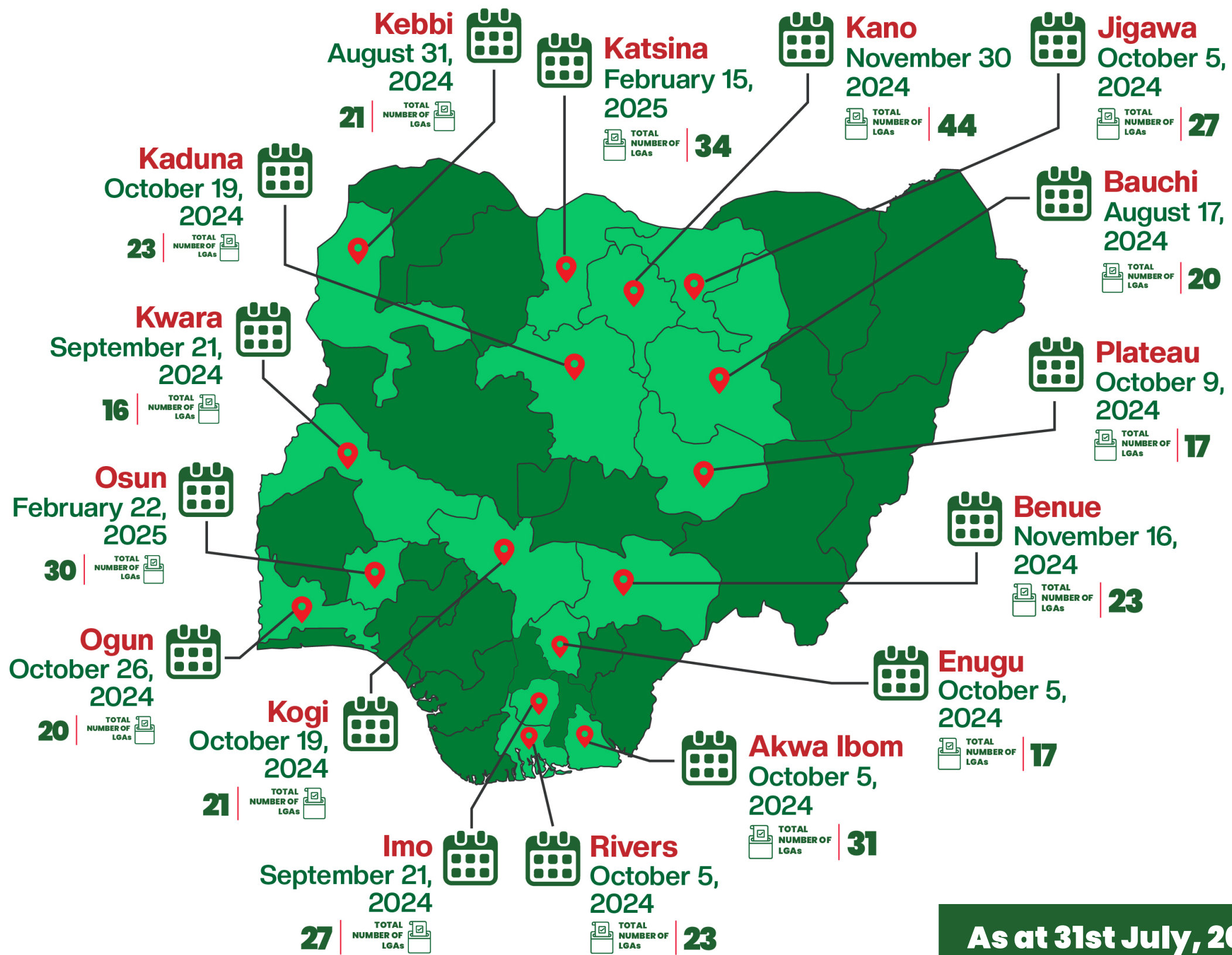
Upcoming Local Government Elections




TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **16**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **399**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **45,111,568**



As at 31st July, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

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

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