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Nigerian judiciary must redeem its image for the sake of democracy —Okutepa SAN

Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) Jibrin Samuel Okutepa has urged the Nigerian judiciary to fulfill its role in deepening democracy, particularly in light of the controversies surrounding recent elections. Speaking at the first Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) roundtable in Abuja on Thursday, where he delivered a keynote address titled "The Role of the Judiciary in Nigeria's Democratic Sustainability," Okutepa highlighted widespread doubts about the judiciary's ability to remain impartial and above reproach in political cases

Read more:

<https://lawandsocietymagazine.com/nigerian-judiciary-must-redeem-its-image-for-the-sake-of-democracy-okutepa-san/>

EDO POLLS: Yiaga Africa Predict Low Voter Turnout

As the Edo State Governorship election approaches on September 21, Yiaga Africa has predicted low voter turnout, highlighting concerns that can hinder electoral participation. This prediction is detailed in the organization's "Watching The Vote" Pre-Election Observation (PREO) Report for the Edo 2024 Governorship Election. The report, based on data collected by long-term citizen observers (LTOs) across the state's 18 local government areas, also includes recommendations for a free and fair political competition.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/publications/edo-polls-yiaga-africa-predict-low-voter-turnout-in-a-competitive-race/>





INEC releases final voter registers for Edo, Ondo governorship polls

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has released the final voter register for the upcoming governorship elections in Edo and Ondo states. According to a statement issued in Abuja on Tuesday by Sam Olumekun, INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee, Edo has 2,629,025 registered voters, while Ondo has 2,053,061.

Read more: <https://dailynigerian.com/inec-releases-final-voter/>

INEC clears 44,687 party agents for Edo guber election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has announced that a total of 44,687 polling and collation agents will participate in the September 21 governorship election in Edo State. According to a list released by INEC, this figure includes agents for 43,043 polling units, 1,452 wards, 179 local councils, and 13 state collation centers. Sam Olumekun, INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee, noted that the commission had anticipated 80,410 agents from the 17 political parties contesting the election. However, only 55.6 percent of the expected agents were nominated, with one party failing to nominate any agents at all.

Read more: https://guardian.ng/politics/inec-clears-44687-party-agents-for-edo-guber-election/#google_vignette



Edo Guber: INEC, others warn youths against electoral malpractice

During a one-day engagement organized by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Benin City, the importance of youths avoiding involvement in electoral malpractices during the upcoming September 21 governorship election in Edo State was emphasized. The event, which focused on the role of youths in the state's and country's electoral processes, saw speakers unanimously condemn the participation of young people in electoral fraud, highlighting the need for a shift towards integrity in the election.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/06/edo-guber-inec-others-warn-youths-against-electoral-malpractice/>

Nov 16: OGSIEC releases guidelines for Ogun LG elections

The Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission (OGSIEC) has released the guidelines for the upcoming local government elections scheduled for November 16. Speaking at a stakeholders' meeting in Abeokuta, OGSIEC Chairman Mr. Babatunde Osibodu, represented by Commissioner Mr. Olatunji Akoni, announced that the elections will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Osibodu emphasized the crucial role of public participation, with the meeting designed to build confidence among political parties, associations, and community leaders ahead of the polls.

Read more: <https://tribuneonline.ng/nov-16-ogsiec-releases-guidelines-for-ogun-lg-elections/>





Plateau LG Election: Oct 9 sacrosanct – PLASIEC

The Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission (PLASIEC) has reaffirmed that the October 9 Local Government elections in Plateau State will proceed as scheduled, urging political parties to finalize their preparations. Speaking on Thursday to journalists, the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC), and civil society leaders, PLASIEC Chairman Plangji Cishak emphasized that the election date will not be shifted, despite adjustments to the timetable necessitated by the nationwide #EndBadGovernance protests.

Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/08/plateau-lg-election-Oct-9-sacrosanct-plasiec/amp/>

LG poll: APGA warns against illegal candidates in Rivers

Read more: <https://punchng.com/lg-poll-apga-warns-against-illegal-candidates-in-rivers/>

Anambra LG election: Gov Soludo inaugurates ANSIEC members

Governor Charles Soludo has inaugurated the Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC) ahead of the upcoming local government elections in the state. The inauguration took place on Tuesday at the Governor's Lodge in Anambra. Magistrate Chinelo Genevieve Osakwe was appointed as the Chairman of the Commission, with Mrs. Bernadine Obande, Barr. Osita Cyril Igbokwe, Sir Chinedu Anthony Nnalue, Mrs. Helen Ifeyinwa Umeh, and Mr. John Emeka Okeke serving as members.



Read more: https://tribuneonlineng.com/anambra-lg-election-gov-soludo-inaugurates-ansiec-members/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook



PDP announces boycott of Kebbi LG polls

The Kebbi State Chapter of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) has announced its withdrawal from the upcoming local government council elections scheduled for August 31. This decision was disclosed by the party's state chairman, Alhaji Bello Usman-Suru, during a press briefing in Birnin Kebbi on Wednesday.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/08/pdp-announces-boycott-of-kebbi-lg-polls/>

The All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) has cautioned the Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission against accepting any list of candidates not approved by the party's nationally recognized leadership. Speaking to journalists in Port Harcourt on Wednesday, APGA's National Administrative Secretary, Okoro Benedict, affirmed that the party is prepared for the upcoming local government election in Rivers State scheduled for October 5, 2025.



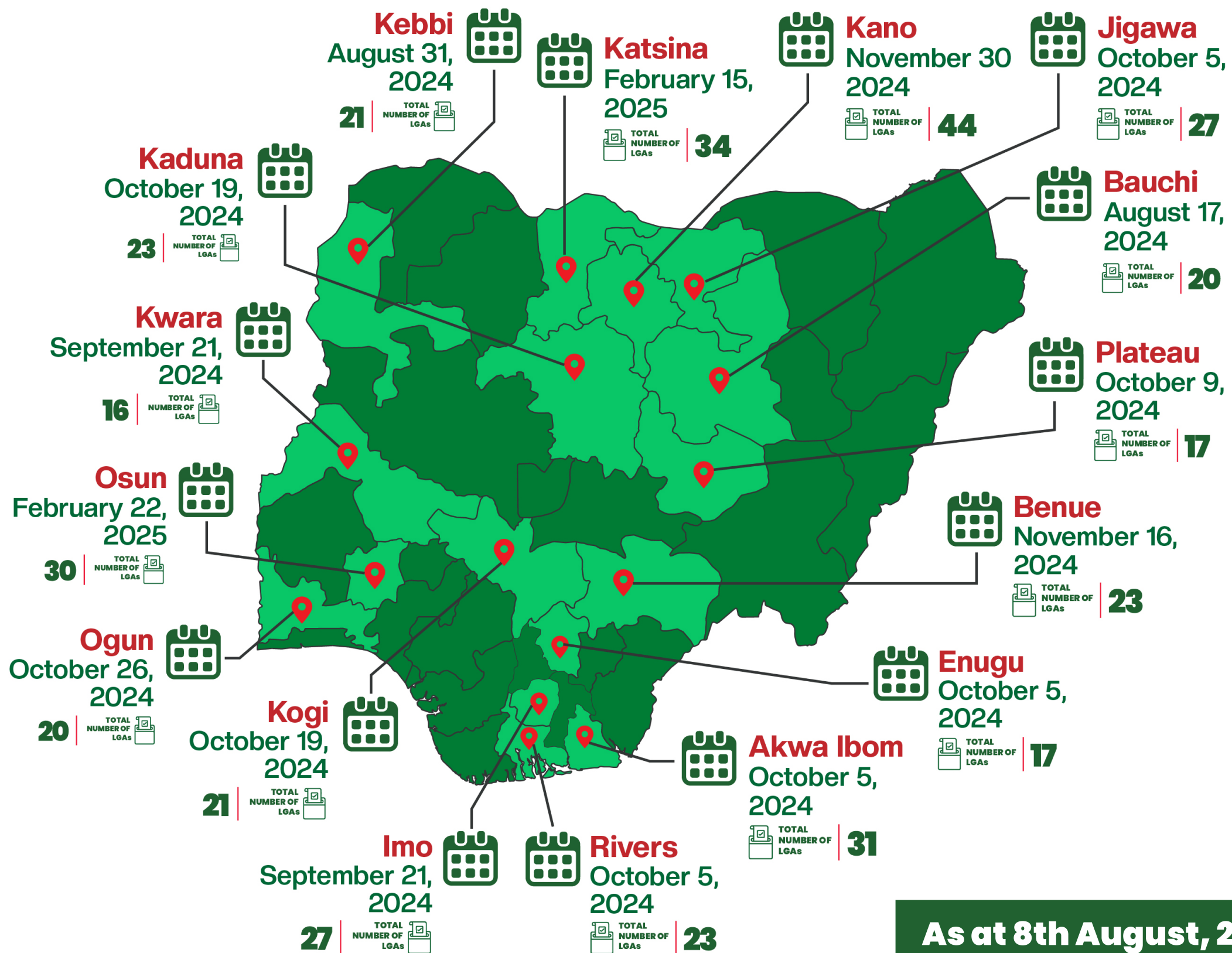
Upcoming Local Government Elections




TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **16**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **399**

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



As at 8th August, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

43

DAYS TO

Edo State Elections

21st September, 2024

99

DAYS TO

Ondo State Elections

16th November, 2024