

The Ballot

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Edo polls: Yiaga Africa Trains Trainers for Political Parties Agents in Edo

Ahead of the 2024 Edo Governorship elections, Yiaga Africa has taken a significant step to ensure electoral transparency by organizing a refresher training for Master Trainers who will train political party agents in the state. This initiative, part of Yiaga Africa's African Election Academy and backed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aims to bolster electoral integrity by equipping key stakeholders with the necessary skills and knowledge.

Read more:

<https://yiaga.org/edo-polls-yiaga-africa-trains-trainers-for-political-parties-agents-in-edo/>

INEC Solicits National Peace Committee's Support For Peaceful Elections In Edo, Ondo

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has urged the National Peace Committee (NPC) to back its call for stakeholders to ensure peaceful elections in Edo and Ondo states. INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, made the appeal on Friday, August 16, during a briefing to the NPC on the Commission's preparations for the upcoming governorship elections, scheduled to take place in 35 days and 91 days, respectively.

Read more: <https://inecnews.com/inec-solicit-national-peace-committees-support-for-peaceful-elections-in-edo-ondo/>



Edo Guber election: INEC Chairman meets security agencies, calls for security alert

The Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Mahmood Yakubu, has urged security agencies to intensify their vigilance ahead of the upcoming gubernatorial elections in Edo and Ondo States. During a meeting of the Inter-Agency Consultative Committee on Election Security (ICCES) at the INEC headquarters in Abuja, Professor Yakubu highlighted the essential role of security personnel in ensuring smooth and incident-free elections.

Read more:

<https://www.nationalaccordnewspaper.com/edo-guber-electioninec-chairman-meets-security-agencies-calls-for-security-alert/>



Edo guber: INEC sensitises electoral officers, PWDs on use of assistive materials

In preparation for the September 21, 2024 off-cycle governorship election in Edo State, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has conducted a strategic engagement with Electoral Officers (EOs) across the 18 Local Government Areas and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). Held in Benin City, the one-day event focused on the deployment and use of assistive materials to ensure a smooth voting process for visually and hearing-impaired voters, as well as other members of the disability community.

Read more: <https://businessday.ng/life/article/edo-guber-inec-sensitises-electoral-officers-pwds-on-use-of-assistive-materials/>

Cross River Governor Constitutes Electoral Commission

In response to increasing demands for local government elections, Cross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Otu, has approved the formation of the Cross River State Electoral Commission (CROISEC). The announcement was made through a release signed by the governor's Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Nsa Gill.

Read more:

<https://news.crossriverstate.gov.ng/cross-river-governor-sets-up-electoral-commission-as-agitation-for-local-government-elections-heightens/>



Ondo Guber: NWTF Organizes Training For Trainers On Voters Education

To boost voter participation and minimize invalid votes, the Nigerian Women Trust Fund (NWTF) has launched a three-day training program for trainers on voter education ahead of the November 16, 2024 gubernatorial election in Ondo State. Addressing participants in Akure on Monday, NWTF CEO Ms. Brenda Anugwom emphasized that the initiative aims to equip women with essential knowledge and skills to enhance their involvement in the upcoming election.

Read more:

<https://independent.ng/ondo-guber-nwtf-organises-training-for-trainers-on-voters-education/>



Kano LG Polls: KANSIEC Releases Election Guidelines

The Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC) has released the guidelines and timetable for the upcoming local government elections in the state, scheduled for November 30, 2024. Announcing the details in Kano, the Commission's Chairman, Professor Sani Lawan, revealed that 19 political parties will be participating in the elections across the state's 44 area councils.

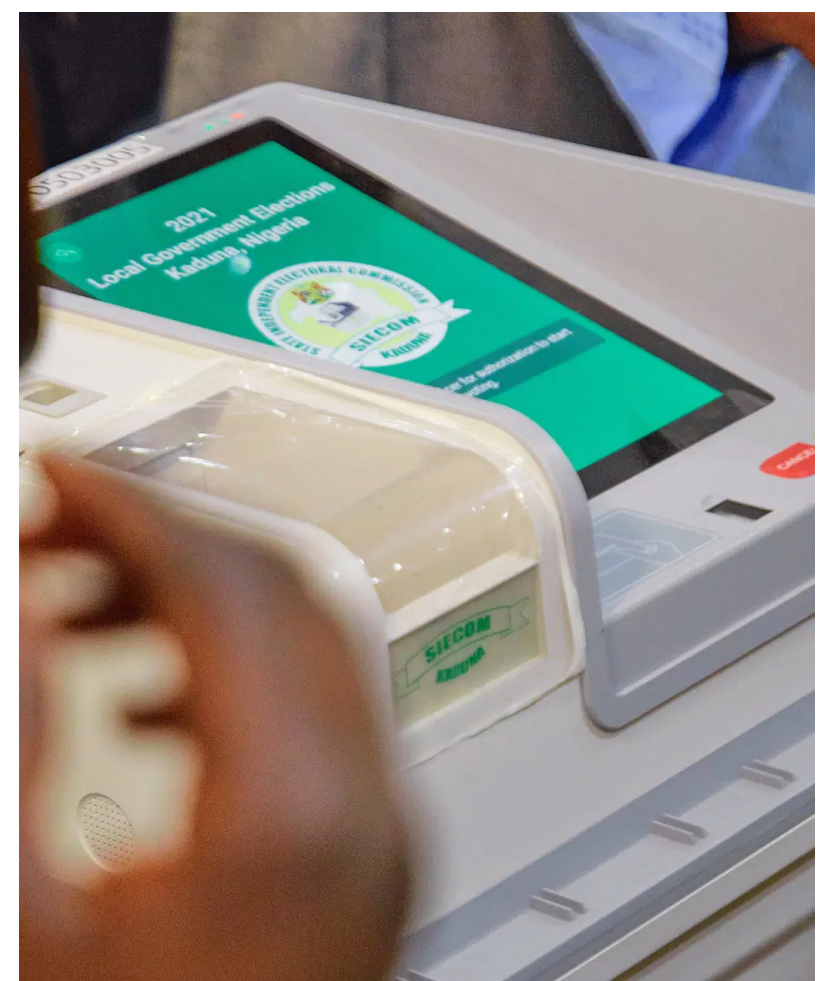
Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/kano-lg-polls-kansiec-releases-election-guidelines/>

Just in: Anambra to conduct LG election September 28

The Professor Chukwuma Soludo administration has announced that local government elections in Anambra State will take place on September 28 this year. The Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC) confirmed the election date in a press statement on Monday. Governor Soludo, who recently inaugurated the commission members, emphasized the need for a clean and credible election, a topic that was also discussed during the state's Executive Council meeting.

Read more:

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/08/just-anambra-to-conduct-lg-election-september-28/>





AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS

Ogun LG polls: ADC kicks against imposition of N250,000 fee on candidates

The African Democratic Congress (ADC) in Ogun State has criticized the N250,000 nomination fee imposed by the Ogun State Independent Electoral Commission (OGISIEC) for the upcoming local government election. During a stakeholder meeting on Thursday, OGISIEC Chairman Babatunde Osibodu announced that chairmanship candidates must pay N250,000, while male councillorship candidates are required to pay N150,000 and female candidates N100,000. The election is scheduled for November 16, 2024.

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/10/ogun-lp-polls-adc-kicks-against-imposition-of-n250000-fee-on-candidates/>

Bauchi Tribunal Upholds Dachungyang Election

Read more:

<https://newtelegraphng.com/bauchi-tribunal-upholds-dachungyang-election/>

LP seeks cancellation of Imo governorship poll, demands fresh election

The Labour Party has appealed to the Supreme Court to nullify the November 11 Imo Governorship election, following the dismissal of its request for a fresh election by the appellate court. The opposition party, alleging bias despite presenting evidence of over-voting, contends that the election that reinstated Governor Hope Uzodimma was flawed.



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



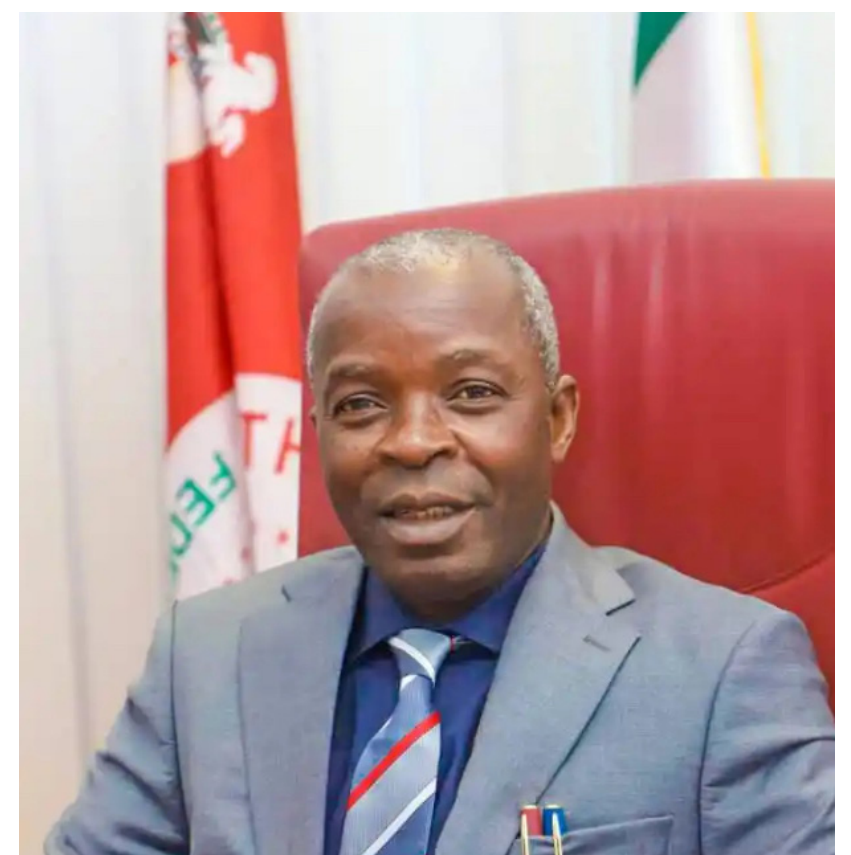
RSIEC Denies Postponing October 5 Rivers Local Govt Elections

The Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) has denied reports of a postponement of the local government elections scheduled for October 5, 2024. In a statement issued on Tuesday, RSIEC Chairman Justice Adolphus Enebeli

(Retired) dismissed the postponement claims as unfounded and spurious. He assured that, contrary to social media rumors suggesting a delay due to a court order, preparations for the elections are proceeding as planned.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/rsiec-denies-postponing-october-5-rivers-local-govt-elections/>

On Wednesday, the National Assembly Rerun Election Petition Tribunal in Bauchi upheld the election of Senator Pam Mwadkon Dachungyang of the Action Democratic Party (ADP) as the duly elected Senator representing Plateau North. The three-man tribunal panel, chaired by Justice Cordelia Ogadi, dismissed the petitions filed by Shafi'u Sahlan of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) and Ambassador Chris Giwa of the All Progressives Congress (APC) due to lack of merit.



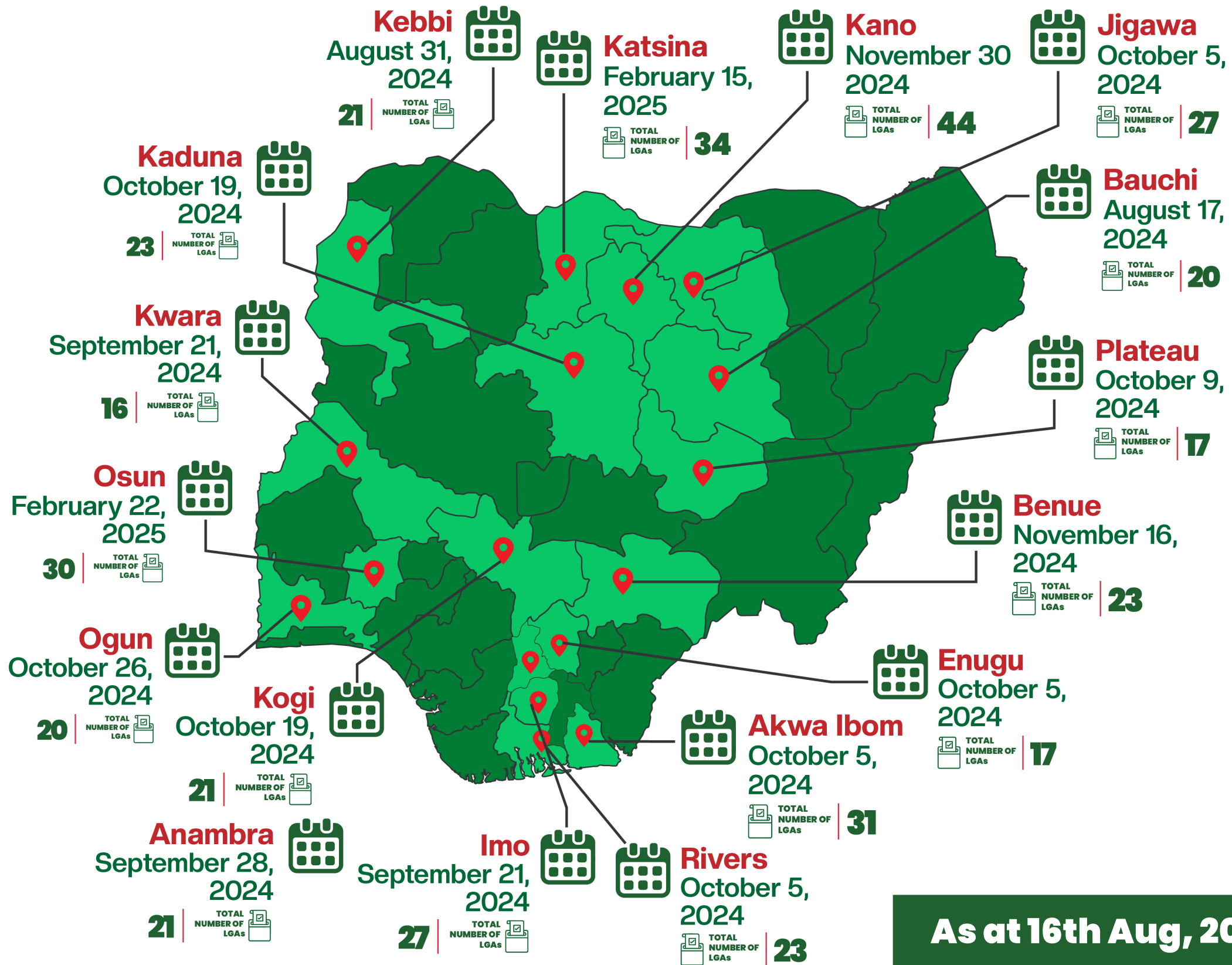
Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **17**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **420**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **47,768,005**



As at 16th Aug, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

36
DAYS TO

Edo State Elections
21st September, 2024

92
DAYS TO

Ondo State Elections
16th November, 2024