

The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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Edo Election: INEC presents Voter register to parties

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Edo State has provided soft copies of the voter register to political parties contesting the upcoming September 21 governorship election. The Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Anugbum Onuoha, handed over the registers to party chairpersons, secretaries, and other officials during a ceremony at the INEC office in Benin on Tuesday.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/726276-edo-election-inec-presents-voters-register-to-parties.html>



Edo governorship election: Yiaga Africa trains 62 journalists, CSOs

Ahead of the September 21 governorship election in Edo State, Yiaga Africa has successfully trained over 62 journalists and representatives from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) through its "Watching the Vote (WTV)-Elections Academy" initiative. The training is designed to bolster pre-election observation and advance electoral transparency.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/edo-governorship-election-yiaga-africa-trains-62-journalists-csos/>

S'Court reserves judgements on Kogi, Bayelsa guber election appeals

The Supreme Court on Monday reserved its judgment on appeals challenging the Court of Appeal's decision that upheld the results of last year's governorship elections in Kogi and Bayelsa States. The apex court deferred judgment on these appeals to a date that will be communicated to the parties involved.



Read more: <https://tribuneonline.ng/scourt-reserves-judgements-on-kogi-bayelsa-guber-election-appeals/>



Gov Mohammed swears in Bauchi LG chairmen

Bauchi State Governor, Sen. Bala Mohammed, officially inaugurated the newly elected chairmen of the state's 20 local government areas on Sunday, following the successful local government elections conducted by the Bauchi State Independent Electoral Commission (BASIEC) the previous day.

Read more: <https://thesun.ng/gov-mohammed-swears-in-bauchi-lg-chairmen/>



Edo Guber: INEC fixes August 22 to September 8 for PVC collection

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has scheduled the collection of Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) in Edo State from August 22 to September 8, 2024, ahead of the upcoming governorship election on September 21. INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, announced the dates during a meeting with Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs) in Abuja, emphasizing that only valid registrants will be allowed to collect their PVCs, with no proxies permitted.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/19/edo-guber-inec-fixes-august-22-to-september-8-for-pvc-collection/>

INEC Loses the Resident Electoral Commissioner for Ogun State

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has announced the passing of Mr. Olaniyi Ijalaye, the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) for Ogun State. Mr. Ijalaye, who had recently attended the Commission's quarterly meeting in Abuja, died on Monday, August 19, 2024.



Read more: <https://x.com/inecnigeria/status/1825957196472914333?s=46&t=jtZs89xvpBLYpRcObFpJw>



2023 Poll: ActionAid Nigeria, CSOs Move To Review Contentious Judgments

In a bid to address the contentious judgments arising from Nigeria's 2023 general elections, ActionAid Nigeria, along with several civil society organizations (CSOs), has resolved to undertake a thorough review of these decisions. The resolution was made during a consultative meeting held in Abuja on Tuesday. Among the CSOs involved were the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Kimpact Development Initiative, Centre for Social Justice, and Christian Aid.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/2023-poll-actionaid-nigeria-csos-move-to-review-contentious-judgments/>



NILDS Backs State Electoral Commissioners To Conduct LG Polls

Abubakar Sulaiman, Director General of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), has advocated for the State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIEC) to be entrusted with conducting elections for local government chairmen and councillors. Sulaiman made this statement during the "My Nigeria—Our Nigeria" debate grand finale in Abuja, an event organized by Yiaga Africa and sponsored by the Society Foundation.

Read more: <https://leadership.ng/nilds-backs-state-electoral-commissioners-to-conduct-lg-polls/>



APC faction vows to boycott Rivers LG election

The Rivers State chapter of the All Progressives Congress loyal to the sacked Caretaker Committee Chairman, Tony Okocha, said they will not participate in the October 5, 2024, local government elections. Okocha disclosed this during an enlarged APC stakeholder meeting in Port Harcourt, the state capital on Wednesday.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/apc-faction-vows-to-boycott-rivers-lg-election/>

LG election candidates must be financially bouyant, says Kano NNPP

Read more: <https://punchng.com/lg-election-candidates-must-be-financially-bouyant-says-kano-nnpp/>

APGA alleges democracy undermined by Anambra election law amendment

The All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) has condemned the recent amendment to the election law by the Anambra State House of Assembly, calling it a deliberate move to undermine democracy and limit political competition. Speaking at a press briefing in Abuja, APGA's National Chairman, Edozie Njoku, pledged to challenge the amendment, asserting the party's commitment to defending its rights.



Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/apga-alleges-democracy-undermined-by-anambra-election-law-amendment/>



N10m for LG Chairmanship nominations form final – Kano electoral body

The Kano State Independent Electoral Commission has reaffirmed its decision to maintain the N10 million fee for chairmanship nomination forms in the upcoming local government election, despite widespread public outcry against the amount.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/20/n10m-for-lg-chairmanship-nominations-form-final-kano-electoral-body/>

The Kano State Chapter of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) has set an end-of-August deadline for all candidates vying for chairmanship and councillorship positions in the upcoming local government elections to resign from their current appointments. The party also defended the charges set for these positions, emphasizing that candidates should have the financial capacity to contest for local government roles.



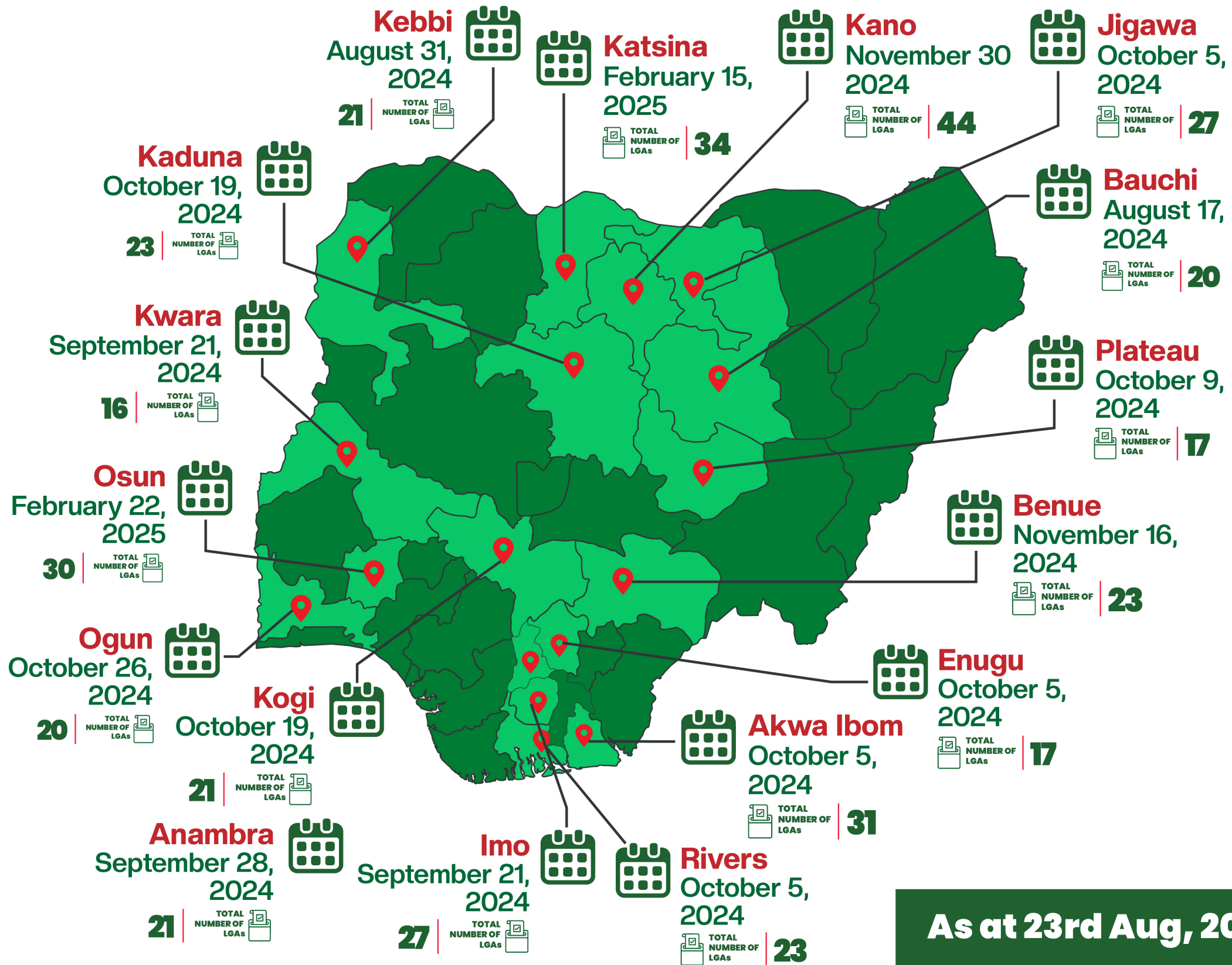
Upcoming Local Government Elections




TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **17**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **420**

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



As at 23rd Aug, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

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

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