

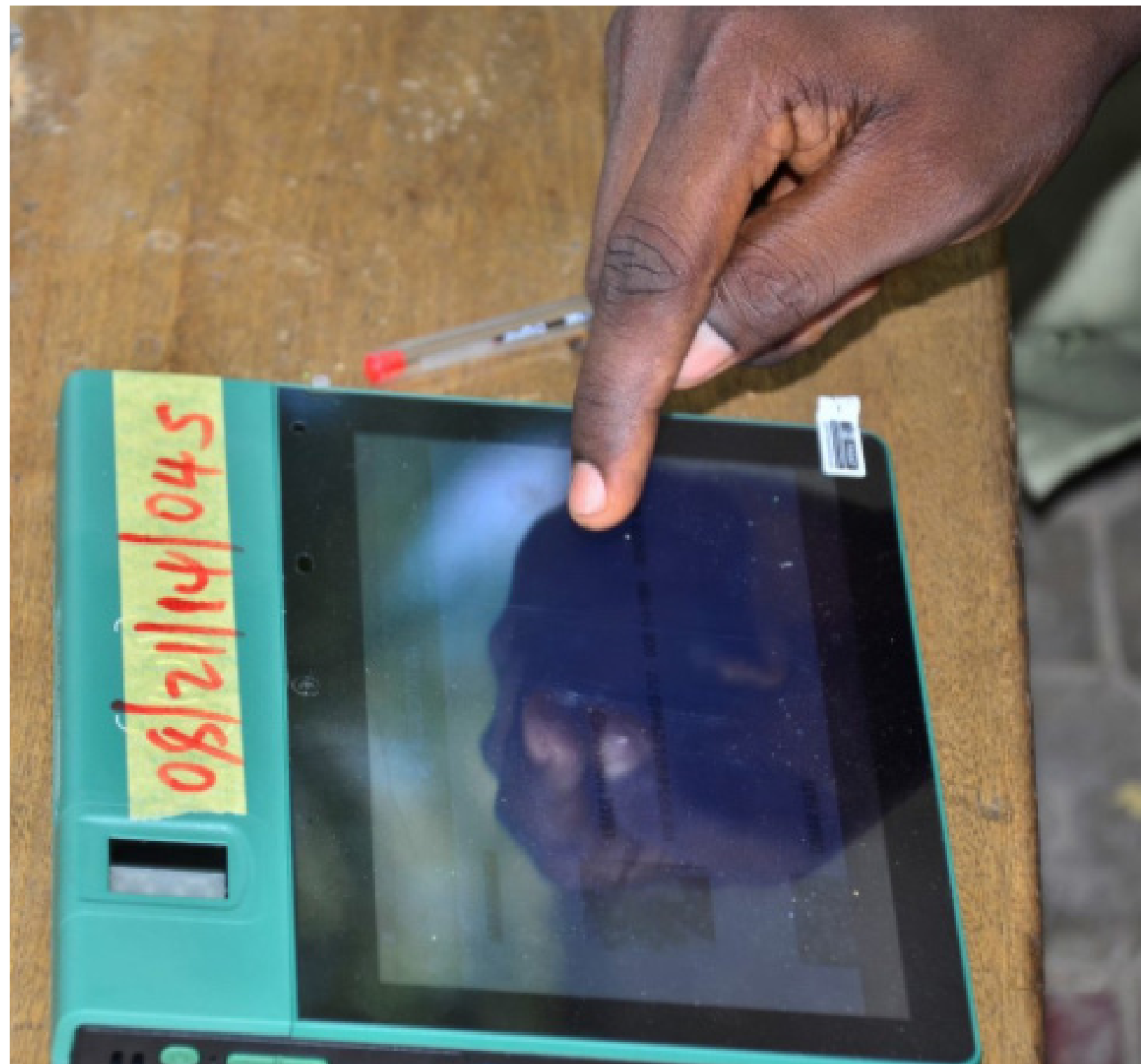
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A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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Addressing Nigeria's Unresolved Electoral Reform Issues – Samson Itodo

Yiaga Africa's Executive Director, Samson Itodo, has highlighted persistent challenges in Nigeria's electoral process despite ongoing reforms. He noted that while the 2023 general elections brought about a politically diverse National Assembly, they failed to meet public expectations due to issues like operational inefficiencies, voter suppression, and legal ambiguities in the newly enacted Electoral Act 2022.

Read more:

<https://yiaga.org/addressing-nigerias-unresolved-electoral-reform-issues-samson-itodo/>

INEC Holds Mock Accreditation of Voters September 10 Ahead of Edo Guber Election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has scheduled a mock voter accreditation for September 10, ahead of the Edo State governorship election set for September 21. This was disclosed in a statement by Sam Olumekun, INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee.

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/08/28/inec-holds-mock-accreditation-of-voters-september-10-ahead-of-edo-guber-election/>





Supreme Court Affirms Elections of Bayelsa, Imo, Kogi Governors

The Supreme Court has upheld the results of the off-cycle governorship elections that brought Senator Douye Diri, Usman Ododo, and Senator Hope Uzodimma to power as governors of Bayelsa, Kogi, and Imo states, respectively. In separate rulings on appeals against the November 11, 2023 elections in these states, the court determined that the appellants failed to provide credible evidence showing that the elections did not substantially comply with electoral laws or that they were unfairly disadvantaged during the process.

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/08/24/supreme-court-affirms-elections-of-bayelsa-imo-kogi-governors/>

Local Government Elections: Strengthen SIECs Instead of Abrogating Them

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/local-government-elections-strengthen-siecs-instead-of-abrogating-them/>

As debates over local government autonomy and election credibility intensify in Nigeria, David Mkpume, a Communications Officer at Yiaga Africa has called for the strengthening of State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs) rather than their abolition. He argues that while local government elections often suffer from poor management and political interference, transferring their oversight to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) could overburden the federal body and undermine the federal structure.

A' Court Voids Verdict Ordering Participation of 381 Ad hoc Delegates in PDP Primary

The Court of Appeal in Abuja has overturned a Federal High Court ruling that required the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to include 381 ad hoc delegates in its February 22 primary election, which nominated Mr. Asue Ighodalo as the party's candidate for the September 21 governorship election in Edo State. The three-member appellate panel voided the July 4 judgment by Justice Ekwo, citing that the lower court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case, as the aggrieved delegates did not have the legal standing to bring the suit.



Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/08/26/a-court-voids-verdict-ordering-participation-of-381-ad-hoc-delegates-in-pdp-primary/>



2024: The Year of Elections and Lessons from the Beautiful Game

What can African football teach us about elections across the continent? In an insightful piece, Ibrahim Faruk, Yiaga Africa's Program Coordinator for Africa Division, draws parallels between the strategies in the beautiful game and the approaches needed to strengthen electoral democracy in Africa, especially in a year where a significant portion of the world will be heading to the polls.

Read more: <https://yiaga.org/2024-the-year-of-elections-and-lessons-from-the-beautiful-game/>





Edo Guber: Parties Didn't Comply With Polling Agents' Requirements – INEC

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has raised concerns over the failure of political parties to meet the requirements for nominating polling and collation agents ahead of the September 21 Edo governorship election. INEC Chairman, Professor Mahmood Yakubu, highlighted issues with the quality of agent information submitted to the commission's portal, particularly regarding the images of agents for Polling Units, Wards, and Local Governments. He made these remarks during a meeting with political parties under the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) in Abuja yesterday.

Read more: https://leadership.ng/edo-guber-parties-didnt-comply-with-polling-agents-requirements-inec/#google_vignette

Imo LG Poll: Election may not hold in 3 council areas – ISIEC boss

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/22/imo-lg-poll-election-may-not-hold-in-3-council-areas-isiec-boss/>

Nigeria's voter population exceeds 14 West African countries' - INEC chairman

Nigeria's registered voter population exceeds that of all other West African countries combined by more than 10 million, according to Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). Speaking on Tuesday during a visit by European Union Ambassador Samuela Isopi, Yakubu highlighted that Nigeria had over 93 million registered voters as of the 2023 general elections, compared to 74 million across the rest of West Africa.



Read more: <https://punchng.com/nigerias-voter-population-exceeds-14-west-african-countries-inec-chairman/>



Anambra IPAC To Participate In LG Election

The Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC) in Anambra State has announced its decision to participate in the upcoming local government election on September 28th. This decision follows earlier opposition from political parties, who argued that the election date provided insufficient preparation time and claimed that recent amendments to the Anambra State Law by the state Assembly were intended to disenfranchise voters.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/anambra-ipac-to-participate-in-lg-election/>

The Imo State Independent Electoral Commission (ISIEC) has announced that elections may be canceled in three local government areas—Onuimo, Okigwe, and Orsu—due to rising insecurity. The Commission's Chairman, Charles Ejiogu, made this statement during a meeting with various security agencies in Owerri, highlighting the significant challenges in ensuring the safety of staff and election materials ahead of the polls.





Benue PDP releases guidelines for LG election

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Benue State has announced its guidelines for nominating candidates for the upcoming Local Government elections. The release comes after the Benue State Independent Electoral Commission (BSIEC) scheduled the elections for October 5. The guidelines, signed by the party's Caretaker Committee Publicity Secretary, Hon. Oryina Orvaa, were issued on Monday.

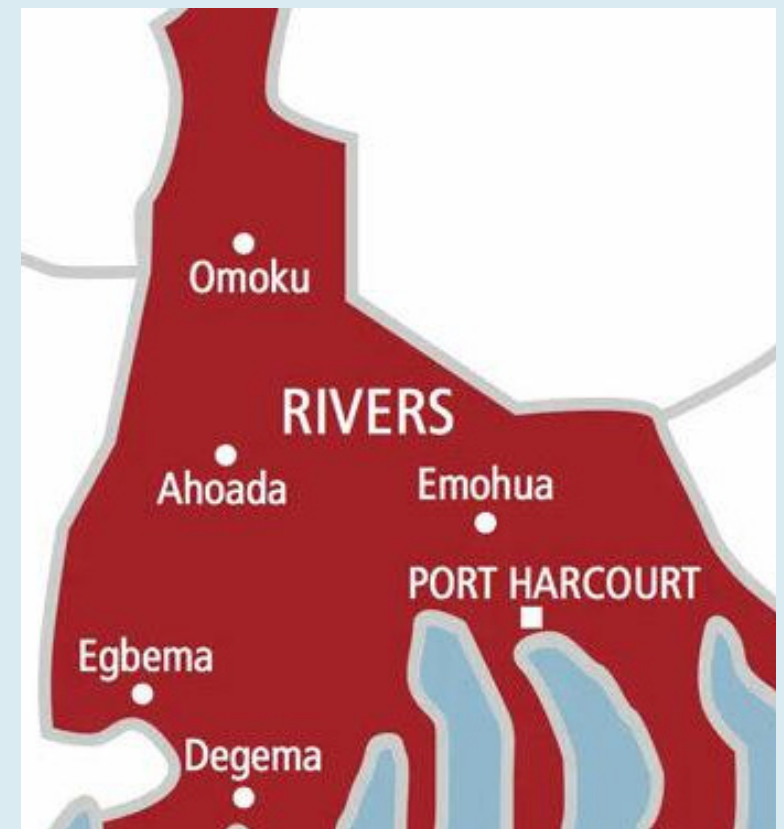
Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/08/27/benue-pdp-releases-guidelines-for-lg-election/>

Edo Guber Election: PRP Flags Off Campaign In Edo

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/edo-guber-election-prp-flags-off-campaign-in-edo/>

Rivers LG polls: RSIEC releases timetable for candidates' screening

The Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) has announced the timetable for the sale of nomination forms and screening of party candidates ahead of the council elections slated for October 5, 2024, with the process of collecting forms commencing on Monday, August 26, in Port Harcourt.



Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/rivers-lg-polls-rsiec-releases-timetable-for-candidates-screening/>



APC Inaugurates 16-Member Committee For Kano LG Elections

The All Progressives Congress (APC) has established a 16-member committee to oversee the upcoming local government council elections in Kano. The committee, inaugurated on Tuesday by Kano APC Chairman Prince Abdullahi Abbas Sanusi, will be led by Engr Rabi'u Sulaiman Bichi as its Chairman.

Read more: <https://solacebase.com/apc-inaugurates-16-member-committee-for-kano-lg-elections/>

The People's Redemption Party (PRP) officially launched its campaign for the September 21 Edo State governorship election on Tuesday in Benin, with the state party chairman, Dr. Greg Igbinomwanhia, urging residents to support the party's mission of bringing good governance to the state. The event was attended by key national figures, including PRP's National Vice Chairman for the South East, Mr. Peter Okafor, and the National Vice Chairman for the South South, Elder Godwin Akpanedem.



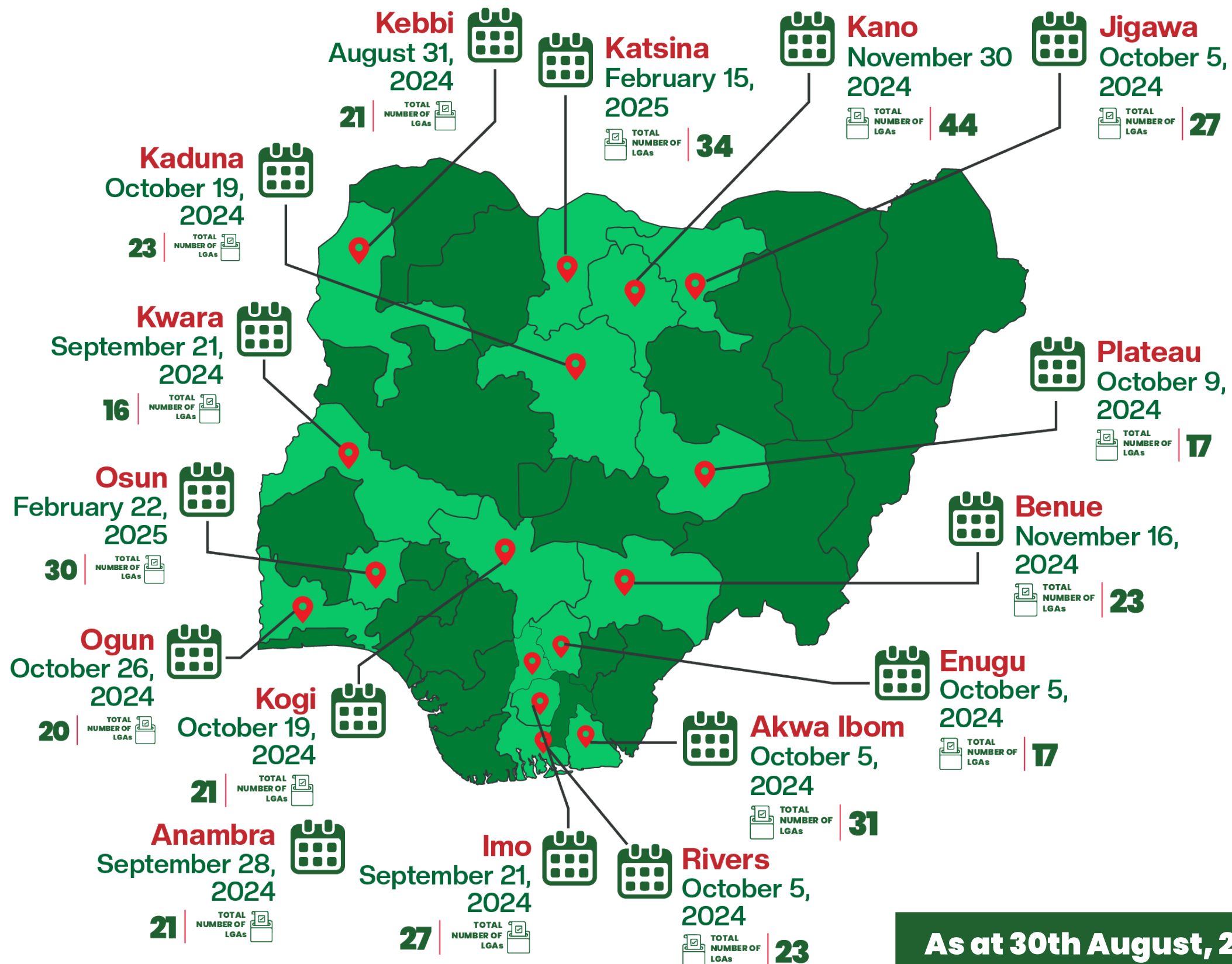
Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **16**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **400**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **45,018,737**



As at 30th August, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

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

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