

The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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INEC closes media accreditation for Edo election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has announced that the accreditation portal for media coverage of the Edo State governorship election closed at midnight on September 5, 2024, with no extension planned. This was made public through a statement by Sam Olumekun, INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman of the Information and Voter Education Committee.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/inec-closes-media-accreditation-for-edo-election/?amp>

Court Reserves Judgment In APC's Suit Against INEC Over Rivers LG Election

Justice Peter Lifu of the Federal High Court in Abuja has reserved judgment in a suit filed by the All Progressives Congress (APC) against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) concerning the conduct of local government elections in Rivers State. After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge announced that the judgment would be delivered on a date yet to be communicated.

Read more: <https://thewhistler.ng/court-reserves-judgment-in-apcs-suit-against-inec-over-rivers-lg-election/amp/>

Kwara swears in LG election petition tribunal

The Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice Abiodun Ayodele Adebara, has inaugurated two local government election petition tribunals ahead of the upcoming council elections.

Each tribunal, comprised of three members with two Chairmen across the two sets.



Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/kwara-swears-in-lg-election-petition-tribunal/>



Kano LG Polls: Court Restrains KANSIEC From Selling Forms At N10m, N5m

A Federal High Court in Abuja has barred the Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC) from collecting N10 million and N5 million from candidates vying for the offices of Chairman and Councillor, respectively, in the upcoming local government elections. The ruling was delivered by Justice Emeka Nwite on Wednesday.

Read more: <https://dailytrust.com/kano-lg-polls-court-restrains-kansiec-from-selling-forms-at-n10m-n5m/>

Electoral Act: Appeal Court Moves to Save Governors Whose Deputies Are Disqualified

The Court of Appeal has proposed an amendment to the Electoral Act that would allow a governor, whose deputy has been disqualified by a court, to be sworn in and nominate a new running mate. This proposal follows the 2020 Supreme Court ruling that disqualified David Lyon of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as governor-elect of Bayelsa State, just 24 hours before his scheduled inauguration.

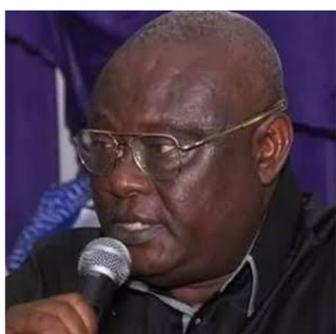
Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/09/04/electoral-act-appeal-court-moves-to-save-governors-whose-deputies-are-disqualified/>



INEC To CSOs: Scrutinize Party Primaries, Local Govt Elections To Deepen Democracy

In a bid to enhance Nigeria's democratic process, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), has called on Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to intensify their monitoring of Political Parties and State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs). This call for greater oversight was made during a visit from the Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, headed by Mr. Yinusa Z Ya'u, to INEC's Abuja headquarters on September 4, 2024.

Read more: <https://inecnews.com/inec-to-csos-scrutinise-party-primaries-local-govt-elections-to-deepen-democracy/>



12 political parties to participate in A'lbom LG poll – AKISIEC

Aniedi Ikoiwak, Chairman of the Akwa Ibom State Independent Electoral Commission (AKISIEC), announced that 12 political

parties will participate in the local government elections scheduled for October 5. Speaking in Uyo on Tuesday, Ikoiwak revealed that these parties have submitted their candidates' names and completed their nomination forms. He noted a smooth working relationship with political parties, with 12 out of the 19 initially engaged having finalized their submissions.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/12-political-parties-to-participate-in-aibom-lg-poll-akisiec/>



IPAC wants presidential election, others conducted same day

On Monday, the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) proposed an amendment to the 2022 Electoral Act, advocating for the Independent

National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct presidential, governorship, National Assembly, and state assembly elections on a single day. This proposal, introduced at a stakeholders' meeting with political parties and the joint committees of the National Assembly on INEC, addresses concerns about the cost and logistical challenges of the current staggered election system.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/ipac-wants-presidential-election-others-conducted-same-day/>



14 political parties sign peace accord ahead of Kwara LG polls

Fourteen political parties in Kwara State have signed a peace accord ahead of the local government elections scheduled for September 21. Brokered by the Kwara State Independent Electoral Commission (KWSIEC), the agreement ensures that all parties commit to maintaining peaceful conduct before, during, and after the elections, which will take place across the state's 16 local government areas.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/730940-14-political-parties-sign-peace-accord-ahead-of-kwara-lg-polls.html>

Kano Electoral Commission Reschedules Date For LG Polls

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/kano-electoral-commission-reschedules-date-for-lg-polls/>

The Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC) has rescheduled the local government elections to October 26, 2024. Previously set for November 30, the decision was announced by KANSIEC Chairman, Professor Sani Malumfashi, during a press briefing in Kano. He explained that the change aligns with a recent Supreme Court ruling that granted autonomy to local governments.

Benue assembly approves N6.6bn for conduct of LGA polls

The Benue State House of Assembly has approved a budget of N6.644 billion for the upcoming local government elections scheduled for October 5. The approval was granted during a plenary session presided over by the Speaker, Aondona Dajoh.

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/benue-assembly-approves-n6-6bn-for-conduct-of-lga-polls/amp/>



C'River To Conduct LG Elections Before End of December - CROSIEC Chairman

The Cross River State Independent Electoral Commission (CROSIEC) has announced that local government elections will take place before the end of December 2024. CROSIEC Chairman Ekong Boco disclosed this during a meeting with the leadership of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) in Calabar, noting that election activities will commence once the amended state electoral law receives the governor's approval.

Read more: <https://news.crossriverstate.gov.ng/criver-to-conduct-lg-elections-before-end-of-december-crosiec-chairman/>





Ondo shifts LG election to January 18

The Ondo State Independent Electoral Commission (ODIEC) has rescheduled the local government elections in the state to January 18, 2025. This was announced by ODIEC Chairman, Dr. Joseph Aremo, during a stakeholders' meeting at the commission's headquarters in Akure. The election, originally set for December 16, 2023, had been previously postponed to February 17 and July 13 before being delayed indefinitely, with the new date now confirmed.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/ondo-shifts-lg-election-to-january-18/?amp>

Kebbi Gov. Idris inaugurates 21 LG Chairmen, Councillors 72 hours after election

In a swift transition following their election, Kebbi State Governor Dr. Nasir Idris has officially sworn in 21 new Local Government Chairmen and Councillors. The induction, which took place at the Presidential Lodge in Birnin Kebbi on Monday, September 2, 2024, comes just 72 hours after the local government elections held on August 31, 2024.



Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/09/02/kebbi-gov-idris-inaugurates-21-lg-chairmen-councillors-72-hours-after-election/>

NGO partners INEC to tackle voting barriers for people with disabilities



TAF Africa, a Non-Governmental Organization, has announced a partnership with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) aimed at ensuring people with disabilities (PWDs) can vote without barriers in the upcoming November 16 Ondo state governorship election. The organization, while highlighting the challenges PWDs face during elections, called on key stakeholders, particularly INEC, to guarantee that PWDs are not only able to cast their votes but also participate as candidates.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/ngo-partners-inec-to-tackle-voting-barriers-for-people-with-disabilities/>



Imo APC conducts primaries across 305 Wards, warns aspirants to follow rules

The Imo State All Progressives Congress (APC) has commenced its candidate selection process for the upcoming local government chairmanship and councillor elections scheduled for September 21 across 27 council areas and 305 wards. According to a statement from the State Publicity Secretary, Cajetan Duke, this primary election marks a key step in the party's effort to advance its "renewed hope" agenda in the state.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/09/03/imo-apc-conducts-primaries-across-305-wards-warns-aspirants-to-follow-rules/>

Ogun: Labour Party Convenes Leadership Meeting ahead of Council Election



In preparation for the upcoming local government elections in Ogun State, the Labour Party has convened a leadership meeting to bolster and realign the party. According to a press statement from the State Publicity Secretary, Mr. Tokunbo Peters, the meeting aimed to address internal challenges and unify party stakeholders. Peters urged all party members and interest groups to collaborate and present a united front to ensure success in the forthcoming elections.

Read more: <https://independent.ng/ogun-labour-party-convenes-leadership-meeting-ahead-of-council-election/>

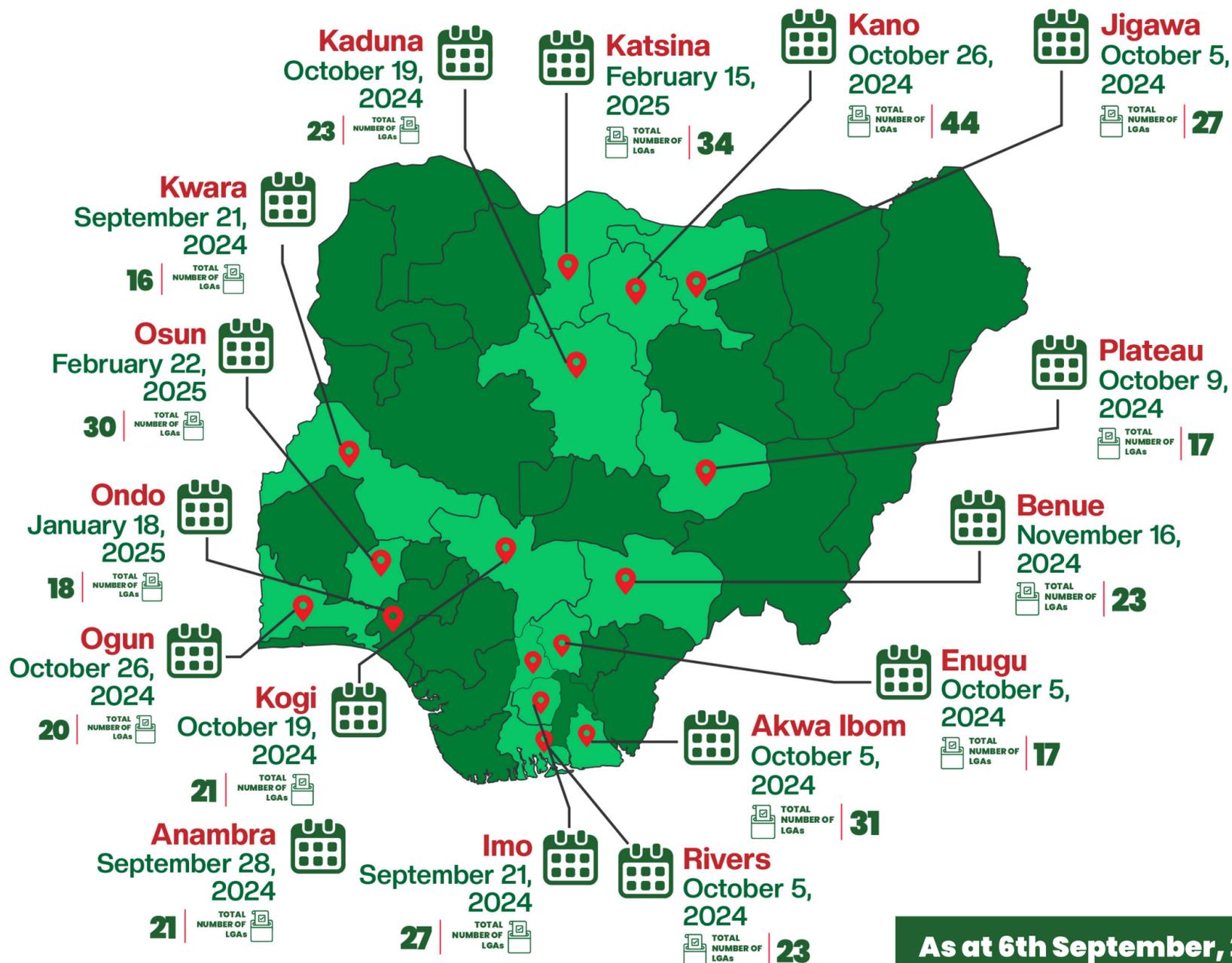
Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **16**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **397**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **44,978,040**



As at 6th September, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

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

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