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INEC releases polling, collation agent data for Ondo governorship election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has released a summary of polling and collation agents submitted

by political parties for the 2024 Ondo State governorship election, following the closure of its submission portal. The portal, which opened on August 20, 2024, automatically closed at midnight on September 30, 2024, in accordance with the election timetable issued in September 2023. The upcoming election will take place across 3,933 polling units and 222 collation centers, including 203 ward centers, 18 Local Government centers, and the state collation center in Akure.

Read more: <https://x.com/inecnigeria/status/1842206044295991694?s=46&t=jtZs89xvpBLYpRcObFpJwstatus/1842206044295991694?s=46&t=jtZs89xvpBLYpRcObFpJw>

Yiaga Africa Charges KAD-SIECOM On Credible LG Polls, As Commission Returns To Manual Voting

On Thursday, Yiaga Africa paid a courtesy visit to the Kaduna State Independent Electoral Commission (KAD-SIECOM), where the commission announced it would not deploy electronic voting machines for the upcoming local government election on October 19, 2024. The commission was charged to uphold credible local government polls despite the decision to revert to manual voting.

Read more: <https://gobroadsheet.wordpress.com/2024/09/27/yiaga-africa-charges-kad-siecom-on-credible-lg-polls-as-commission-returns-to-manual-voting/>

Electoral offences: Obey court judgment or face contempt charge, SERAP tells INEC chair

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has called on Professor Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), to promptly enforce a court ruling that requires INEC to investigate bribery allegations against state governors and their deputies, as well as other electoral offenses from the 2023 general elections. The judgment, delivered by Hon. Justice Obiora Atuegwu Egwuatu on July 18, 2024, followed a mandamus lawsuit filed by SERAP. In a letter dated September 28, 2024, SERAP's deputy director, Kolawole Oluwadare, emphasized that INEC must not take the judicial system lightly.



Read more: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/09/electoral-offences-obey-court-judgment-or-face-contempt-charge-serap-tells-inec-chair/amp/>



PDP leaders lead protest to INEC office over Edo governorship election

Members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) protested outside the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) office in Benin on Wednesday, demanding the reversal of the recent declaration of All Progressives Congress candidate Monday Okpebholo as the winner of the Edo governorship election. Led by state PDP chairperson Anthony Aziegbemi, the demonstration included prominent party figures such as Matthew Iduoriyekemwen, Director General of the PDP Campaign Council in Edo, and Olu Martins, deputy director general of Media and Publicity.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/741400-pdp-leaders-lead-protest-to-inec-office-over-edo-governorship-election.html>

Rivers LG Polls: Uncertainty as Court Bars INEC from Releasing Voter's Register

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/09/30/rivers-lg-polls-uncertainty-as-court-bars-inec-from-releasing-voters-register/>

Nasarawa LG polls slated for November 2, 2024 — NASIEC Chairman

Ayuba Wandai Usman, Chairman of the Nasarawa State Independent Electoral Commission, has officially announced that the Local Government Council election will take place on November 2, 2024. This was revealed during a meeting with officials from the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) in Lafia.



Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/02/nasarawa-lg-polls-slated-for-november-2-2024-nasiec-chairman/>



LG Election: Cross River Government Succumbs to Demand for Lower Cost

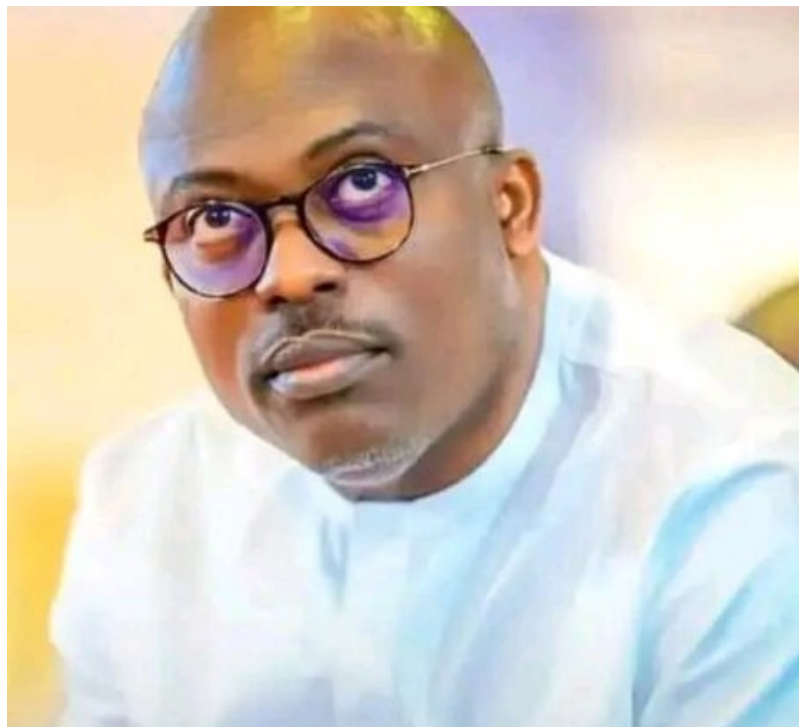
Cross River State Governor Bassey Otu has agreed to the Inter-Party Advisory Council's (IPAC) request to reduce the cost of local government election forms.

Following discussions with IPAC leadership, Governor Otu consented to a downward review of the previously high fees set by the Cross River State Independent Electoral Commission (CROSIEC) for political party aspirants.

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/lg-election-cross-river-government-succumbs-to-demand-for-lower-cost/>

Uncertainty looms over the upcoming local government elections in Rivers State, as Justice Peter Lifu of a Federal High Court in Abuja has nullified all actions taken by the Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) in preparation for the October 5 polls. The ruling also prohibits the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from providing the voter register used in the 2023 general elections to the RSIEC, further complicating the election process.





Fubara imposes two days holiday, strict movement restrictions for upcoming LG elections

Rivers State Governor Siminalayi Fubara has declared October 3 and 4, 2024, as public holidays to facilitate travel for residents ahead of the Local Government elections on Saturday, October 5. In a state-wide broadcast from Government House in Port Harcourt, he also imposed a strict ban on vehicular movement from midnight on October 4 until 5 p.m. on Election Day.

Read more: <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2024/10/03/fubara-imposes-two-days-holiday-strict-movement-restrictions-for-upcoming-lg-elections/>

Parties sign peace accord ahead of Benue LG poll

Three of the five political parties set to participate in Saturday's local government election in Benue State signed a peace accord on Monday. The All Progressives Congress, Peoples Democratic Party, and Labour Party were present for the agreement, while representatives from the African Action Congress, All Progressives Grand Alliance, New Nigeria Peoples Party, and Zenith Labour Party did not attend the peace meeting organized by Commissioner of Police Hassan Yabanet.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/parties-sign-peace-accord-ahead-of-benue-lg-poll/>



Independent Observers Affirm Credibility of Anambra LG Elections Despite Low Turnout

The International Peace and Responsibility Centre (IPCRC) has officially deemed the recent local government elections in Anambra, organized by the Anambra State Independent Electoral Commission (ANSIEC), as free, fair, and credible. During a post-election press conference in Awka on Sunday, Prince Chris Azor, Coordinator of IPCRC, acknowledged the low voter turnout but praised the peaceful and orderly conduct of the electoral process, asserting that the elections upheld a high degree of integrity despite various challenges.



Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/independent-observers-affirm-credibility-of-anambra-lg-elections-despite-low-turnout/>



PDP rejects Anambra LG poll results, vows to challenge it

The Anambra Chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has officially rejected the results of the recent

Local Government Council elections, where the ruling All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) was declared the winner in all 21 councils and 326 wards. Chief Chigozie Igwe, PDP chairman in Anambra, shared the party's stance during an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria in Awka on Monday.

Read more: https://dailynigerian.com/pdp-rejects-anambra-poll-vows/#google_vignette



Fulfill campaign promises, Mbah tells Enugu LG chairmen

Governor Peter Mbah of Enugu State inaugurated 17 newly elected local government chairmen and their deputies on Monday, urging them to immediately implement people-centered projects that align with their campaign promises. Mbah emphasized the importance of the chairmen relocating to their council areas, marking a shift from the past practice of residing in distant townships.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/fulfil-campaign-promises-mbah-tells-enugu-lg-chairmen/>

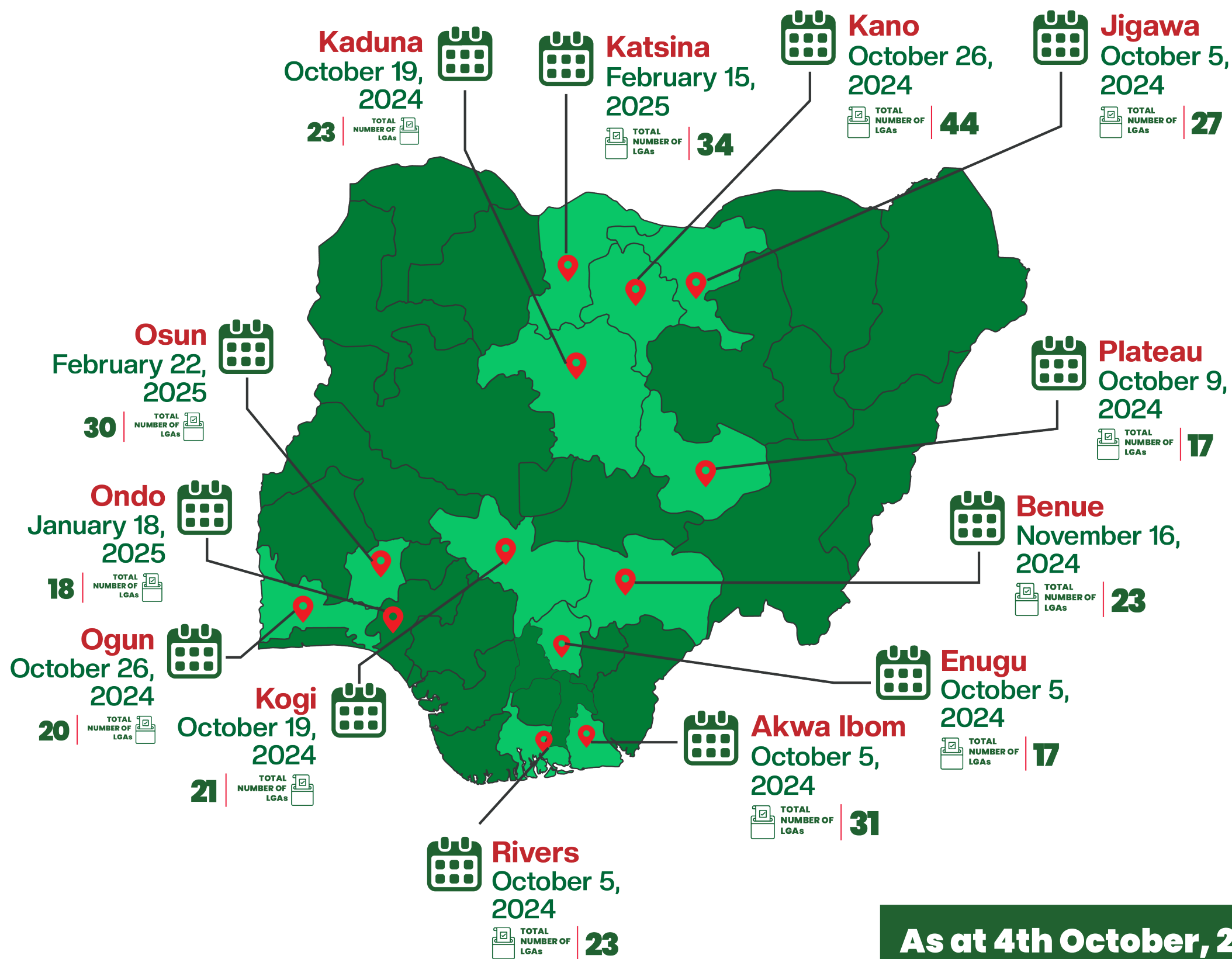
Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **13**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **328**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **38,205,754**



As at 4th October, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

43 DAYS TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024