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Ondo Guber: INEC presents voter register to political parties

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has handed over the soft copy of the Register of Voters to the 18 political parties set to participate

in the November 16 governorship election in Ondo State. The presentation, made by INEC National Commissioner for Ogun, Osun, and Ondo States, Prof. Kunle Ajayi, aligns with the commission's official timetable for the upcoming election.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/politics/ondo-guber-inec-presents-voter-register-to-political-parties/>

Makinde, Ajayi demand removal of Ondo REC ahead of guber poll

Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State, who also serves as the leader of the South-West Zone of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), has called for the removal of Ondo State's Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Oluwatoyin Babalola, citing bias and questioning her ability to oversee a free and fair governorship election. Makinde made the appeal on Tuesday during the official flag-off of the 2024 Ondo State PDP governorship campaign in Akure, stressing that Babalola's removal is necessary to ensure electoral integrity and fairness in the upcoming November 16 gubernatorial election.

Read more: <https://businessday.ng/politics/article/makinde-ajayi-demand-removal-of-ondo-rec-ahead-of-guber-poll/>

Edo Guber: Six political parties petition tribunal, allege irregularities

Six political parties have filed petitions at the Edo State election tribunal, contesting the victory of Senator Monday Okpebholo, the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate, in the September 21, 2024, governorship election. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had declared Okpebholo the winner on September 22, with 291,667 votes, defeating 17 other candidates, including his closest rival, Asue Ighodalo of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), who garnered 247,274 votes. The petitioning parties include the PDP, Social Democratic Party (SDP), Zenith Labour Party (ZLP), Action Democratic Party (ADP), Accord Party (AP), and Allied Peoples' Movement (APM).



Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/15/edo-guber-six-political-parties-petition-tribunal-allege-irregularities/>





INEC releases timetable for 2025 Anambra Guber poll, gives update on Ondo

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has unveiled the timetable for the 2025 gubernatorial election in Anambra State. INEC Chairman, Professor Mahmood Yakubu, made the announcement on Thursday during the fourth regular consultative meeting with political parties in Abuja. He emphasized that despite preparations for the upcoming Ondo State governorship election, INEC remains focused on its wider responsibilities, citing the Electoral Act 2022, which mandates that election notices be issued no later than 360 days before the election date.

Read more: <https://newsdiaryonline.com/inec-releases-timetable-for-2025-anambra-guber-poll-gives-update-on-ondo/>

Lagos House of Assembly moves to replace 37 LCDAs created under Tinubu

Read more: <https://www.thecable.ng/lagos-house-of-assembly-moves-to-replace-37-lcdas-created-under-tinubu/>

Ondo poll: INEC commences 295,603 PVC distribution Thursday

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has announced that the collection of Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) for the Ondo State governorship election will begin on Thursday, October 17. According to INEC, registered voters who have yet to collect their PVCs, including 89,777 newly printed cards, will have the opportunity to retrieve them ahead of the November 16, 2024 election. The electoral body revealed that 295,603 PVCs remain uncollected in the state, urging eligible voters to secure their cards to participate in the upcoming poll.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/ondo-poll-inec-commences-295603-pvc-distribution-thursday/?amp>



We followed due process in local govt elections – BSIEC chairman Tombowua

Benue State Independent Electoral Commission (BSIEC) Chairman, Barr. Richard Tombowua, has affirmed that the commission adhered strictly to guidelines and timelines in conducting the recent local government elections, in which the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) won all 23 local government areas. Speaking in Makurdi on Tuesday while receiving the “Defender of Democracy” award from the Radio Benue Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Tombowua emphasized that the election process was transparent despite opposition from the People’s Democratic Party (PDP).

Read more: <https://thesun.ng/we-followed-due-process-in-local-govt-elections-bsiec-chairman-tombowua/>

The Lagos State House of Assembly is set to replace the 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs), established during President Bola Tinubu’s tenure as governor in 2003, with newly designated Administrative Areas. This proposal was a focal point at a recent public hearing on the “Bill for a Law to Provide for the Local Government System, Establishment and Administration, and to Consolidate All Laws on Local Government Administration.” Speaker Mudashiru Obasa, represented by his deputy Mojisola Meranda, emphasized that the bill aims to enhance accountability within the state’s local governance structure.





LG poll: C'River gov tasks APC candidates on community devt

Cross River State Governor, Senator Bassey Otu, has called on the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates for the upcoming local government elections to embrace the state's vision for progress and effective governance. Speaking after a unanimous decision at the APC's state caucus meeting in Calabar to select candidates for all 18 chairmanship seats and 196 councillor positions through consensus, Otu emphasized the leadership qualities expected from those elected in the November 2, 2024 council elections.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/lg-poll-cr-iver-gov-tasks-apc-candidates-on-community-devt/>

CNPP threatens to boycott Kogi council polls, passes no confidence vote on SIEC

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/17/cnpp-threatens-to-boycott-kogi-council-polls-passes-no-confidence-vote-on-siec/>

Plateau LG poll: APC to boycott Saturday re-run election

The Plateau State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has announced its decision to boycott the upcoming local government election re-run in select parts of the state, scheduled for next Saturday. In a statement issued by the party's State Publicity Secretary, Shittu Bamaïyi, the APC instructed its supporters to steer clear of the re-run, citing a lack of trust in the Plateau State Independent Election Tribunal (PLASIEC) and the state government's disregard for democratic principles. The party condemned the re-run as an attempt to legitimize what it called an illegal and undemocratic process.



Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/plateau-lg-poll-apc-to-boycott-saturday-re-run-election/>



Kaduna LG polls : LP chair, PDP councillorship candidate defect to APC

With just three days to go before the Kaduna State Local Government elections, the Labour Party Chairman, Hon. Isah Chiroma, and the PDP Kafanchan Ward B councillorship candidate, Abdullahi Imrah, have both defected to the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC). Speaking at the APC's campaign flag-off and presentation of flags to councillorship candidates, Chiroma cited Governor Uba Sani's inclusive governance and infrastructural development in Southern Kaduna as his motivation for switching parties. Similarly, Abdullahi expressed his desire to work alongside APC candidate Hon. Peter Tanko to advance progress just days before the election.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/kaduna-lg-polls-lp-chair-pdp-councillorship-candidate-defect-to-apc/>

The Conference of Nigerian Political Parties (CNPP) has issued a threat to boycott the upcoming local government elections in Kogi State, scheduled for October 19, 2024. In a statement released on Thursday, CNPP's Kogi State Chairman, Comrade Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi, expressed a lack of confidence in the Kogi State Independent Electoral Commission (KOSIEC), accusing the body of sidelining key stakeholders in the lead-up to the elections.



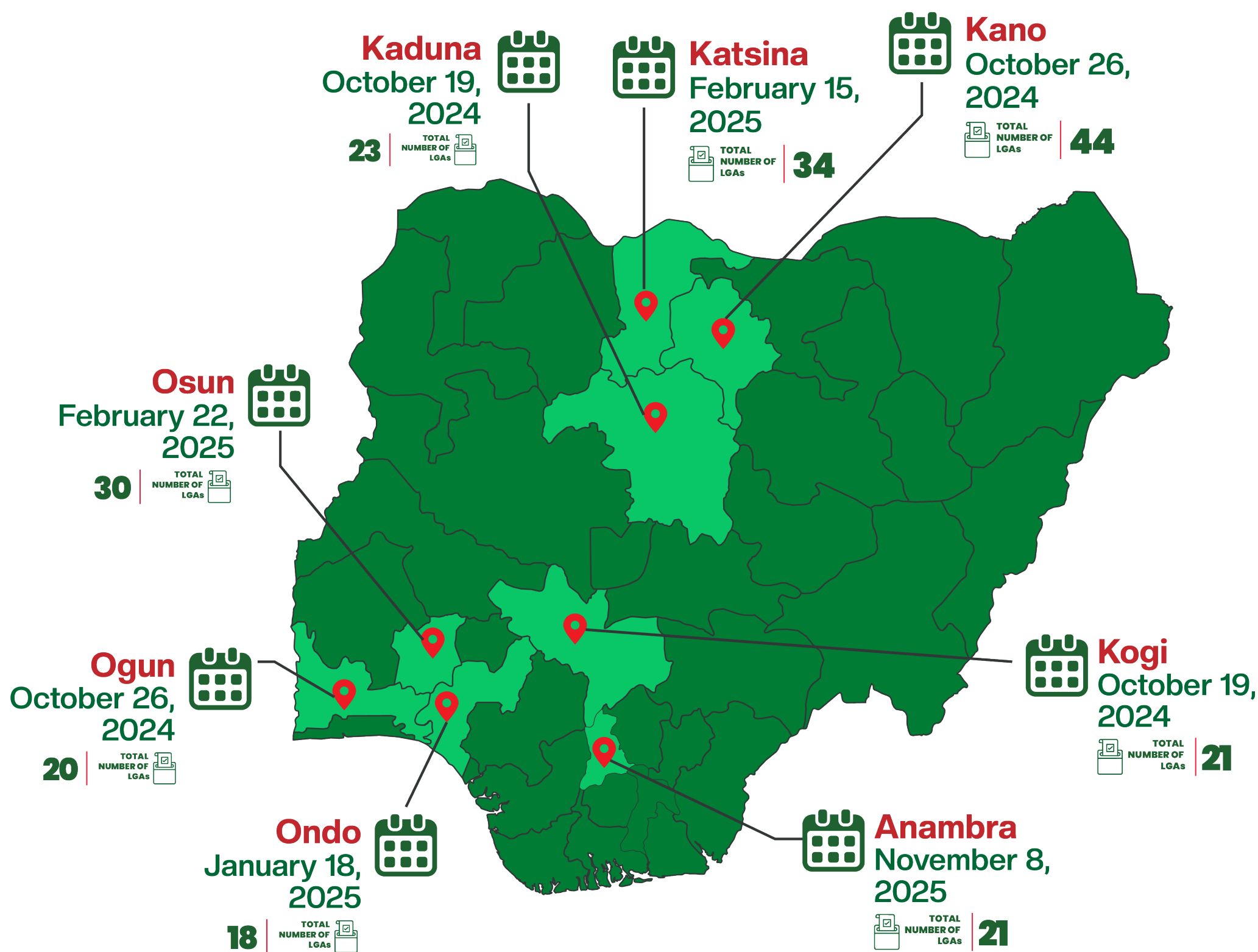
Upcoming Local Government Elections



TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES | **8**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs | **211**

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | **24,936,237**



As at 18th October, 2024



Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024

29 DAYS TO Ondo State Elections 16th November, 2024