

# The Ballot

A WEEKLY UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

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## Ondo poll: Political parties sign peace accord

Political parties and candidates in Ondo State have pledged to uphold peace in the upcoming November



16 governorship election by signing a peace accord organized by the National Peace Committee. The event, held Friday at the International Culture and Event Centre in Akure, was chaired by former Head of State Abdulsalam Abubakar and attended by major political parties, including the All Progressives Congress, Peoples Democratic Party, Labour Party, Action Democratic Party, and Zenith Labour Party. INEC Chairman Mahmood Yakubu, speaking at the ceremony, urged all candidates and their supporters to ensure a peaceful election process.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/ondo-poll-political-parties-sign-peace-accord/?amp>

## INEC accredits 111 organisations, 3,554 observers for Ondo election – Official

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has accredited 111 domestic and international organizations and plans to deploy 3,554 observers for the upcoming Ondo State governorship election, according to INEC Chairman Mahmood Yakubu. Speaking during a stakeholders' meeting in Akure on Thursday, Yakubu highlighted the collaborative role required of all stakeholders to ensure a peaceful election, scheduled for November 16. He urged political parties to restrain supporters from disruptive behaviors, emphasizing that INEC's work relies on constructive engagement with all involved.

Read more:

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/752640-inec-accredits-111-organisations-3554-observers-for-ondo-election-official.html>

## INEC Gets New Electoral Commissioners

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has approved the appointment of Abdulrazak Yusuf Tukur as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), representing Nigeria's North West region. Additionally, Saseyi Feyijimi Ibiyemi has been nominated as Resident Electoral Commissioner for Ondo State. These appointments were announced in a statement on Monday by the President's Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Mr. Bayo Onanuga.



Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/inec-gets-new-electoral-commissioners/>





## CSOs Propose 37 Amendments In Constitution, Electoral Act

A coalition of civil society organisations, including Yiaga Africa, has proposed 37 key amendments to Nigeria's Constitution and Electoral Act as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the country's electoral framework. On October 31, the coalition, which includes implementing partners of the European Union's Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria (EU-SDGN), presented a Citizens Memorandum on Electoral Reforms to the National Assembly's Joint Committee on Electoral Matters. This proposal, informed by a Citizens' Town Hall held in November, emphasizes amendments to the Constitution, Electoral Act 2022, and INEC guidelines to ensure more credible and inclusive elections across Nigeria.

Read more:

<https://leadership.ng/csos-propose-37-amendments-in-constitution-electoral-act/>

## LG polls conducted without 6-month notice will face nullification – AGF

Read more:

<https://blueprint.ng/lg-polls-conducted-without-6-month-notice-will-face-nullification-agf/>

The Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Lateef Olasunkanmi, SAN, announced Thursday that local government elections held without a six-month notice period will now face nullification. Speaking at the 12th convocation of Afe Babalola University in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Olasunkanmi emphasized the government's commitment to restoring order within local governance, warning that any state governor who bypasses this requirement will face legal repercussions.



## Ondo Guber: INEC engages candidates, parties, stakeholders

With just eight days until the November 16 governorship election in Ondo State, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) convened a key meeting with political parties, their candidates, and stakeholders to ensure a smooth and peaceful voting process. At the stakeholders' gathering held at the International Culture and Event Centre in Akure, INEC Chairman Prof. Mahmood Yakubu affirmed the commission's preparedness for the upcoming election.

Read more: <https://guardian.ng/news/ondo-guber-inec-engages-candidates-parties-stakeholders/>



## Ondo 2024: Civil Society Organisations Pass Vote of Confidence in REC

As the Ondo State governorship election nears, a coalition of civil society organizations has urged the Independent

National Electoral Commission (INEC) to dismiss demands from a political party seeking the redeployment of the state's Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Mrs. Oluwatoyin Babalola. The coalition described these calls as baseless, praising Babalola's professionalism and warning against yielding to political pressure.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2024/10/31/lg-poll-court-voids-administrative-charges-imposed-by-ogsiec/>





## Not-Too-Young-To-Run advocates lament low youth representation

Six years after Nigeria's Not-Too-Young-To-Run law aimed to boost youth participation in politics, advocates under the Nigeria House of Commons are expressing concern over continued low youth turnout in electoral politics. In response, the group has launched a new initiative with the Africana League and Kaftan TV to engage young Nigerians in simulated parliamentary debates, focusing on critical issues of governance and policy-making. This initiative aims to inspire greater youth engagement and representation in Nigeria's political landscape.

Read more:

<https://guardian.ng/news/nigeria/national/not-too-young-to-run-advocates-lament-low-youth-representation/>

## Abia LG polls: APGA vows to challenge results in court

Read more:

<https://dailypost.ng/2024/11/06/abia-lg-polls-apga-vows-to-challenge-results-in-court/>

The Abia State chapter of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) has rejected the results of the recent local government chairmanship and councillorship elections, announcing plans to challenge the outcome in court. State APGA Chairman, Onuoha Egbe Benon, asserted at a press briefing on Tuesday that the results released by the Abia State Independent Electoral Commission (ABSIEC) do not reflect the true outcome, claiming APGA has evidence of its victory at the polls.

## Edo Guber: Group Petitions ICPC, Wants INEC's Staff Prosecuted for Forging Election Results

The TAP Initiative, a civil society organization, has called for the investigation and prosecution of certain ad hoc staff of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) involved in the recent Edo State governorship election, citing allegations of forgery. In a petition submitted to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on Tuesday, TAP Initiative Executive Director, Martin Obono, warned that the group would seek authorization from the Attorney-General of the Federation if the ICPC fails to act. Obono further indicated plans to appeal to international bodies, including the European Union, to withdraw funding from INEC, accusing the commission of enabling election rigging.

Read more: [https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/11/06/edo-guber-group-petitions-icpc-wants-inecs-staff-prosecuted-for-forging-election-results/#google\\_vignette](https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/11/06/edo-guber-group-petitions-icpc-wants-inecs-staff-prosecuted-for-forging-election-results/#google_vignette)



## Abia, C'River, Nasarawa Swear in Local Governments Chairmen

In ceremonies held across three states, Abia State Governor Alex Otti, Cross River State Governor Bassey Otu, and Nasarawa State Governor

Abdullahi Sule inaugurated local government leaders who emerged victorious in the LG polls. Governor Otti swore in 17 chairmen and their deputies, while Governor Otu inaugurated 18 chairmen and vice chairmen. Meanwhile, Governor Sule presided over the swearing-in of 13 local government chairmen in Nasarawa.

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2024/11/05/abia-cr-river-nasarawa-swear-in-local-governments-chairmen/>



**NEW PUBLICATION**



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### of the Local Election Index Tool

A comprehensive tool designed to evaluate the quality of local government elections, assesses key electoral aspects, provides insights into key areas for improvement, and offers targeted measures to address these issues. The tool covers various aspects of the electoral process, including voter registration, campaigning, polling, and the counting process. It is designed to be user-friendly and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including civil society organizations, government officials, and the general public. The tool is well-calibrated for local government elections, targeting the specific needs and challenges of these elections.

### Electoral Integrity Index

The tool uses a quantitative and qualitative method. The quantitative method involves a scoring system, while the qualitative method involves a series of open-ended questions to provide insights into the quality of the electoral process. The tool focuses on legal and procedural aspects, as well as the perceptions and experiences of voters and candidates. It is designed to be a comprehensive analysis, to evaluate the quality of the electoral process, and to provide targeted measures to address these issues.

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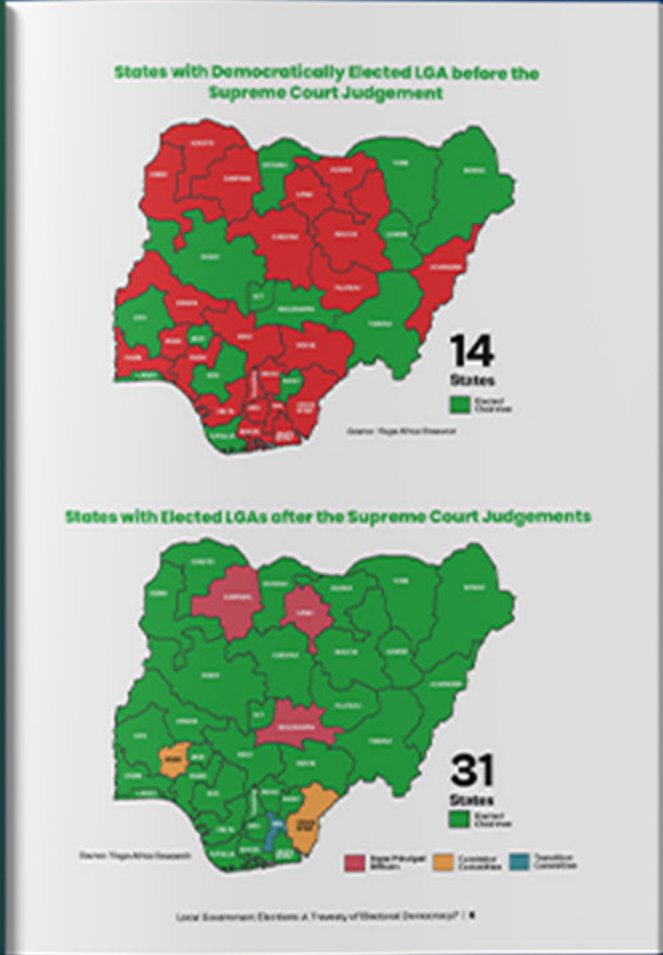
### Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

Period	Sections	Questions
Pre-election	A. Electoral Context	1. The previous election that brought in the incumbent administration was credible and transparent.
		2. Incumbent administration performed well in governance.
		3. Citizens experienced freedom under the incumbent administration.
		4. The tenure of the incumbent was characterised by relative peace and security.
		5. The opposition party was not suppressed by the incumbent administration.
		6. The Opposition party did not boycott the last LGA elections in the state.
		7. There were few riggings during the last LGA elections.
		8. There was a high voter turnout in the last election.
		9. Citizens expressed satisfaction with the last election.
1. Electoral Laws	1. Election guidelines complied with the provisions of the Electoral Act.	
	2. Electoral laws were fair to smaller parties and candidates.	
	3. Electoral laws did not only favour the governing party or parties.	
	4. Election laws did not restrict the rights of i.e., disenfranchised citizens.	
2. Electoral Procedures	5. Election procedures are consistent with the state electoral law.	
	6. Electoral rules and procedures are clearly spelt out.	
	7. Election regulations were accessible to all stakeholders.	
	8. Election regulations and voting procedures were widely publicised.	

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**“The Local Government Elections Integrity Index”** is developed as a tool to systematically assess key aspects of local government elections in Nigeria.

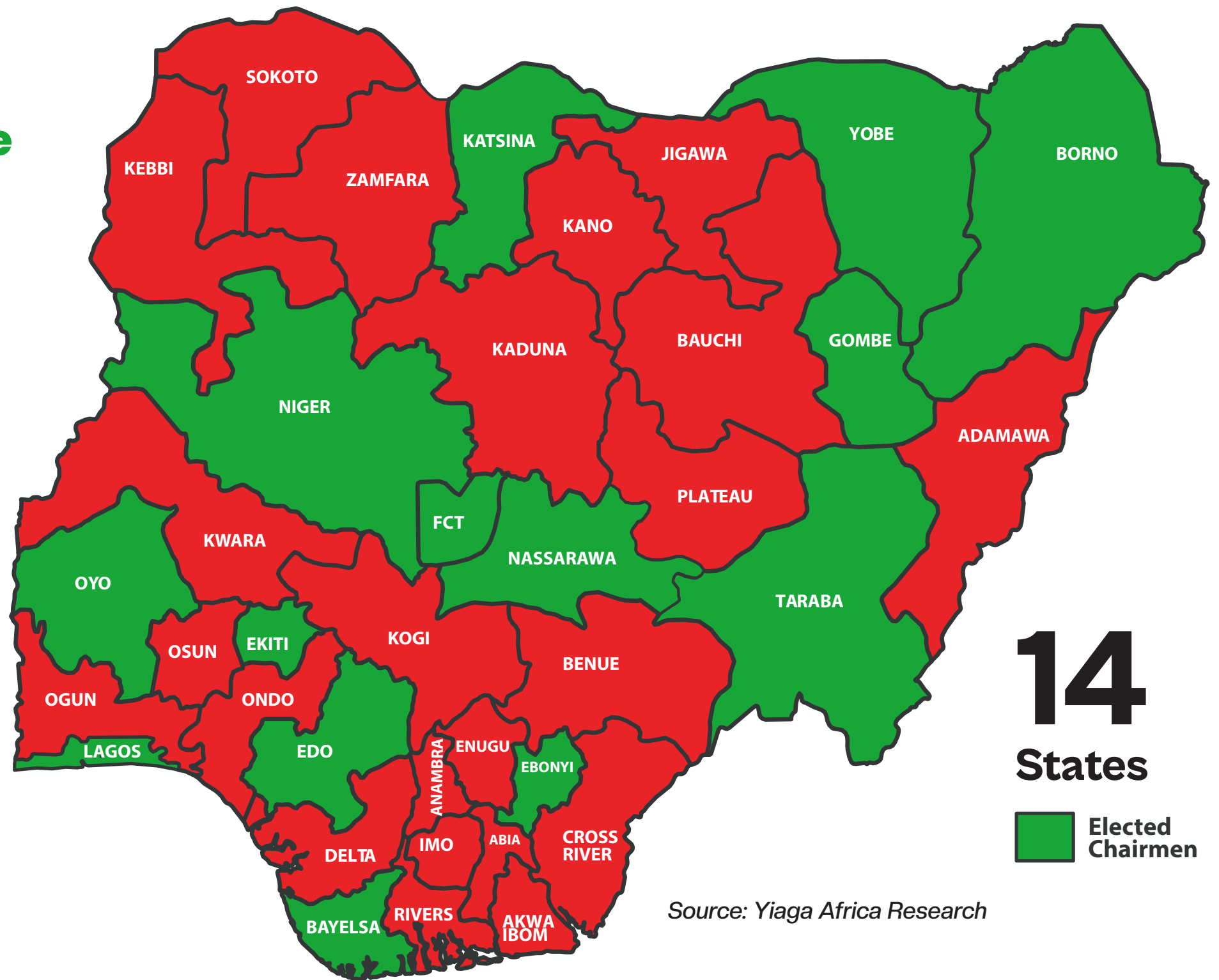


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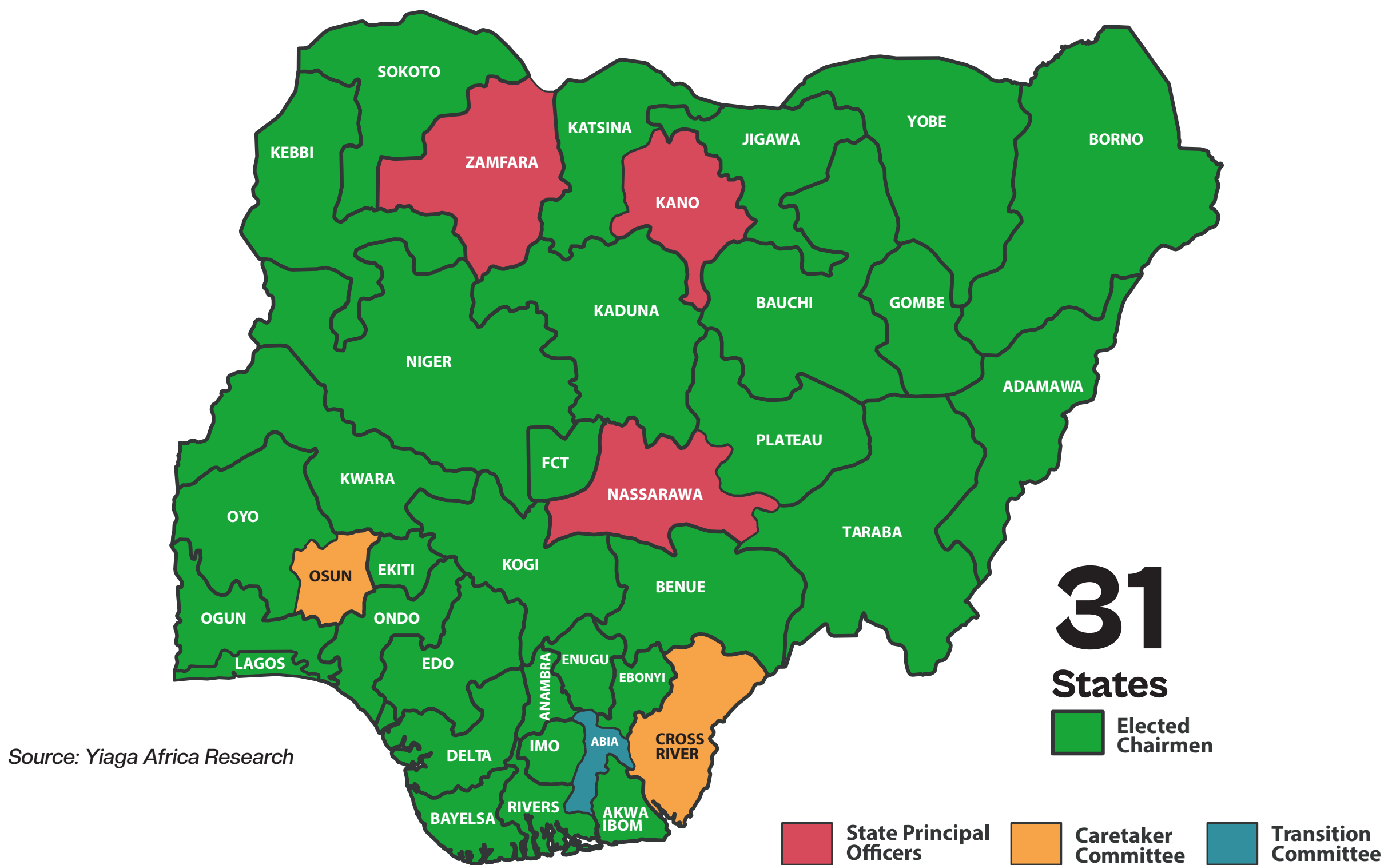


**“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?”** is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government elections in Nigeria.

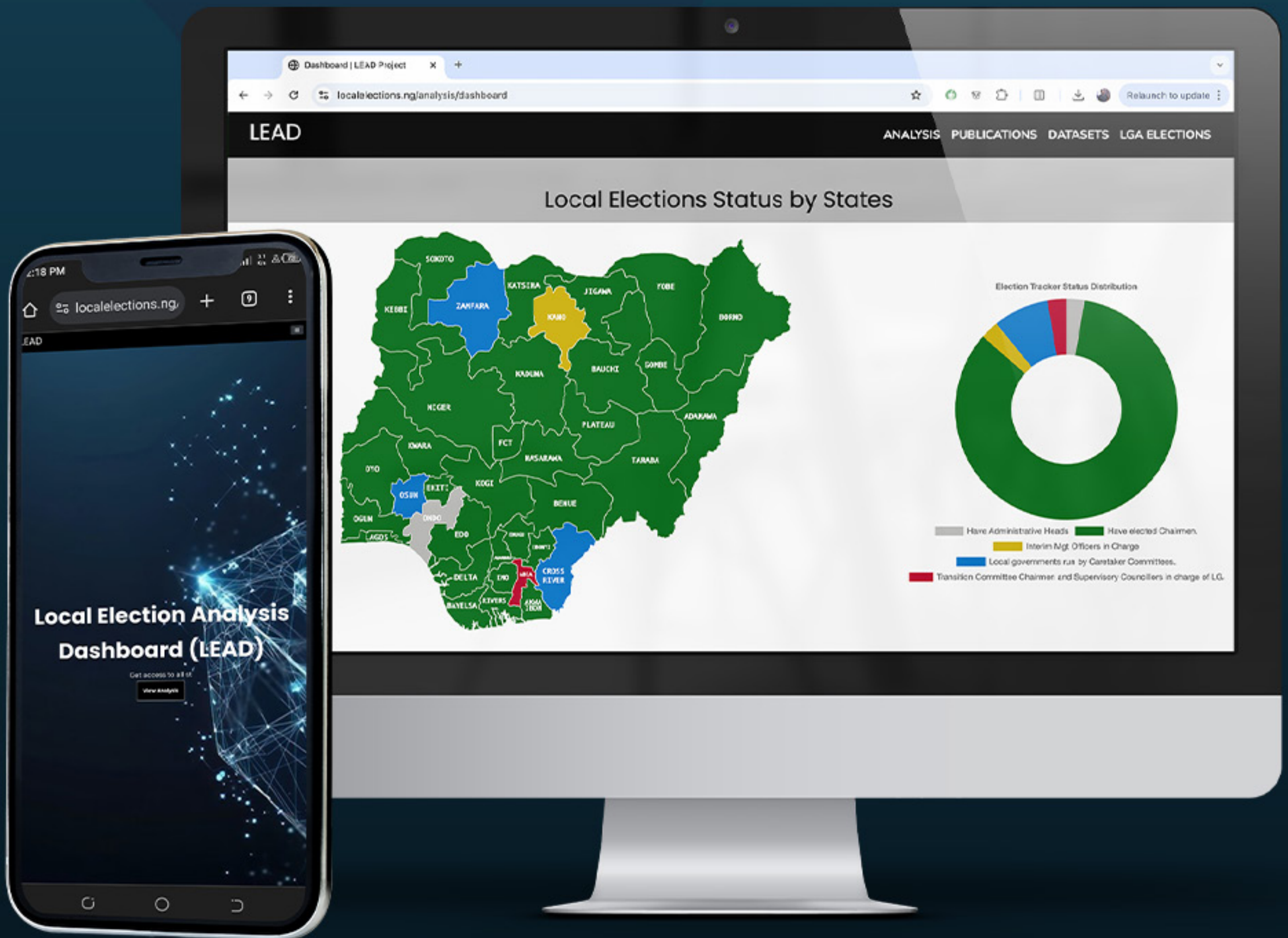
## States with Democratically Elected LGA before the Supreme Court Judgement



## States with Elected LGAs after the Supreme Court Judgements



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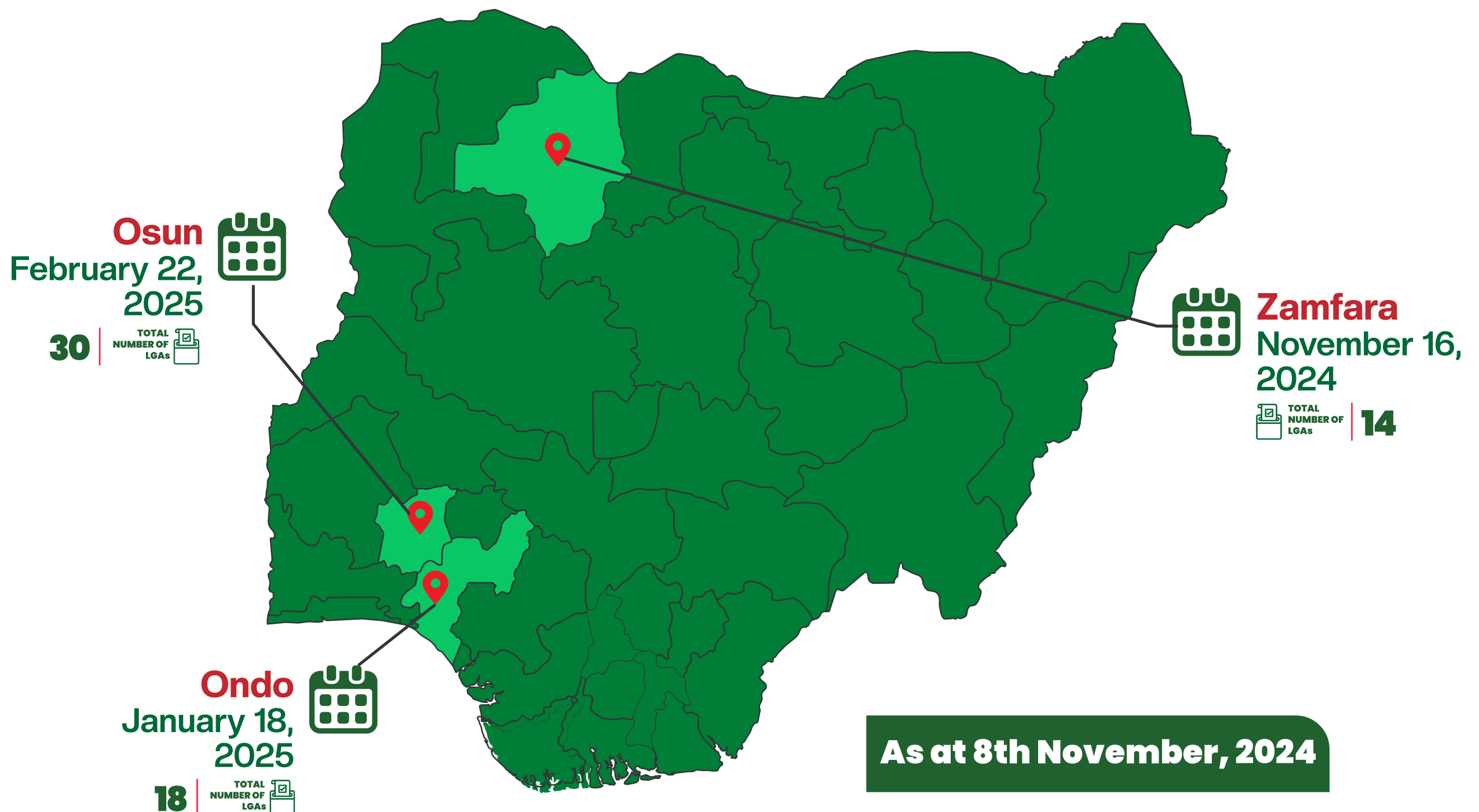
# Upcoming Local Government Elections



 **TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES** | **3**

 **TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs** | **110**

 **TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS** | **5,873,014**



**Countdown to Off-Cycle Governorship Elections 2024**

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