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INEC Yet To Announce Resumption Date For Voters Registration

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has dismissed reports claiming that the Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) and replacement of lost Permanent Voters' Cards (PVCs) will resume on May 27, 2025. In a statement, Rotimi Oyekami, Chief Press Secretary to the INEC Chairman, clarified that the Commission has not set any resumption date for the CVR and urged the public to disregard the false information.

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/inec-yet-to-announce-resumption-date-for-voters-registration/>

Bill to strip INEC of party registration role passes second reading

A bill aimed at establishing an independent authority for the registration, regulation, and funding of political parties in Nigeria passed its second reading on Thursday in the House of Representatives. Co-sponsored by Speaker Tajudeen Abbas and Edo lawmaker Marcus Onobun, the bill seeks to transfer the responsibility of regulating political parties from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). During Thursday's plenary, Onobun, representing Esan Central/Esan West/Igubeben Federal Constituency, argued that INEC should not oversee political party activities, citing the growing demand for transparency in Nigeria's electoral process and the need for reform to ensure credible elections.

Read more: <https://punchng.com/bill-to-strip-inec-of-party-registration-role-passes-second-reading/>





Nigerians Urged To Familiarise With Electoral Act Ahead Of 2027 General Elections

The Peering Advocacy and Advancement Center in Africa (PAACA) has called on Nigerian electorates, political parties, and the media to familiarize themselves with the Electoral Act, stressing that a thorough understanding of its provisions is key to holding the government accountable and ensuring credible elections. PAACA highlighted the importance of voter education in strengthening Nigeria's democracy, emphasizing that an informed electorate is vital for making well-informed decisions at the polls. The statement was made by PAACA's Executive Director, Ezenwa Nwagwu, during a one-day citizens' town hall meeting on electoral reforms in Yola, Adamawa State.

Read more: <https://saharareporters.com/2025/03/05/nigerians-urged-familiarise-electoral-act-ahead-2027-general-elections>



Rivers fixes date for fresh local election after Supreme Court nullified previous one

The Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission has announced that the state's local council elections will take place on August 9, 2025. Chairperson Adolphus Enebeli made the announcement at a stakeholders' meeting in Port Harcourt on Wednesday, revealing the election guidelines and noting that the election process had already begun following the Supreme Court's invalidation of the October 5, 2024 local election.

Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/778697-rivers-fixes-date-for-fresh-local-election-after-supreme-court-nullified-previous-one.html>

INEC speaks on plans for Anambra 2025 governorship election

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has confirmed its readiness to conduct the governorship election in Anambra State on November 8. Queen Agwu, the state's Resident Electoral Commissioner, made the announcement on Wednesday in Awka, also revealing that INEC will oversee two bye-elections in Anambra to fill the Senate vacancy left by the late Ifeanyi Ubah and the vacant Onitsha North State Constituency seat in the state House of Assembly.



Read more: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/778736-inec-speaks-on-plans-for-anambra-2025-governorship-election.html#>

Court directs INEC to recognise NRM leadership

A Federal High Court in Abuja has directed the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to immediately recognize the leadership of the National Rescue Movement (NRM) following its emergency national convention on January 17. The convention, held to fill vacancies in the party's National Executive Committee, led to the election of Edozie Njoku as National Chairman. Justice Obiora Egwuatu, in delivering the judgment, criticized INEC's stance and ordered the commission to accept Njoku's leadership.

Read more:

<https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2025/03/05/court-directs-inec-to-recognise-nrm-party-leadership/>



Anambra poll: PDP aspirants fail to buy gov form

As the deadline for purchasing the Peoples Democratic Party's N40 million expression of interest and nomination forms for the upcoming Anambra governorship election approaches, no aspirant has yet stepped forward. The party had set the sale period from February 24 to March 5, with submissions due by March 7, but sources within the party attribute the lack of interest to ongoing internal crises. The Anambra PDP governorship primary is scheduled for April 5, with an appeal committee hearing on April 8.

Read more: https://punchng.com/anambra-poll-pdp-nomination-forms-unsold-as-deadline-elapses/#google_vignette

Zamfara 2027 election: APC chieftain Shinkafi inaugurates group for governorship ambition

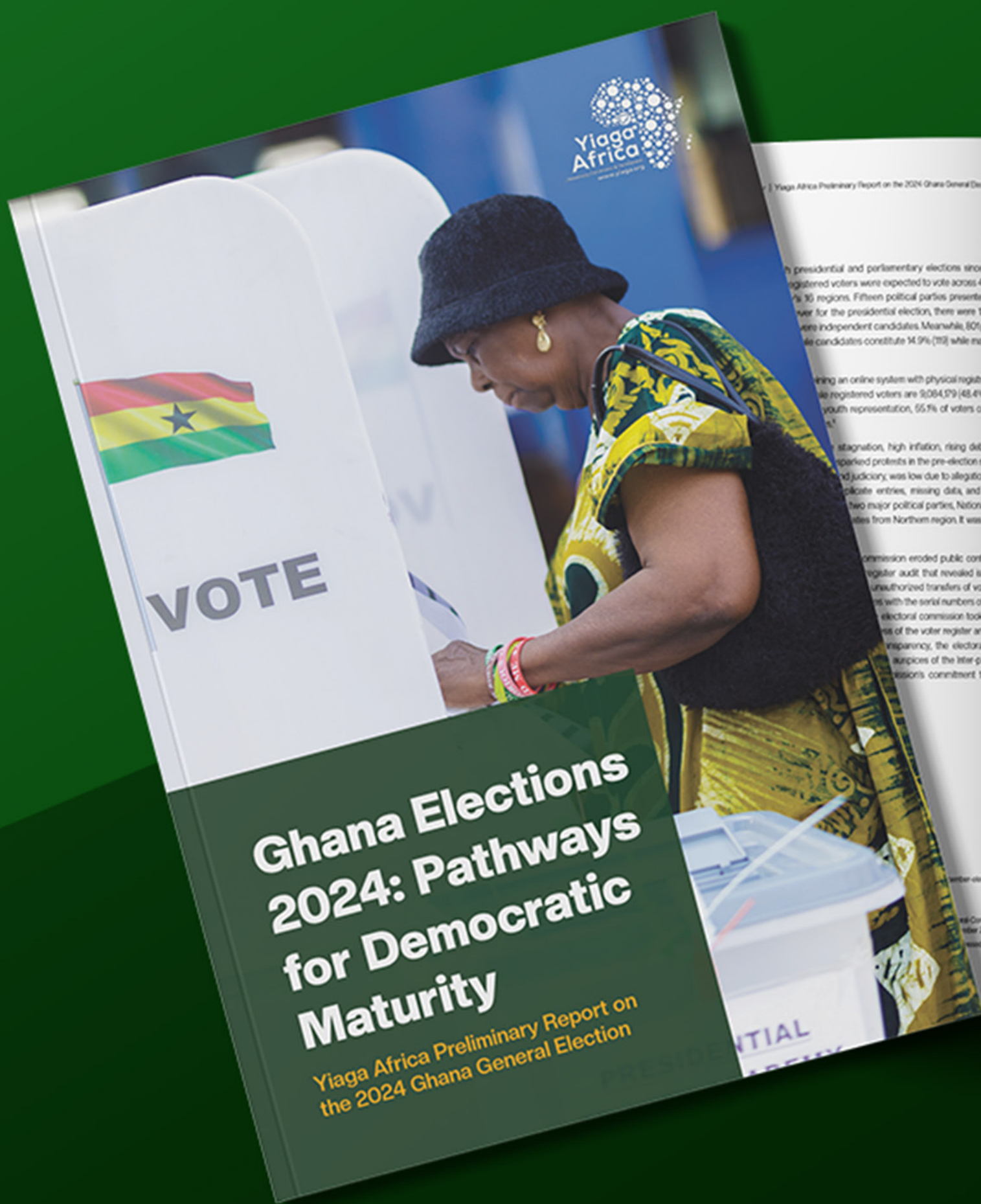


Sani Abdulahi Wambam Shinkafi, a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Zamfara State, has hinted at an impending power struggle ahead of the 2027 election, unveiling his political group, the Wambam Shinkafi Democratic Front (WSDF), at his Gusau residence on Wednesday. A three-time governorship candidate under APGA, Shinkafi declared that he would not form alliances or compromise with any group, pledging to contest the 2027 governorship election and insisting that no one would intimidate him in Zamfara politics.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2025/03/05/zamfara-2027-election-apc-chieftain-shinkafi-inaugurates-group-for-governorship-ambition/#>

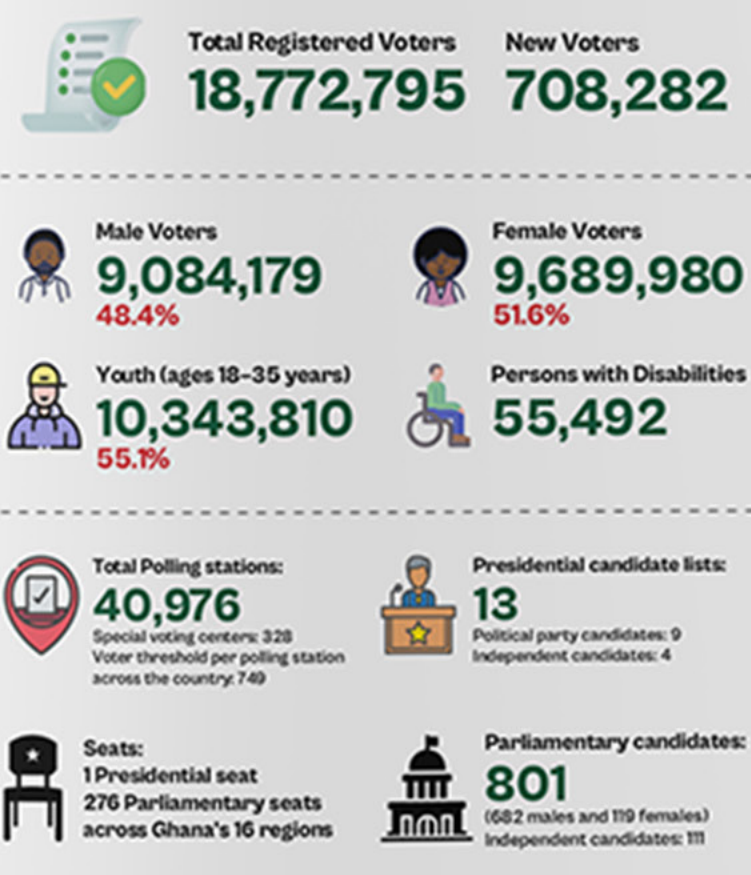


“Ghana Elections 2024: Pathways for Democratic Maturity” offers a comprehensive analysis of key aspects of the 2024 Ghana Presidential and Parliamentary elections, including election administration, voting rights, and the role of electoral technology.



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of the Local Election Index Tool

A comprehensive tool designed to evaluate the quality of local government elections in Nigeria. It assesses key electoral aspects, provides insights into existing measures to address these issues, the role of stakeholders, preserving credibility, and advocating for improving election administration, enhancing security, and strengthening institutions to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

Electoral Integrity Index

A qualitative and quantitative method. The tool uses a series of analysis, scoring systems, public opinion surveys to provide insights into the quality of local government elections. It focuses on legal and procedural aspects, comparative analysis, to evaluate and identify strengths and perceptions surrounding the complexities of electoral process. The tool is well-calibrated for local government elections, target the purpose of the evaluation.

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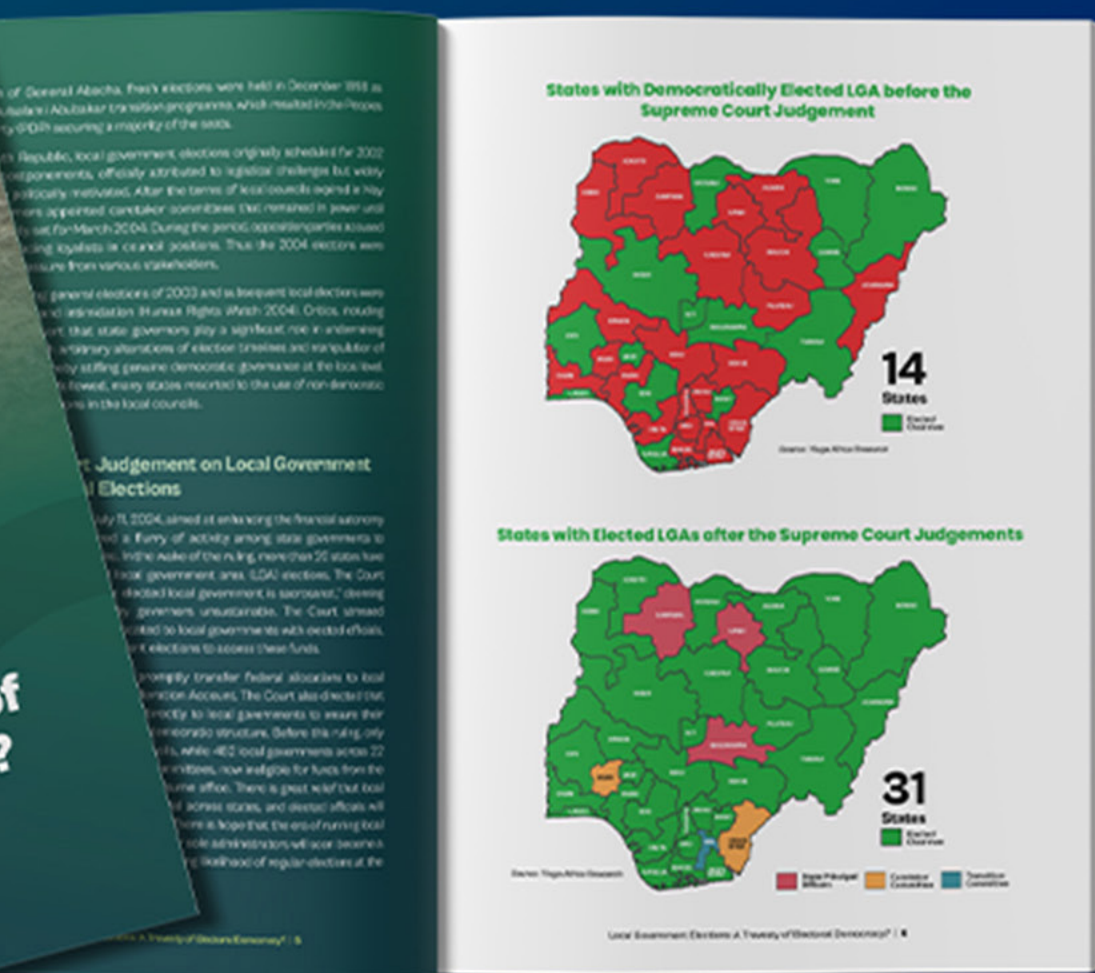
Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

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 favoured 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.

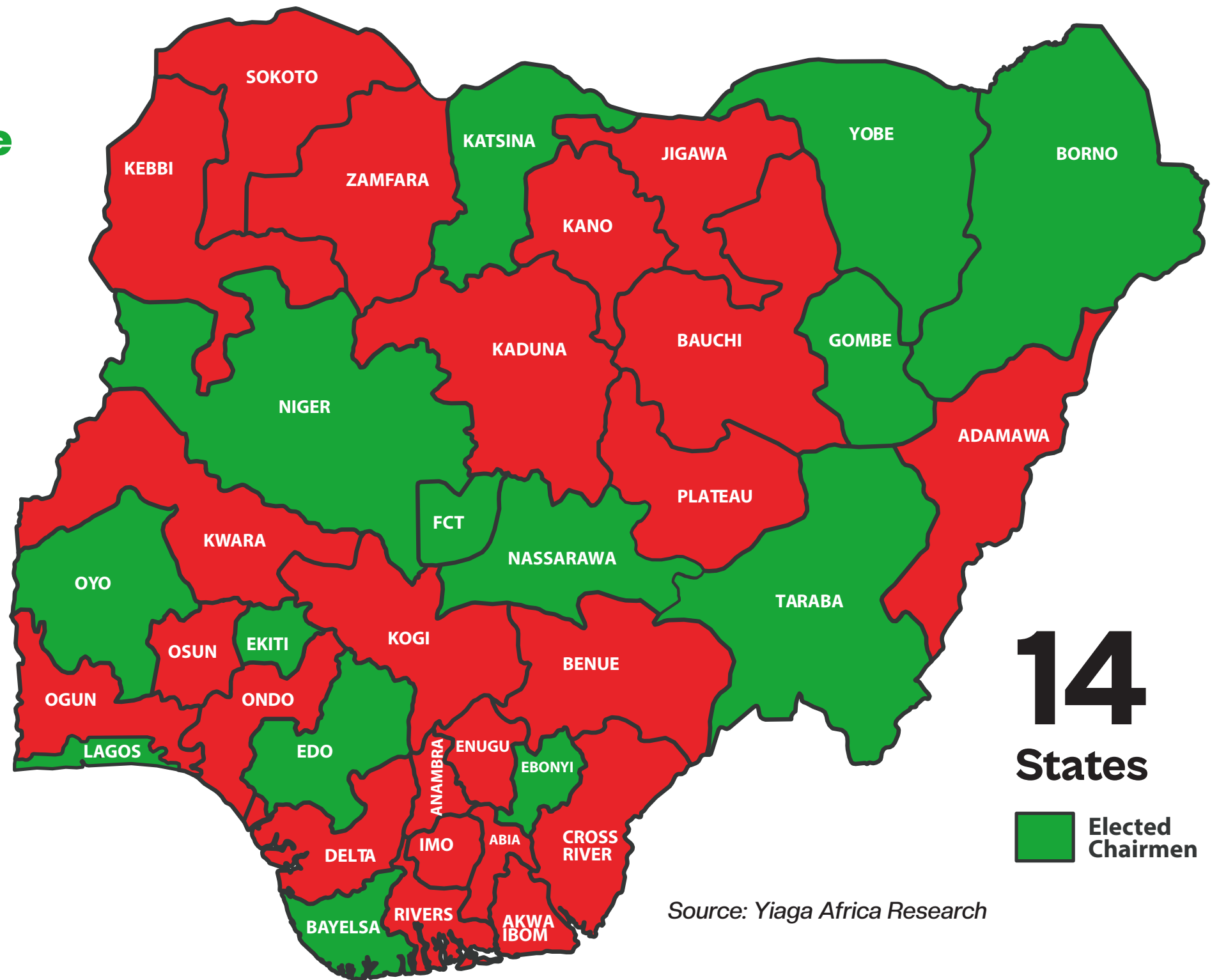


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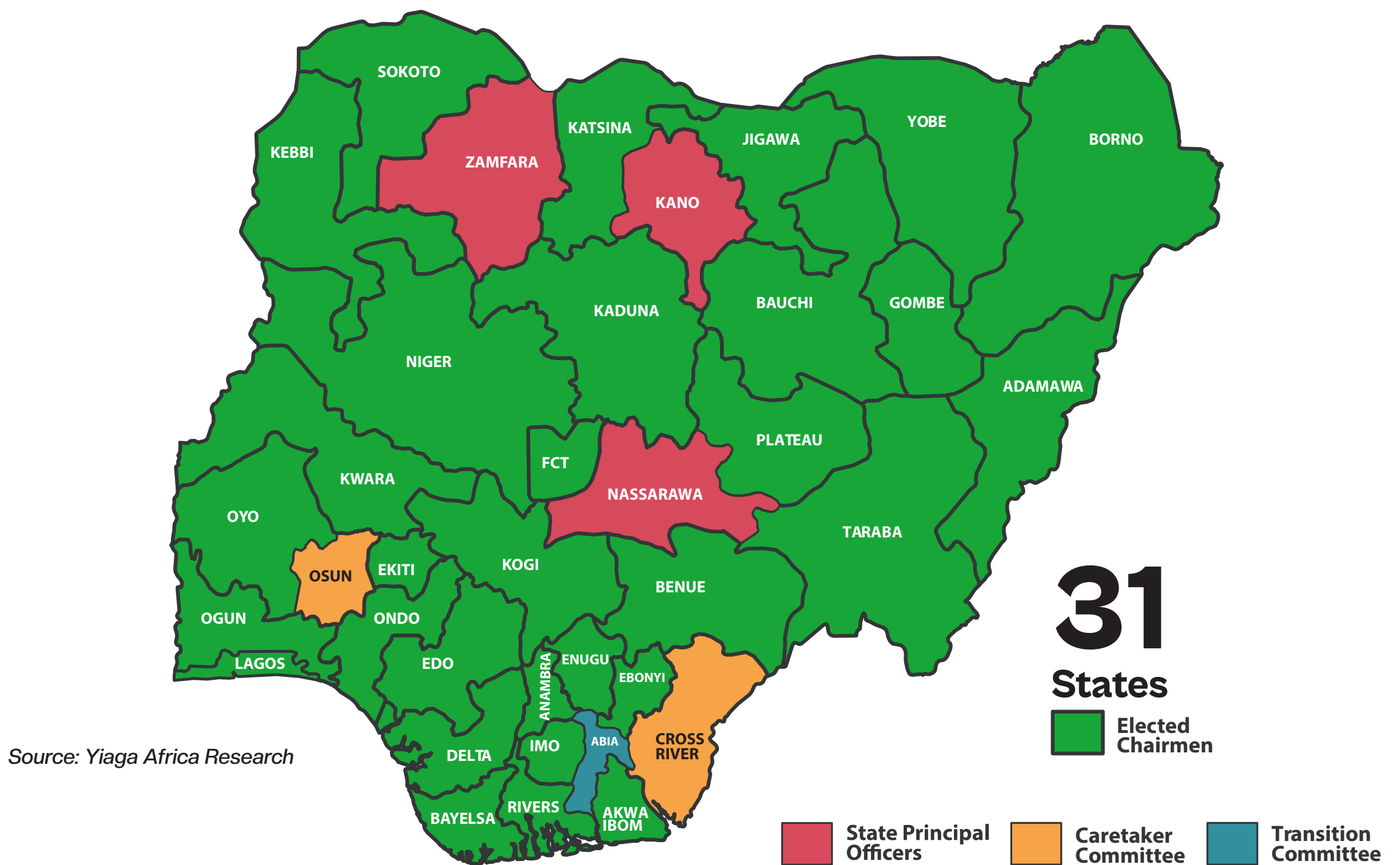


“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?” is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government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

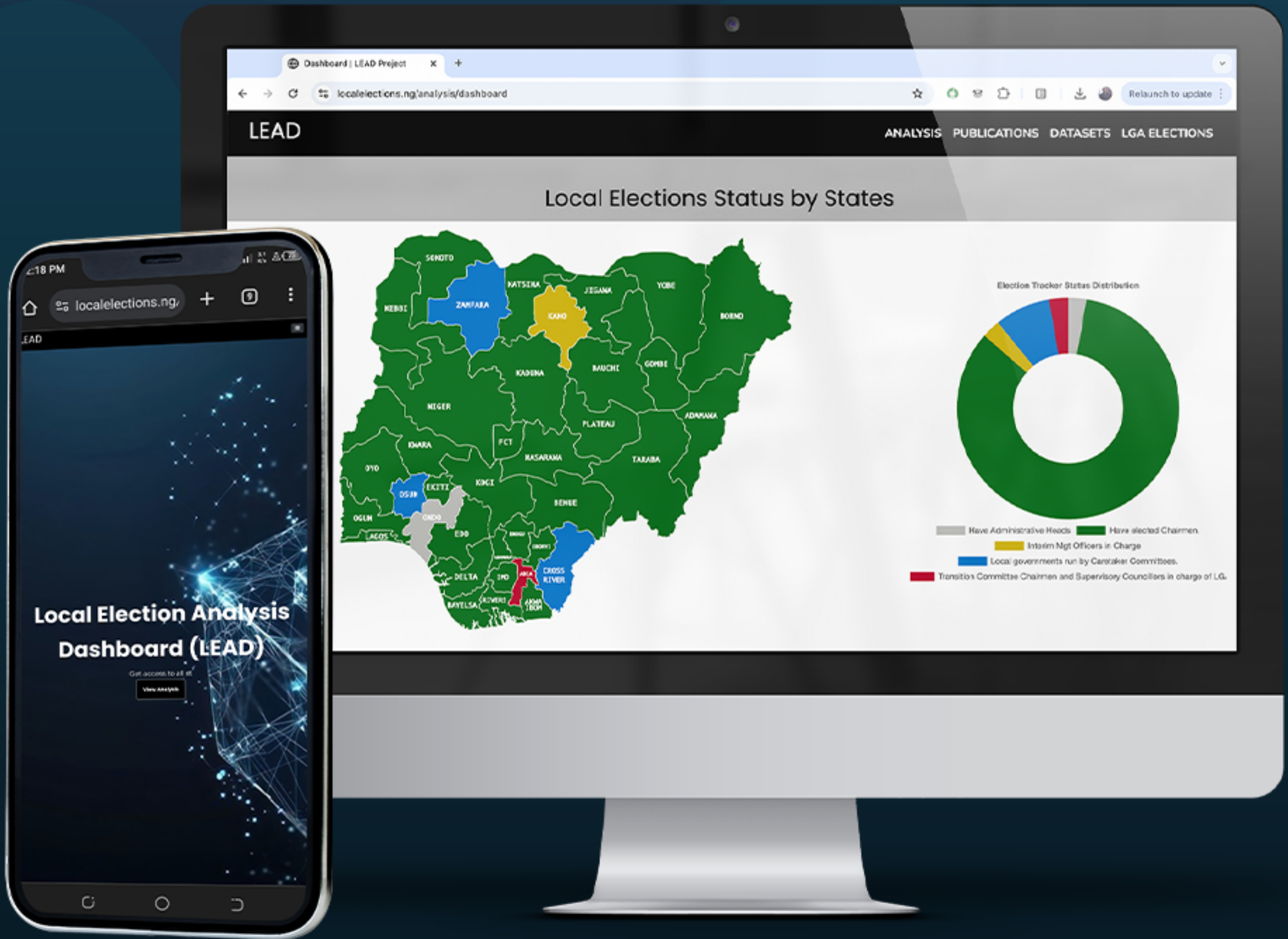
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