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Focus on people's anger, not coalition ahead of 2027 – Adebayo tells Tinubu

Prince Adewole Adebayo, leader of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the party's 2023 presidential candidate, has cautioned President Bola Tinubu to prioritize addressing the growing anger and hardship among Nigerians over concerns about emerging political coalitions ahead of the 2027 elections. Speaking during an interview with journalists, Adebayo noted that while political alliances are forming, Tinubu should not be distracted by them, as they do not pose a genuine threat to his administration. According to him, many coalition members are longtime associates of the president, with numerous public ties and shared histories. "They are all friends," he said. "There's hardly anybody in the coalition who you cannot find 10,000 pictures of them with the president."

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2025/05/08/focus-on-peoples-anger-not-coalition-ahead-of-2027-adebayo-tells-tinubu/>

2027: APGA Endorses Tinubu For Second Term

The All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) has thrown its weight behind President Bola Tinubu's bid for a second term in the 2027 presidential election, in what Governor Charles Soludo described as a "progressive alliance" between APGA and the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC). Soludo made the announcement on Thursday during Tinubu's working visit to Anambra State, addressing a large gathering of party supporters at Alex Ekwueme Square in Awka.

As a key figure within APGA, Soludo emphasized that the endorsement reflects a shared commitment to development-focused and inclusive governance. "Progressives are working together," he declared, signaling a strategic realignment between the two parties ahead of the next general election.



Read more: <https://platformtimes.com.ng/2027-apga-endorses-tinubu-for-second-term/>

Political hallucinations' – Presidency dismisses coalition speculations

The Presidency has dismissed growing speculation about the emergence of a political coalition aimed at challenging President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration, describing such claims as baseless and unfounded. In a statement posted on Wednesday via his official X handle, the Special Adviser to the President on Policy Communication, Daniel Bwala, labelled the reports as nothing more than a "political hallucination." Bwala insisted that there is no real momentum or public interest behind the alleged coalition, urging Nigerians to ignore what he called a distraction from the administration's focus on governance and national development.

Read more: <https://dailypost.ng/2025/05/08/political-hallucinations-presidency-dismisses-coalition-speculations/>





Appeal Court dismisses suit challenging Aiyedatiwa, deputy's eligibility for Ondo election

The Court of Appeal sitting in Akure, Ondo State, has dismissed an appeal challenging the legitimacy of the All Progressives Congress (APC) primary election that produced Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa as the party's candidate in the last governorship poll. The appeal, filed by Hon. Gbenga Edema of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), was struck out after the court found that the appellant failed to comply with an earlier court order, leading to the removal of the NNPP as a plaintiff in the suit. Delivering the judgment, Justice Toyin Bolaji Adegoke ruled that the suit was rendered ineffective by this omission. In a unanimous decision, the three-man panel dismissed the case for abuse of court process and lack of merit.

Read more: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/appeal-court-dismisses-suit-challenging-aiyedatiwa-deputys-eligibility-for-ondo-election/>

Kogi Group Seeks Fair Representation, Begs Gov Ododo For Zoning Of Federal Constituency Seat

Read more: <https://leadership.ng/kogi-group-seeks-fair-representation-begs-gov-ododo-for-zoning-of-federal-constituency-seat/>

A non-governmental organisation, MopaEffect Muro Forum for Fairness, Equity, and Justice, has called on Kogi State Governor Ahmed Ododo to ensure the zoning of the Yagba Federal Constituency seat to Mopamuro Local Government Area in the 2027 general election. The appeal, delivered through Hon. Olawumi Jacob, the member representing Mopamuro in the State House of Assembly, was made during a peaceful protest at the APC secretariat in Mopa. Protesters expressed confidence in the governor's commitment to justice and fairness, urging him to correct what they described as a longstanding imbalance in political representation. They noted that while Mopamuro has produced only one representative in over two decades, Yagba West and Yagba East have consistently dominated the seat.

Anambra Guber: Soludo, Ukachukwu, Chukwuma Jostle for Ubah's Political Clan

Frontline governorship contenders in Anambra State, including incumbent Governor Prof.

Chukwuma Soludo, Prince Nicholas Ukachukwu, and Sir Paul Chukwuma, are now vying to inherit the formidable political structure left behind by the late Senator Ifeanyi Ubah, ahead of the November 2025 gubernatorial election. Ubah, who died in July 2024, had painstakingly built a grassroots political machinery that cut across all segments of Anambra society, earning him widespread influence and electoral success. His structure was so solid that he won back-to-back senatorial elections under the relatively obscure Young Progressives Party (YPP), defeating candidates from better-known platforms. With his absence creating a vacuum, major aspirants are now scrambling to align themselves with what many see as the most potent electoral force in the state.

Read more: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2025/05/08/anambra-guber-soludo-ukachukwu-chukwuma-jostle-for-ubahs-political-clan/?amp>



APC Holds Local Council Election Primaries In Lagos State

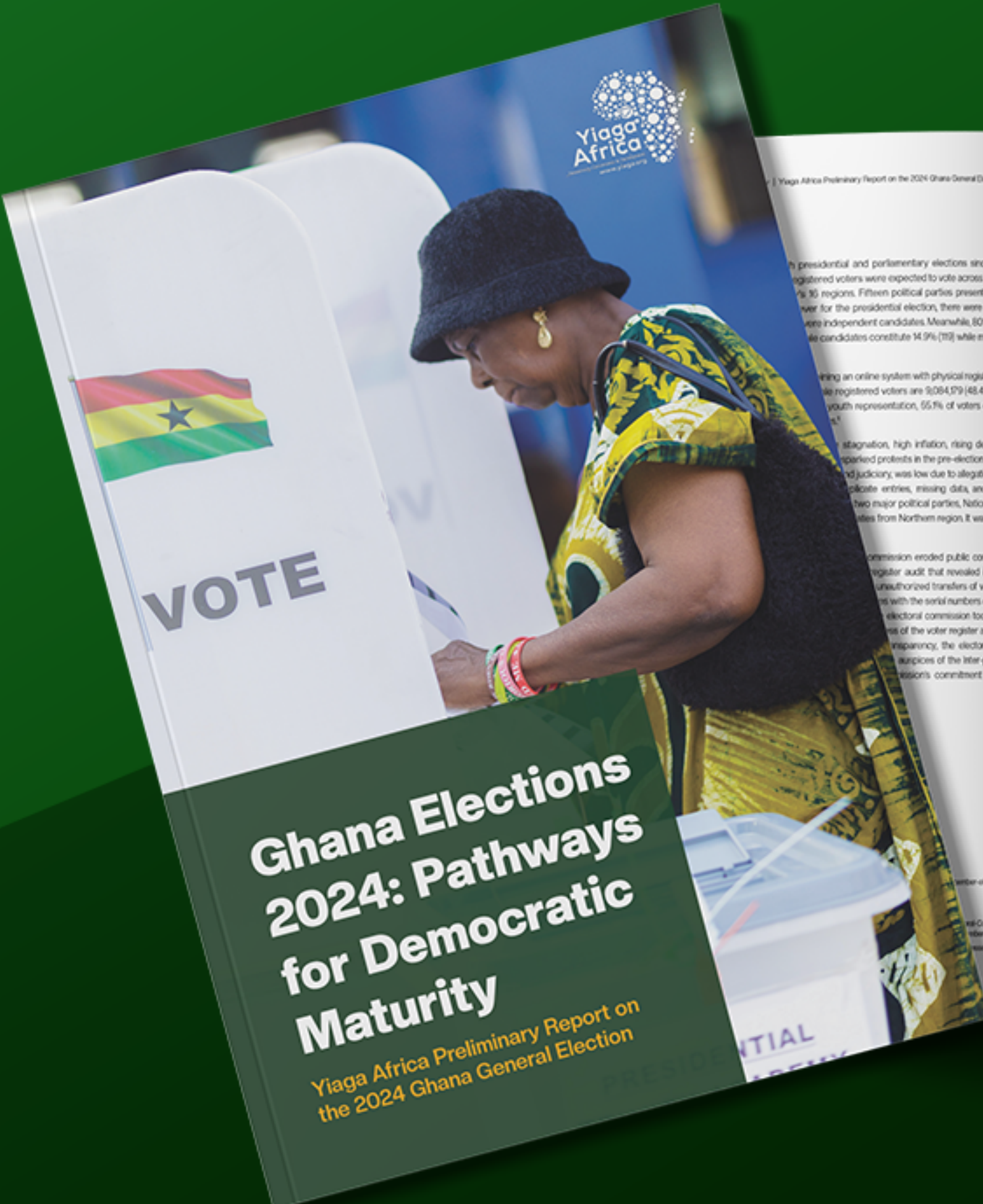
With preparations in full swing for the All Progressives Congress (APC) chairmanship and councillorship primaries slated for May 10, party leaders, aspirants, and stakeholders in Lagos State convened on Wednesday to finalize plans ahead of the July 12 local government elections, with the party leadership urging the adoption of consensus candidates where feasible.

Read more: <https://von.gov.ng/apc-holds-local-council-election-primaries-in-lagos-state/>





“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.



2024 Ghana Presidential and Parliamentary Elections:

Key Insights

Total Registered Voters	18,772,795	New Voters	708,282
Male Voters	9,084,179 48.4%	Female Voters	9,689,980 51.6%
Youth (ages 18-35 years)	10,343,810 55.1%	Persons with Disabilities	55,492
Total Polling stations:	40,976 Special voting centers: 328 Voter threshold per polling station across the country: 749	Presidential candidate lists:	13 Political party candidates: 9 Independent candidates: 4
Seats:	1 Presidential seat 276 Parliamentary seats across Ghana's 16 regions	Parliamentary candidates:	801 (682 males and 119 females) Independent candidates: 111



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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 administration of elections. It is designed to be user-friendly and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organizations, and the general public.

Electoral Integrity Index

The index is a quantitative and qualitative method. It uses a series of indicators to assess the quality of the electoral process. The indicators are grouped into three main categories: Electoral Context, Electoral Laws, and Electoral Procedures. Each category contains several specific questions that are scored based on the responses. The total score is then used to determine the overall integrity of the election.

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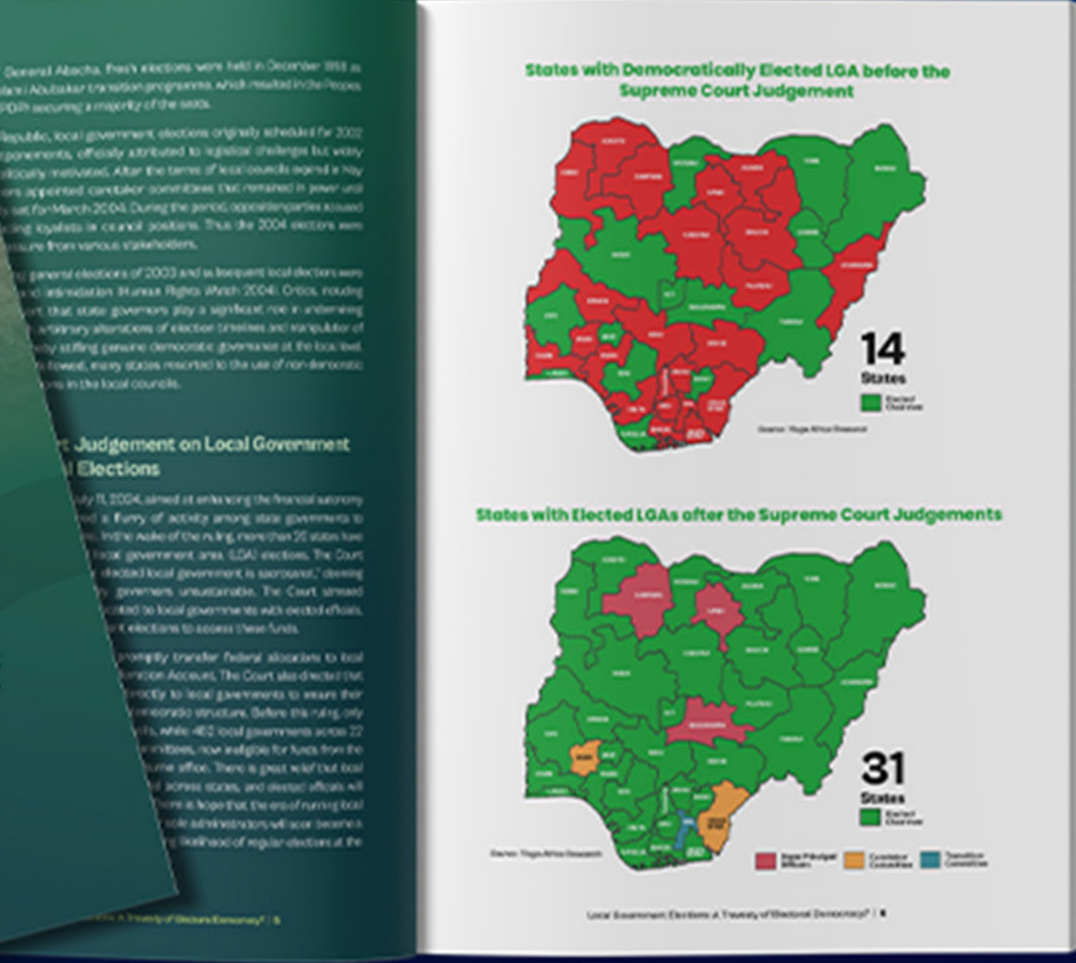
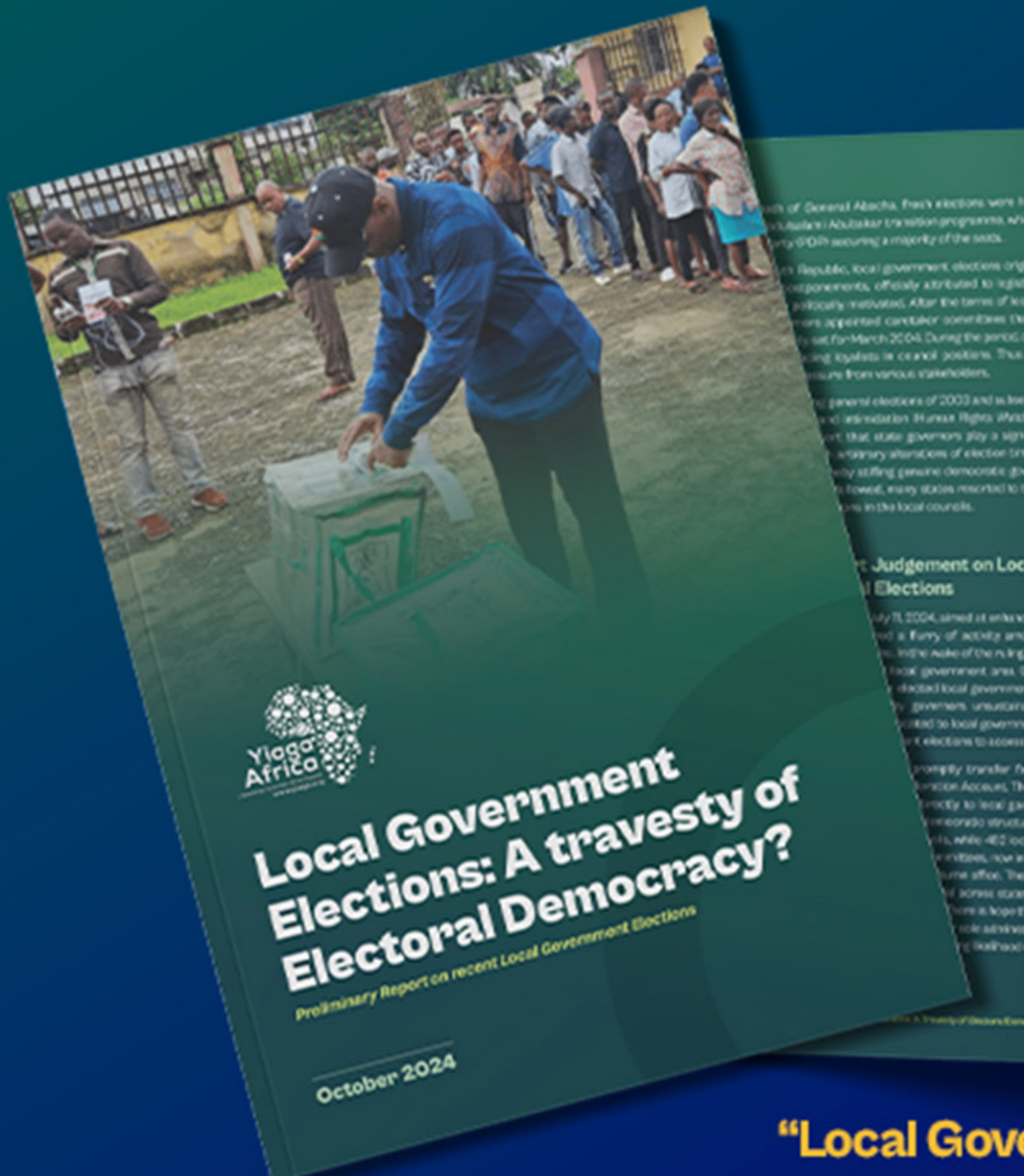
Local Government Election Assessment Index (LGEAI)

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.

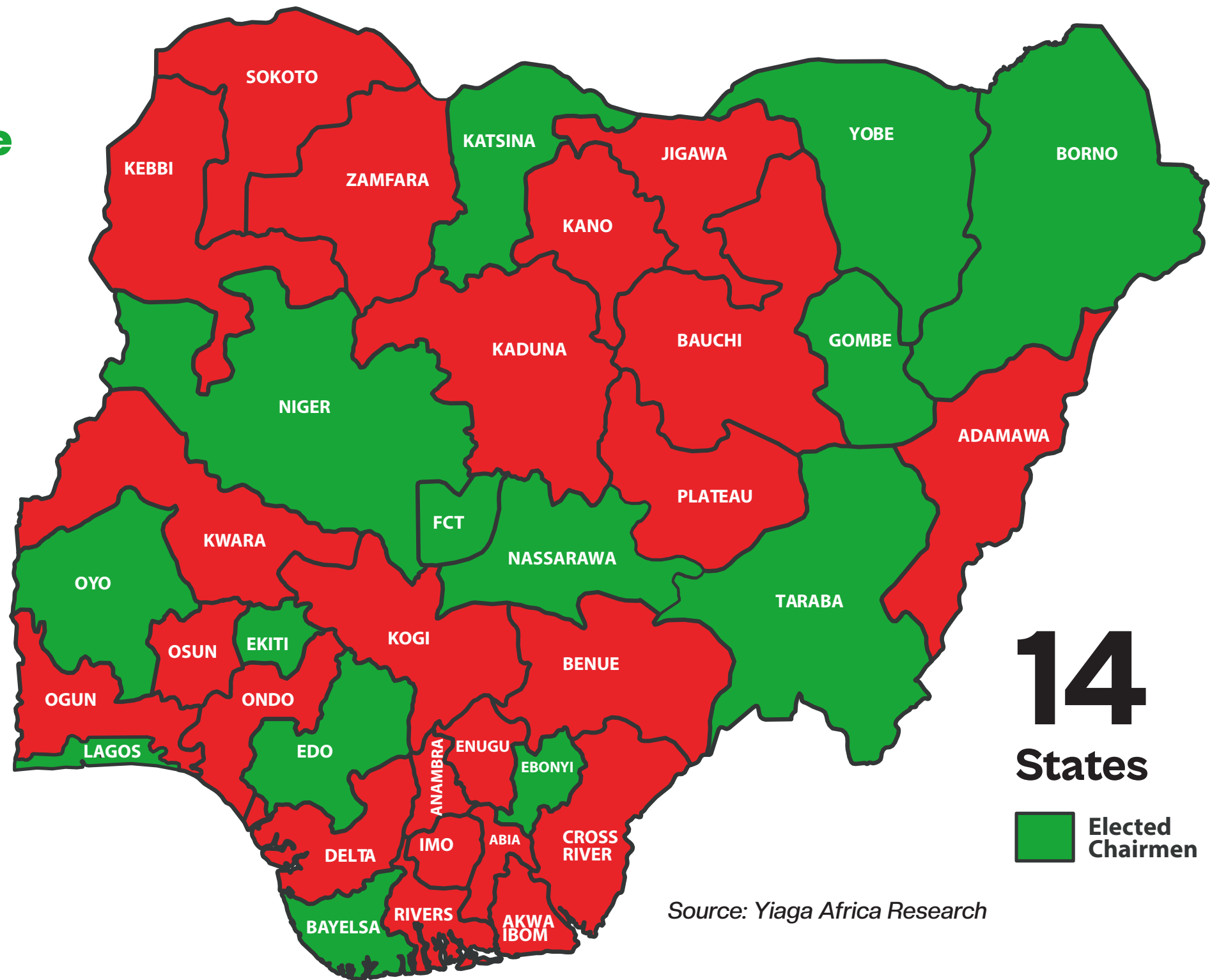


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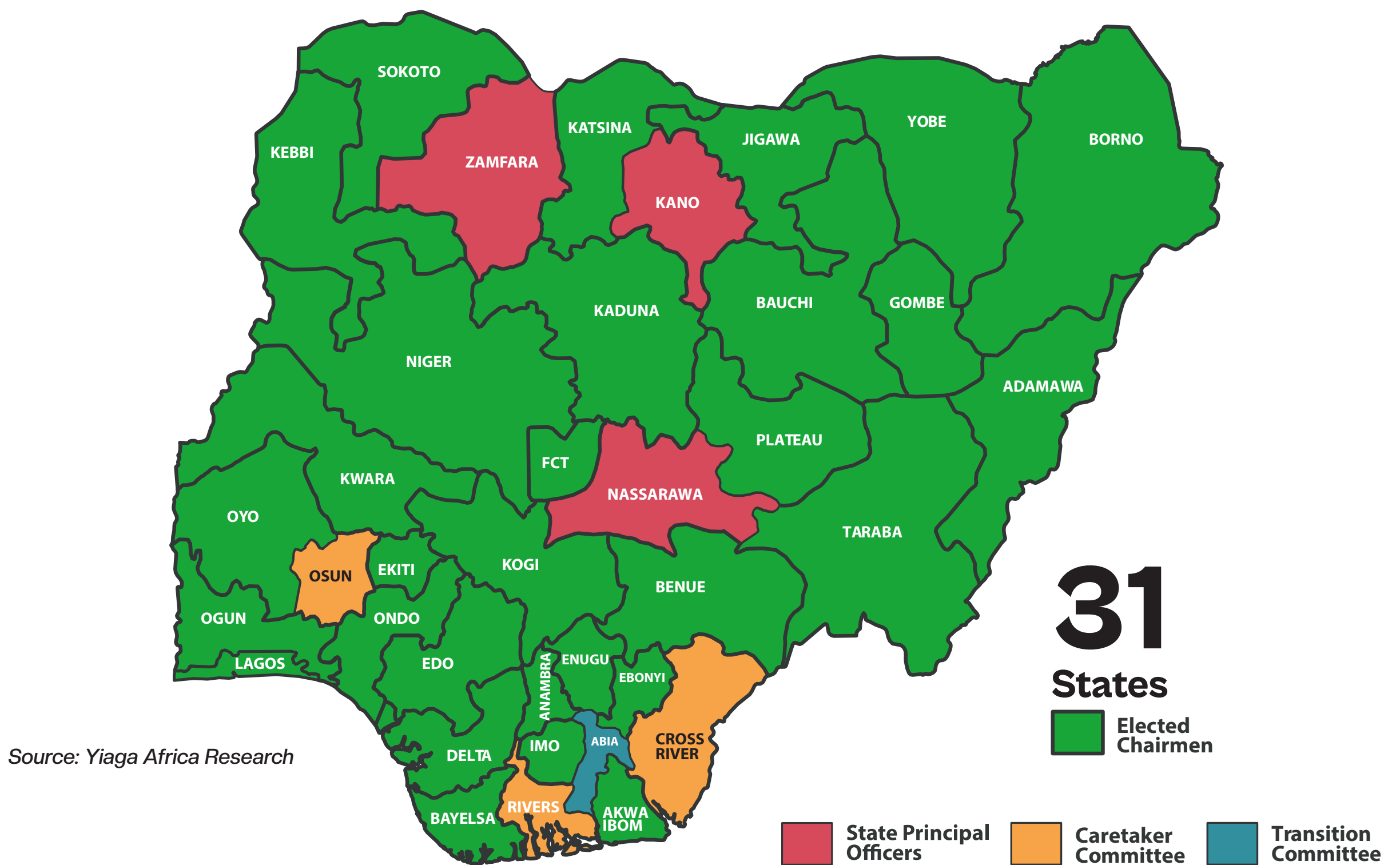


“Local Government Elections: A Travesty of Electoral Democracy?” is designed to explain the current debacle over local government elections in Nigeria and highlight major issues in the public and policy discourse around the problems. The aim is to provide ingredients for discourse on local government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

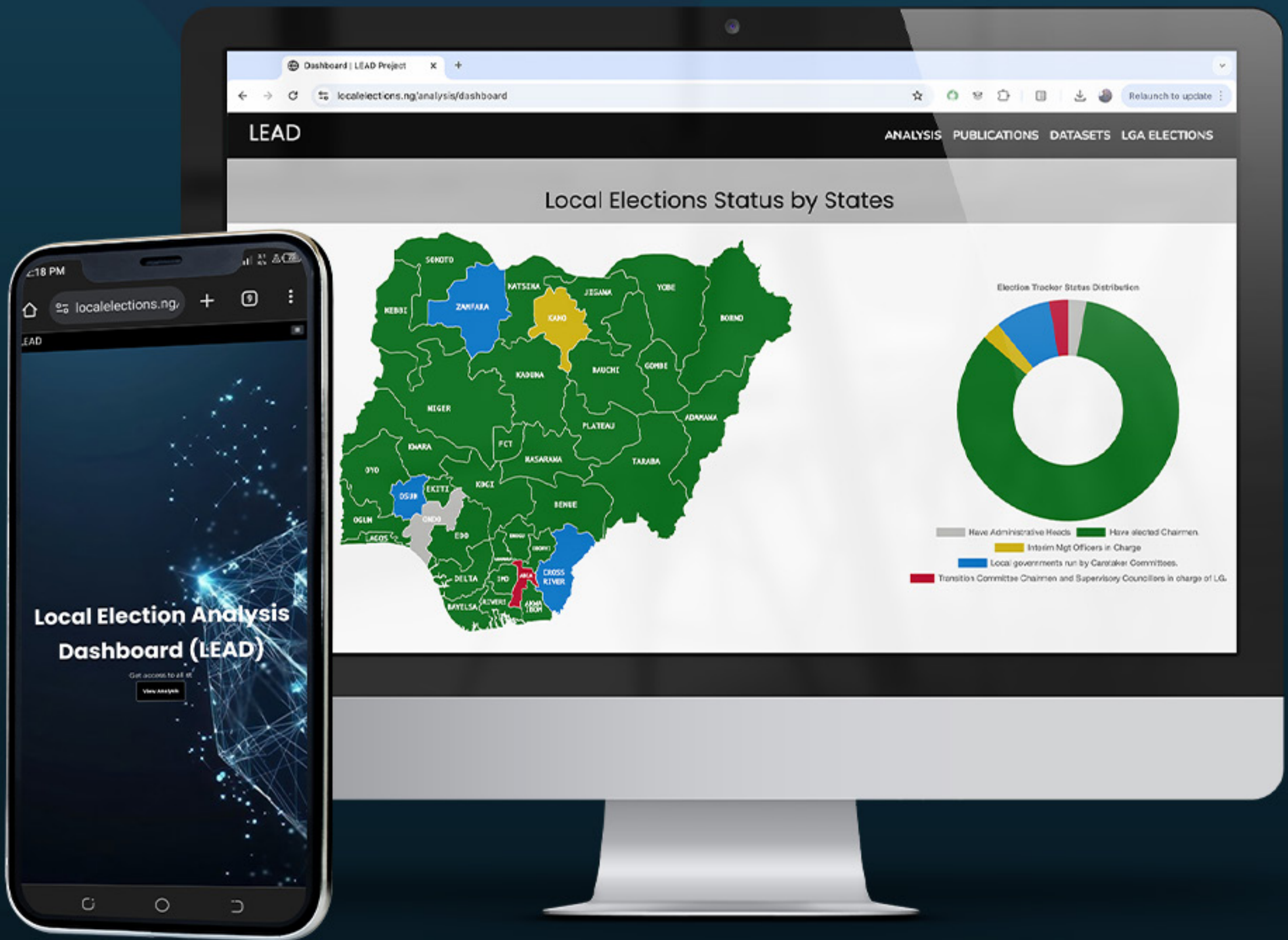
States with Democratically Elected LGA before the Supreme Court Judgement



States with Elected LGAs after the Supreme Court Judgements



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COMING SOON

Upcoming Local Government Elections



 **TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES**

2

 **TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs**

43

 **TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS**

10,597,385

Rivers
August 9,
2025

23 | **TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs**

Lagos
July 12,
2025

23 | **TOTAL NUMBER OF LGAs**

As at 9th May, 2025