**INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**TIME TABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE BAYELSA STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION.**

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Independent National Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) by the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf , the Commission hereby issues this Time Table and schedule of Activities for the conduct of the 2015 Governorship Election in Bayelsa State.

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| **S/N** | **ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **REMARK** |
| 1 | Notice of election  | 5th September, 2015 | Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election. |
| 2 | Commencement of campaign by Political Parties  | 6th September, 2015 | Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day. |
| 3 | Collection of Forms for the election by Political Parties at INEC Headquarters.  | 7th – 10th September, 2015 | For Political Parties to issue to their candidates. |
| 4 | Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries. | 7th – 30th September, 2015 | To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) |
| 5 | Last day for submission of Forms CF001 and CF002 at the INEC Headquarters**.** | 7th October, 2015 | Section 31(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 60 days before the election. |
| 6 | Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (CF001)**.** | 14th October, 2015 | Section 31(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of the form CF001.  |
| 7 | Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties. | 22nd October, 2015 | Section 35 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 45 days before the election. |
| 8 | Last day for the submission of Nomination forms by Political Parties. | 27th October, 2015 | Sections 32, 37, 38 and 39 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended). (Commission to appoint time for submission). |
| 9 | Publication of official Register of voters for the election. | 5th November, 2015 | Section 20 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 30 days before the election. |
| 10 | Publication of list of nominated candidates. | 5th November, 2015 | Section 34 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides at least 30 days before the day of election. |
| 11 | Publication of Notice of Poll  | 21st November, 2015 | Section 46 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 14 days before the election. |
| 12 | Submission of names of Party Agents for the Election to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils | 28th November, 2015 | Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended). Provides not later than 7 days before the election.  |
| 13 | Last day for campaigns | 3rd December, 2015 | Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) prohibits Advertisements or broadcasts of campaigns 24 hours prior to the day of election. |
| 14 | **Date of Election**Governorship  | Bayelsa State Governorship Election – 5th December, 2015 | Section 25 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), provides that Commission to appoint date not earlier than 150 days but not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office. |

**Note: (i) Runoff election to the office Governor (if any) will be held within 7 days after the announcement of the result of the election in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).**

**Dated this 19th day of June, 2015.**

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