

Timetable

& Schedule of Activities
for the 2023 Bayelsa, Imo &
Kogi Governorship Elections



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2023 BAYELSA, IMO AND KOGI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS



By virtue of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the tenure of the Governors of Imo, Kogi and Bayelsa States will expire on the 14th day of January, 26th day of January and 13th day of February 2024 respectively.

Pursuant to Sections 178 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), elections to the said office shall hold not earlier than One Hundred and Fifty (150) days and not later than Thirty (30) days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

The Commission is empowered by Section 28(1) of the Electoral Act 2022 to issue Notice for the elections not later than Three Hundred and Sixty (360) days before the date of the elections.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Independent National Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Electoral Act, 2022 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby issues this Timetable and Schedule of Activities for 2023 Governorship Elections in Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi States.

	Activity	Date	Remark
1	 Notice of Election	14th November 2022	Section 28(1) of the Electoral Act 2022 (as amended) provides not later than 360 days before the election.
2	 Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	Commencement date 27th March 2023 End 17th April 2023	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 84 of the Electoral Act 2022.
3	 Submission of Forms EC9 and EC 9B online (Nomination Portal).	9.00 am 24th April 2023 to 6.00pm 5th May 2023 Access code for the submission of nomination forms shall be available for collection 17th April 2023 at the Commission's Headquarters.	Section 29(1) of the Electoral Act 2022 provides for not later than 180 days before the election. EC9 (Personal Particulars of Candidates). EC9B (Names /List of Nominated Candidates)

4		Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (EC9) by the Commission.	12th May 2023	Section 29(3) of the Electoral Act 2022 provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of Form EC9.
5		Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	26th May 2023	Section 31 of the Electoral Act 2022 provides not later than 90 days to the election.
6		Last day for submission of Nomination forms (EC13A, 13B, 13C, 13D & 13E) by Political Parties.	2nd June 2023	To enable Political Parties comply with Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act 2022.
7		Publication of final list of nominated candidates by the Commission.	9th June 2023	Section 32(1) of the Electoral Act 2022 provides at least 150 days before the day of election.
8		Commencement of campaign by Political Parties in public.	14th June 2023	Section 94(1) of the Electoral Act 2022. Campaign in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.
9		Last day for submission of names of Polling Agents for the Election to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Area by Political Parties.	10th October 2023	Section 43 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
10		Publication of official Register of Voters for the election by the Commission.	12th October 2023	Section 10(4) of the Electoral Act 2022
11		Publication of Notice of Poll by the Commission.	16th October 2023	Section 44 of the Electoral Act 2022 provides for not later than 14 days before the election.

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Last day for campaigns by Political Parties.

9th November 2023

Section 94(1) of the Electoral Act 2022. Campaign in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.

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Date of Election

11th November 2023

Section 178 (1) & (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) empower the Commission to appoint dates for Governorship election not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder.



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