



To: Nigeria Governors' Forum
From: Director General
Date: December 13, 2018
Subject: **Re: INEC Time Table and Schedule for 2019 General Elections**

Your Excellencies would recall that INEC, in January 2019, released its Time Table and Schedule of Activities for 2019 Elections.

We seize this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Your Excellencies who are running for various political offices in the 2019 General Elections.

Please find attached the INEC Time Table and schedule for the General Elections for your information.

Director General

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

TIME TABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2019 GENERAL ELECTIONS

By virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), tenure of the President, Vice President, Governors and Deputy Governors of States of the Federation (except **Anambra, Bayelsa, Kogi, Edo, Ondo, Ekiti and Osun States**) will expire on the 28th day of May, 2019 while Membership of the National and State Assemblies will stand dissolved on the 8th day of June, 2019.

Pursuant to Sections 76(2), 116(2), 132(2) and 178(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), elections to the said offices 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 30(1) of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) to issue Notice for the elections not later than Ninety (90) 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, 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 2019 General Elections:


S/N	ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARK
1	Notice of election.	17 th August, 2018	Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election.
2	Collection of Forms for all elections by Political Parties at INEC Headquarters.	17 th – 24 th August, 2018	For Political Parties to issue to their candidates.

3	Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	Commencement date 18 th August, 2018 End 7 th October, 2018	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended).
4	Commencement of campaign by Political Parties.	Presidential & National Assembly – 18 th November, 2018 Governorship & State House of Assembly – 1 st December, 2018	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day.
5	Last day for submission of Forms CF001 and CF002 at the INEC Headquarters (for all elections).	Presidential & National Assembly- 18 th October, 2018 Governorship & State House of Assembly -2 nd November, 2018	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) (for all elections).	Presidential & National Assembly -25 th October, 2018 Governorship & State House of Assembly- 9 th November, 2018	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.	Presidential & National Assembly – 17 th November, 2018 Governorship & State House of Assembly-1 st December, 2018	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.	Presidential & National Assembly- 3 rd December, 2018 Governorship & State House of Assembly-17 th December, 2018	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.	7 th January, 2019	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.	Presidential & National Assembly -17 th January, 2019 Governorship & State House of Assembly- 31 st January, 2019	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 (for all elections).	2 nd January, 2019	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	Presidential & National Assembly – 1 st February, 2019	Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 14 days

	Electoral Officer of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils.	Governorship & State House of Assembly -16 th February, 2019	before the election.
13	Last day for campaigns.	Presidential & National Assembly- 14 th February, 2019 Governorship & State House of Assembly- 28 th February, 2019	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	Dates of Elections National Assembly/Presidential Governorship/State House of Assembly.	Presidential & National Assembly- 16 th February, 2019 Governorship & State House of Assembly -2 nd March, 2019	Section 25 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), empowers the 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) Run-off election to the office of President or Governor of a State (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 9th day of January, 2018.


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