

#NigeriaDecides2023

ELECTIONS TOOLKIT FOR MINISTERS



*INEC does not count
PRAYER POINTS!
It counts VOTES!*

PRAY & VOTE!

**Saturday,
February 25, 2023**

Presidential and
National Assembly

**Saturday,
March 11, 2023**

Governorship and
State Assembly

Citizens will decide the candidates to be elected to the following seats:

28

Governors

109

Senators

360

House of Representative
members

993

State House of Assembly
members

28 Governorship seats - Abia, Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Enugu, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kwara, Lagos, Nassarawa, Niger, Ogun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe and Zamfara states.

The other 8 states - Ondo, Edo, Kogi, Anambara, Ekiti, Osun, Imo and Bayelsa have off-cycle elections.

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What is a PVC?

Permanent Voters Card

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What is the Importance of a PVC?

You need it to vote.

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When is the last day for PVC collection?

Sunday, February 5, 2023

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Is my PVC ready?

If you completed your CVR before July 31, 2022 your PVC is ready.

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Is the PVC I used in 2019 or 2015 or 2011 still valid?

Yes!

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I registered but did not pick up my PVC in 2011 or 2015 or 2019, can I get it now?

Check that you are in INEC's database - voters.inecnigeria.org.
If you are there, check where INEC is distributing cards and go there.

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What do I need to collect my PVC?

You need to present your Temporary Voter's Card or the Slip given to you at the completion of your CVR to the INEC Officials. If your TVC / Slip is missing, log on to INEC's Voters Database - voters.inecnigeria.org - and print your data page or present an ID card for identification.

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Where do I collect my PVC?

It depends.

If INEC is at the ward/registration area, visit eieng.co/INECWards to get the address of your PVC Collection Center.

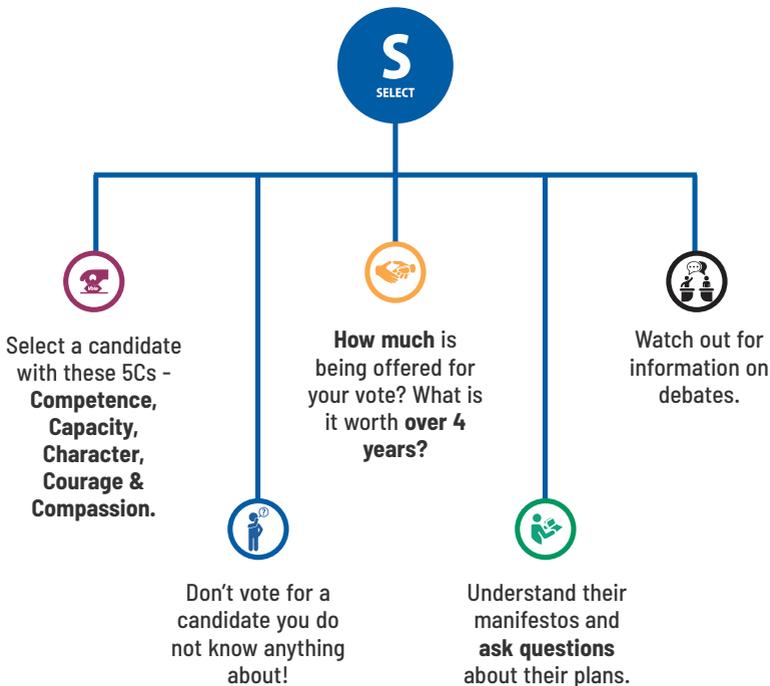
If it's at the LG level, visit INEC's office in your LG. You can find the address via the OOTC WhatsApp Bot - <http://eieng.co/OOTCbot>.

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INEC can't find my PVC - HELP!

Complain here: rsvp.ng/complaints

HOW TO SELECT CREDIBLE CANDIDATES



On election day, accreditation and voting shall commence at **8:30am** and close at **2:30pm***

All voters already on the queue by 2:30pm shall be accredited and allowed to vote.

* Some groups are advocating for a later end time.

REGISTER TO VOTE
SELECT CREDIBLE CANDIDATES
VOTE **NOT** FIGHT
PROTECT YOUR VOTE

VOTING PROCEDURE



1 Join the queue with your PVC.



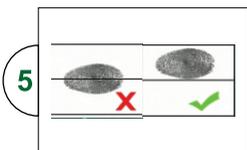
2 At your turn, you will be asked to place your **finger** on the **fingerprint scanner** of the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) for authentication. If it fails, **facial authentication** using BVAS will be adopted. If you can not be authenticated with your fingerprint or face, you will not be able to vote.



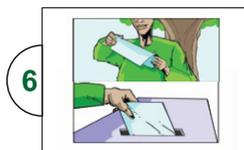
3 You **will not be allowed to use your phones and tablets** between the time you collect your ballot paper and cast your vote.



4 Your **ballot paper** with the political parties logos **must be dated, signed and stamped**.



5 **Thumb print your ballot in secret.** Be careful not to allow the ink to stain other parts of the ballot paper.



6 **Fold your ballot paper vertically** and drop it in the ballot box.



7 **Move from the voting area** and pick up your mobile phone & other devices.



8 You can **stay within the polling unit (PU)** to witness the sorting and counting of votes as well as the announcement of results. Results will be written on Form EC8 and posted on the wall of the PU. It will also be transmitted electronically through the BVAS.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?



*It is hereby accordingly declared that **sovereignty belongs to the people of Nigeria** from whom government through this Constitution derives all its powers and authority.*

- Section 14(2)(a) of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended)

The above subsection of the Constitution is not only noble, but the very heart of modern democracy. It is the power of citizens that empowers all other authorities in any democracy.

It is therefore important to let citizens know that the **Office of the Citizen** is the **highest** office in the land. Citizens must wake up to that consciousness and accept the responsibilities that come with it.

Do NOT Discriminate

Do NOT use possession of a Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) to grant access to your place of worship. It is noble to desire that all your congregants get their PVCs and participate in the electoral process, but it is their prerogative to exercise that civic responsibility. As such, you should NOT penalize those who did not register to vote.

To use a PVC to grant access to a place of worship; prevent congregants from serving or benefit from being a congregant is to go against the tenets of any faith that teaches **love**.

Education and moral persuasion are more effective ways of getting your congregants to understand the importance of participating in the electoral process.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Elections are about messaging, mobilization and the critical numbers who show up to **vote on election day**.

In 2015, 45.4% of registered voters, determined our President and it was similar at other levels.

In 2019, 35.66% of registered voters, determined our President and it was similar at other levels.

Some roles YOU can play:

1. Ensure all information shared is verified.
2. **From the pulpit**, encourage people **to vote**. It's their constitutional right and a civic responsibility.
3. Reiterate that votes will be counted and their votes matter.
4. Put election information in every bulletin. If you have video news, include it as well.
5. Do **NOT** be partisan. Instead, encourage your congregation to score every candidate against values that promote a society that is just, equitable, governed with integrity, respect for human life, merit and any other values as they deem fit that aligns with the teachings of their faith.
6. If you have members that are vying for office, you can give them a platform to talk about their journey (but not campaign!).
7. Pray for members that are contesting.
8. Encourage members to join political parties if they are interested.
9. For voting centres in your neighbourhood, provide tents, chairs, drinks and snacks as you can, to relieve the pressure.
10. Send observers to voting centres to document challenges and escalate as needed. They can also volunteer while there.



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Your new assistant on civic engagement

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Governors
- Senators
- House of Representatives Members
- State House of Assembly Members
- Local Government Chairmen & Councillors

ELECTIONS

- Registration
- PVC Collection
- Polling Unit (PU) Locator
- Debates etc.

Get started Send **“Hello”** via WhatsApp to **017006381**



***“My people are destroyed for
lack of knowledge...”***

- Hosea 4:6 KJV

EiE will:



**Educate your congregation virtually,
at no cost, except logistics is involved.**



Work with your team on communications.



**Answer questions if it's difficult to contact
INEC's Citizens' Contact Centre.**

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