



**Citizen of the  
Federal Republic of NIGERIA**

*“The security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government.”*

**- Section 14(b)(2), 1999 Constitution  
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended)**


## ABOUT EIE

**Enough is Enough Nigeria (EiE)** is a non-partisan network of individuals and organisations committed to instituting a culture of good governance and public accountability in Nigeria through active citizenship.

EiE was set up as the next step from two citizens' protests in 2010 on our missing President, killings in Jos and fuel scarcity.

We focus on Nigerians of voting age, **especially 18 - 35** year olds, because they are the largest voting demographic. We leverage the power of technology - mobile phones, internet, radio and television - to reach as many as we can.

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***“it is clear that until Nigerians understand their rights and responsibilities and use that knowledge to hold government accountable, our society will continue to be unjust.”***

**- ‘Yemi Adamolekun  
(Executive Director, EiE Nigeria)**

A **citizen** is a member of a community, state or country. There are **rights** and **responsibilities** of citizenship and this document highlights them.

## My Rights

I have a **fundamental right\*** to:

1. Life
2. Dignity of my person
3. Personal liberty
4. Fair hearing
5. Private & family life
6. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
7. Freedom of expression
8. Peaceful assembly and association
9. Freedom of movement
10. Freedom from discrimination
11. Acquire and own immovable property anywhere in Nigeria.

*\*Chapter 4 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended).*

# My Responsibilities\*

## 1. Abide by this Constitution

Respect its ideals and its institutions, the National Flag, the National Anthem, the National Pledge, and legitimate authorities.

## 2. Proudly Nigerian

Help to enhance Nigeria's power and reputation, defend Nigeria and render such national service as may be required.

## 3. Live in unity and harmony

Respect the dignity, rights and legitimate interests of other citizens.

## 4. Community engagement

Make positive contributions to the progress and well-being of my community.

## 5. Support law enforcement

Assist appropriate and lawful agencies in maintaining law and order.

## 6. Pay taxes

Declare my income honestly to appropriate and lawful agencies and pay my tax promptly.

## In addition, participate in the governance process.

An easy guide to participation is the acronym:

### RSVP:

**Register** | **Select** | **Vote** | **Protect**

**Register** to vote.

**Select** credible candidates.

**Vote** not fight.

**Protect** your vote on election day and engage government officials after elections.

*\*Chapter 2, Section 24 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended).*



# National Values and Ethics\*

## Patriotism

Patriotism is the love of one's country. It has to do with the willingness and readiness to sacrifice for one's country, including defending her national image and security no matter the cost.

Be a patriotic Nigerian by contributing positively to the peace, unity and development of Nigeria.

## Discipline

Discipline is the ability of a person to exercise self-control and conduct oneself in a manner acceptable to the society. It is also about training oneself to do the right thing at all times.

Do you obey rules and regulations in your school?  
Can your parents be proud of you as a disciplined child?

## Integrity

Integrity is being morally upright, honest, trustworthy and truthful at all times. It is about making your word count no matter the circumstance.

Can you be trusted to write your examinations without cheating?

Be a student of integrity.

## Dignity of Labour

Dignity of labour has to do with giving equal consideration and respect to all types of jobs. In other words, no job should be considered superior to the other.

The work of a teacher is as important as the work of the Minister of Education. Because there is dignity in labour, you should be proud of your job.

\* Chapter 2, Section 23 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended).

Text courtesy of the National Orientation Agency (NOA).

# National Values and Ethics\*

## Social Justice

Social justice is to be fair and just in your treatment of people by ensuring equal opportunities to wealth, social services and opportunities. It is about an individual's rights and duties in the society.

When you make demands on government for your rights, do you also remember your duties to the state, such as paying your taxes, obeying laws of the land, etc?

## Religious Tolerance

Religious tolerance has to do with recognizing an individual right and freedom to hold and practice one's belief without any form of hindrance. It requires that we respect the religion of one another. As a country of many religions, religious tolerance is necessary for

our peaceful co-existence, progress and development. Don't discriminate or oppress people who don't belong to your faith.

## Self-reliance

Self-reliance is the ability to depend on your own skills, power or resources to get things done and to meet your personal needs.

Whether as individuals or as a nation, it is necessary to be self-reliant and not depend completely on others for everything that we need.

Every Nigerian has something that can make himself/herself-reliant. Explore that ability and be self-reliant to ensure your survival in today's competitive world.

\* Chapter 2, Section 23 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended).

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# The Nigerian Government

	EXECUTIVE	LEGISLATIVE	JUDICIARY
<b>Federal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ President &amp; Vice President</li> <li>■ Ministers</li> <li>■ MDA Heads</li> <li>■ SAs / SSAs / TAs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ National Assembly (NASS)</li> <li>* Senate: 109 senators</li> <li>* House of Representatives: 360 members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Federal High Court</li> <li>■ Court of Appeal</li> <li>■ Supreme Court</li> </ul>
<b>State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Governor &amp; Deputy</li> <li>■ Commissioners</li> <li>■ SAs / SSAs / TAs</li> <li>■ MDA Heads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ State House of Assembly members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Magistrate Court</li> <li>■ State High Court</li> </ul>
<b>Local</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LG Chairmen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LG Councillors</li> </ul>	N/A

## NOTES:

**Senate:** 3 per state + FCT (1)

**House of Representatives:**\* Numbers vary per state + FCT (2)

**Highest** - 24 (Kano and Lagos) | **Lowest** - 5 (Nasarawa and Bayelsa).

**State House of Assembly:**\* Numbers vary per state & FCT has no seats.

**Highest** - 40 (Kano and Lagos) | **Lowest** - 24 (Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara, Plateau, Nasarawa, Kwara, Ebonyi, Edo, Enugu, Gombe, Abia, Bayelsa and Cross River).

\* The numbers are determined by population and landmass.

# My Public Servants

Every 4 years, I vote for people into these 9 offices:

## **President & Vice President (2)**

The President is the Chief Executive of the federation and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. He/she presents the budget to the National Assembly for approval.

The Vice President exercises executive powers as delegated by the President. He is also the Chairman of the National Economic Council (NEC).

## **Senator / House of Representatives Member / State House of Assembly Member (3)**

He/she has five (5) primary roles;

- 1 Appropriation** - pass the state/country's annual budget.
- 2 Lawmaking** - they make laws that promote peace, order and good government.
- 3 Representation** - as elected officials, they represent their constituencies.
- 4 Oversight** - ensure the executive arm of government is delivering on the projects monies had been appropriated for.
- 5 Consent** to high level appointments e.g Ministers (NASS), Commissioners (State), Central Bank Governor etc. (Senate Only)

## My Public Servants *contd.*

### Governor & Deputy Governor (2)

The Governor is the Chief Executive of the state, with ultimate responsibility for happenings in the state. He/she presents the budget to the State House of Assembly for approval.

The Deputy Governor exercises executive powers as delegated by the Governor.

### Local Government Chairman (1)

The Chairman is the Chief Executive of the local government. He/she presents the budget to the local government council for approval.

### Local Government Councilor (1)

He/she makes law, screens and approves the local government budget. He/she also performs oversight functions.

All other positions in government are appointed.

All elected and appointed public office holders are called – **Public Servants** – because their **only** responsibility is to **serve** the public.

Therefore, your office as a **citizen** is the **highest** office in the country!

In other words, they **work** for **you**!

## My Voting Diary

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PU #:

2019



2023



2027

VIN #:

(If you lose your voter's card, this information would be helpful)

2031

2035

2039

## Register

Once you turn 18, you are eligible to register and vote in Nigeria.

- If you are not registered, you cannot vote and others will determine who represents your community, LG, state and country on issues that matter to you.

To confirm your registration, you can check online - [www.voters.inecnigeria.org](http://www.voters.inecnigeria.org)



Your **VIN** is the number on the top-right of your PVC.



### Note:

INEC has suspended Continuous Voters' Registration (CVR) until further notice.

## PVC Frequently Asked Questions

### 1 What is a PVC?

Permanent Voters Card

### 2 What is the importance of a PVC?

You need it to vote.

### 3 Is my PVC ready?

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

### 4 Is the PVC I used in 2011 or 2015 or 2019 or 2023 still valid?

Yes!

### 5 I registered but did not pick up my PVC, can I pick it up now?

Check that you are in INEC's database - [voters.inecnigeria.org](http://voters.inecnigeria.org). If you are there, INEC will announce when PVC pick up opens up again.

### 6 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 PVC / Slip is missing, log on to INEC's Voters Database - [voters.inecnigeria.org](http://voters.inecnigeria.org) - and print your data page or present an ID card for identification.

## Select



On election day, you can only vote for a candidate who has been chosen by his/her political party through primaries or other channels. To participate in the choice of candidates, you would have to join a political party.

Don't vote for a candidate you do not know anything about!

Read about their plans and promises and ask questions about their plans.

- Have they shown **competence & capacity** to manage people and resources?
- Do they have the **character** to **serve** as public servants?
- Do they have the **courage** to take difficult decisions?
- Can they engage the people they serve with **compassion**?

• If a candidate is running again, what did they do before?

Did they **deliver** on their previous **promises**?

Are they **accessible**?

In a democracy, the major power we have with elected officials is our ability to vote them out for **non-performance**.

EiE hosts/co-hosts **debates** to provide a platform for citizens to listen to candidates and engage them on their promises and plans.

Look out for an EiE debate!  
[www.rsvp.ng](http://www.rsvp.ng)

## Vote

Accreditation **and** voting shall commence simultaneously at **8:30am** and close at **2:30pm**. All voters already on the outer queue by 2:30pm shall be accredited and allowed to vote.

Don't know your polling unit?  
Use the **Polling Unit Locator** tool:

[www.gotomypu.com](http://www.gotomypu.com)

## Protect Your Vote

First step of **'Protect'** is to ensure your vote counts on election day!

Stay vigilant and if possible, be at your polling unit during vote counting to ensure the results are reflective of votes cast.

You can report happenings or results in 3 ways:



### 1) INEC

Call:  
0700 CALL INEC,  
(0700 2255 4632)

SMS:  
0700 2255 4632

### 2) Situation Room

09032999919,  
09095050505

### 3) ReclaimNaija

SMS:  
081-66-66-22-22;  
081-20-00-66-22

Call:  
070-06-66-22-22  
070-41-06-48-55

Be aware of your environment on election day. Your safety is more important than reporting any illegal activity!

Be alert!





**ShineYourEye** is an **online** and **WhatsApp (Chatbot)** platform that facilitates engagement with National Assembly members and other elected officials.

It currently has some contact information for National Assembly members, State House of Assembly members, Local Government Chairmen and Governors. The database will soon include Local Government Councillors.

### **Online:**

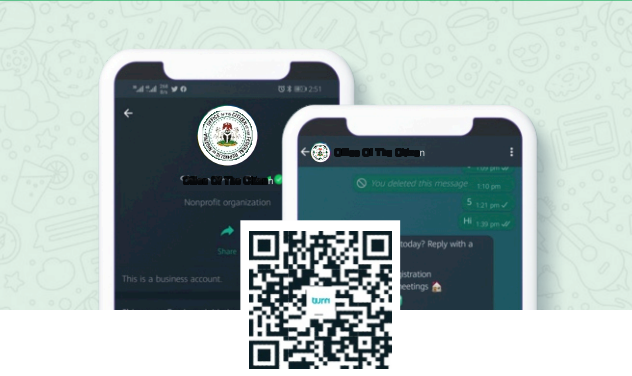
To find your representative, enter your Polling Unit (PU) number in the search box at the top right of the SYE website home page. You can also search by your state or local government.

[www.shineyoureye.org](http://www.shineyoureye.org)



**PU Number** – top left corner of PVC

## Office of the Citizen Chatbot





**meet Office of the Citizen**  
**CHATBOT**

**Your new assistant on civic engagement**

<p><b>KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Governors</li><li>■ Senators</li><li>■ House of Representatives Members</li><li>■ State House of Assembly Members</li><li>■ Local Government Chairmen &amp; Councillors</li></ul>	<p><b>ELECTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Registration</li><li>■ PVC Collection</li><li>■ Polling Unit (PU) Locator</li><li>■ Debates etc.</li></ul>
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**Get started** Send **“Hello”** via WhatsApp to **017006381**



# Guide to the Office of the Citizen

***“If Nigeria will change, it will possibly not come from the office of the President, It will start with the Office of the Citizen.”***

**- Femi Longe**  
(Co-Founder, CcHub)

A democracy is driven by people - **YOU!**

Now that you know your rights and understand how to engage in the electoral process, it's time to occupy your **Office of the Citizen!**

What does this mean? An active citizen **should** solve problems and hold government officials accountable. What can you do?

1. **Identify a problem** that upsets you enough to solve.
2. **Find others** in your community to work with you - hard to do things alone.
3. **Identify the duty bearers** - which government official / office is responsible for this issue? Search online or send us a message.
4. **Engage** the duty bearer till you get results. You can also get support from a CSO in your community.

It will not be easy but use social media; call-in programs on radio and influential people as allies if needed.

Check out profiles of active citizens here - **[www.oneperson.ng](http://www.oneperson.ng)**

# Election Facts

## 2027 Election Dates

<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b>	February 20
<b>Governorship &amp; State House of Assembly</b>	March 6

## Off-Cycle Governorship Elections

<b>Bayelsa/ Imo/ Kogi</b> November 11, 2023	<b>Edo/ Ondo</b> 2024	<b>Anambra</b> 2025
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## Voter Turnout for Presidential Elections

<b>Year</b>	<b>Registered Voters (million)</b>	<b>PVCs Collected (million)</b>	<b>Total Votes Cast (million)</b>	<b>Voter Turnout (Percentage)</b>
1999	57.9	N/A	30.3	52.30
2003	60.8	N/A	42.0	69.10
2007	61.6	N/A	35.4	57.50
2011	73.5	N/A	39.5	53.70
2015	67.4	54.3	29.4	43.70
2019	82.3	72.8	28.6	35.60
2023	93.4	87.2	24.9	26.72

Ideally voter turnout should be calculated as **Total Votes Cast / PVCs Collected** but its calculated using **Registered Voters**.



The local government (LG) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of government and the closest to the people as their roles include:

- provision and maintenance of primary health care services
- construction and maintenance of rural roads
- construction and maintenance of markets
- provision of nursery, primary and adult education.

However, due to the consistent abuse of their powers and lack of accountability over time, citizens look to the state government to provide what the LGA should constitutionally provide. As a result, local governments are the most ineffective tier of government in dispersing their duties.

The **#myLGA** project is mobilising and empowering citizens to demand responsive and accountable governance at the local government level by leveraging active citizens, religious leaders, media channels and government allocated projects.

[www.mylg.ng](http://www.mylg.ng)

# #MissingInNG

JULY 2019 - DECEMBER 2022

Nigeria, Africa's most populous black nation has not had a national census since 2006!

The spate of missing persons has been on the increase for over a decade. Yet, nothing substantive has been done by various administrations to create a missing persons database and open investigations where required, to bring the missing home - alive or dead.

**Missing people are not mere statistics. They are real people with real lives.**



Missing persons data verified by EiE Nigeria in the period under review (July 2019 - December 2022). This includes the mass kidnappings of 936 students from schools and 63 train abductees during this period.

In partnership with SB Morgen, we have published the maiden edition of the MissingInNG report.

To download, visit

[bit.ly/MissingInNGMaidenReport](https://bit.ly/MissingInNGMaidenReport)

Source: EiE Nigeria, SBM Intelligence

## Do you know anyone missing?

[www.governi.ng](http://www.governi.ng)



0812 004 4445



@MissingInNG

## Useful Information

FOCUS	CONTACT
Budget/Spending Issues	BudgIT <a href="http://www.yourbudgit.com">www.yourbudgit.com</a>  Connected Development (CODE) <a href="http://www.connecteddevelopment.org">www.connecteddevelopment.org</a>
Public Procurement	Public and Private Development Centre <a href="http://www.procurementmonitor.org">www.procurementmonitor.org</a>
Security Issues	CLEEN Foundation <a href="http://www.cleen.org">www.cleen.org</a>
All things elections	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) <a href="http://www.inecnigeria.org">www.inecnigeria.org</a>  Reclaim Naija <a href="http://www.reclaimnaija.net">www.reclaimnaija.net</a>  Situation Room <a href="http://www.situationroomng.org">www.situationroomng.org</a>
Law as a tool for social justice	Socio-Economic Rights Accountability Project (SERAP). <a href="http://www.serap-nigeria.org">www.serap-nigeria.org</a>  Citizens Gavel <a href="http://www.gavel.ng">www.gavel.ng</a>
Women's Issues	Women Arise for Change Initiative <a href="http://www.womenarise.org.ng">www.womenarise.org.ng</a>  Women Advocates Research & Documentation Centre (WARDC) <a href="http://www.wardc.org">www.wardc.org</a>
Youth	Youth Initiative for Advocacy, Growth & Advancement (YIAGA) <a href="http://www.yiaga.org">www.yiaga.org</a>
Bill Tracking	Policy & Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) <a href="http://www.placbillstrack.org">www.placbillstrack.org</a>

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designed to look like a passport.

Understanding the  
**“Office of the Citizen”**  
is the passport to  
a better life!



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