

## Citizen of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA

"The security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government." - Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999), Section 14 (b) (2)

#### ABOUT EIE

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

Visit our website for updates; calls to action; election and political information. You can also become an **EiE Enabler** and donate to support our work!

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 the 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).

## My Public Servants

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

- 1. President & Vice President (2)
- 2. Senator
- 3. House of Representatives Member
- 4. State Governor & Deputy Governor (2)
- 5. State House of Assembly Member
- 6. Local Government Chairman
- 7. Local Government Councilor

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.

In other words, they work for me!

## My Voting Diary

Name: 78	0938
PU #:	VIN #:
 ???	(If you lose your voter's card, this information would be helpful)
2015	2027
2019	2031
2023	2035

## Register

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

#### Why should you register?

- 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.
- Voters' registration is a contionous process with breaks 90 days before elections.
- Visit http://bit.ly/INEC-lga to learn where to register.



#### TIPS FOR NEW VOTERS

Register where you plan to vote on election day and ensure it's close to you.

Don't know your polling unit? Use the INEC Polling Unit Locator Tool: http://bit.ly/PULocator

To confirm your registration, you can check online or via sms.

ONLINE http://bit.ly/Voter-Status

#### SMS

Send an SMS to 0817 164 6879 with the following information: <State> <Sumame> <Last-5 or 6-digits (VIN NO)>

Example: Anambra Okeke 12345

Your **VIN No** is the number on the top left of your TVC & top right of your PVC.



VIN - top right corner of PVC

#### **PVC**s

If you have a TVC but haven't picked up your PVC, use the INEC PVC locator tool

**pvc.inecnigeria.org)** to know the pickup center closest to where you registered.

#### LOST CARD

Apply in person to the Electoral Officer of your LGA for a replacement not later than thirty (30) days before the election.

#### MOVED

Have you relocated? Write an application to the Resident Electoral Commissioner of your state of residence attached with your voter' card.

Submit the letter at your state's INEC headquarters. Remember to keep a copy.

You will be assigned a polling unit in your new constituency and issued a new voter's card. Your name will be deleted from your previous constituency's voters list.

Apply for transfer more than 30 days before the election.

## 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 their manifestos 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?



 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 **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!

## Vote

Accreditation **and** voting shall commence simultaneously at **8am** and close at **2pm**.

## 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) Phone Call:

INEC: 0700 CALL INEC, 0700 2255 4632

Reclaim Naija: 07006662222



2) **SMS:** INEC: 0700 2255 4632

> Reclaim Naija: 0809 023 1111 0816 666 2222 0812 000 6622

3) Mobile App: EiE's Revoda www.revoda.org.ng

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

Be alert!

## ReVoDa

**Revoda** is a mobile phone application that turns citizens into observers & reporters.

- The unique feature about Revoda is that it's tied to each user's polling unit (PU) number.
- Users can also add nearby PUs from which they can send reports.
- Once setup, users can choose the relevant PU and send reports.
- A PU number is not unique as everyone in a polling unit has the same number, therefore it's not a security threat.



# ShineYourEye

**ShineYourEye** is an **SMS** and **online** platform that allows citizens to engage elected officials.

It currently has some contact information for National Assembly members & Governors. The database will soon include the other 3 elected offices - State House of Assembly member (1) Local Govt. officials (2).

To find your representatives in the **National Assembly**, simply text **'SYE' and your polling unit** (PU) number to **20050**. You will get a return SMS with their names and contact information.

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PU Number - top left corner of PVC

#### Example: SYE 13-14-10-008

# **Useful Information**

FOCUS	CONTACT
Budget/Spending Issues	BudgIT www.yourbudgit.com
	Connected Development (CODE) www.connecteddevelopment.org
Public Procurement	Public and Private Development Centre www.procurementmonitor.org
Security Issues	CLEEN Foundation www.cleen.org
All things elections	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) www.inecnigeria.org 0700 CALL INEC (0700 2255 4632)
	Reclaim Naija www.reclaimnaija.net
	Election Monitor www.electionmonitorng.blogspot.com
Law as a tool for social justice	Socio-Economic Rights Accountability Project (SERAP). www.serap-nigeria.org
Women's Issues	Women Arise for Change Initiative www.womenarise.org.ng
	Women Advocates Research & Documentation Centre (WARDC) www.wardc.org
Youth	Youth Initiative for Advocacy, Growth & Advancement (YIAGA) www.yiaga.org
Bill Tracking	Policy & Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) www.placbillstrack.org

### This document was deliberately designed to look like a passport.

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

