

## INEC READY FOR ANAMBRA POLL

When the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) affirmed its readiness to conduct the November 6, 2021 Anambra Governorship election in the face of glaring security challenges in Anambra and surrounding states, the Commission was not mincing words.

Speaking at an emergency meeting with members of the Inter-Agency Consultative Committee on Electoral Security (ICCES) held October 5, 2021, where he also declared INEC's readiness to go ahead with its Timetable and Schedule of Activities for the election, the INEC Chairman, Professor Mahmood Yakubu, Chairman recalled that the Commission's State Office in Awka was attacked in May, resulting in the destruction of all non-sensitive materials assembled for the governorship election. Besides, the store, collation centre and main office building were either totally or substantially damaged, in addition to the loss of several vehicles used for electoral activities.

He said: "Happily, we have almost fully recovered from that attack. The destroyed buildings have either been completely repaired or are nearing completion, and we have fully

replaced the materials destroyed. This rapid recovery has only been possible because this is an off-season election. We have sourced some of these materials, such as the 326 electric generators and vehicles destroyed in the attack from the neighbouring states. However, should we again lose vital materials and facilities, the ongoing preparations will be adversely affected."

Two days after the emergency meeting (Thursday, 7th October,

candidates for the election, on Thursday, 7th October, 2021.

Afterwards, the Commission embarked on printing the manual copies of the Register containing 2,525,471 voters to be used during the election. The Anambra REC also informed Leaders of Political Parties during the presentation ceremony that the Commission would print the Permanent Voters' Cards (PVCs) for collection by the new registrants ahead of the 6th November polls.




■ REC, Anambra, Dr. NKWACHUKWU Orji addressing leaders of Political Parties and Stakeholders at the presentation of Register of Voters for Anambra, in Awka to Leaders of Political Parties

Other ongoing activities preparatory to the November 6 governorship election in Anambra state include; series of Trainings and Capacity Building for staff to be deployed for the election, Stakeholders' engagements at State and Local Government Levels, as well as Voter Education and public enlightenment.

The Commission also activated the online portal for accreditation of reputable Media organisations intending to deploy staff to cover the election on Monday, 4th October, 2021 for a period of 3 weeks, till 26th October 2021.

Already, the Commission has accredited some 83 Civil Society Organisations to serve as Observers for the election. Out of that number, 77










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are domestic, while 6 are international organisations.

The Commission in its desire to conduct an election that meets the yearnings and aspirations of Nigerians come November 6, 2021, has shown its commitment to

leave no stone unturned to achieve this. What is left is for critical stakeholders in the electoral process, the political parties, the Media, security agencies, CSOs etc to match the Commission's commitment with maximum support for a hitch-free governorship election in Anambra State.



Gender and Inclusivity Department organises Voter Education Sensitisation for Women in Awka, Anambra State.

## PHOTO NEWS



Cross Section of Voter Education Providers at a Sensitisation Forum for them in Awka for Anambra Governorship Election



Sensitization Forum for PWDs in preparation for November 6th Governorship Election in Awka Anambra State.

## ABS MD ASSURES INEC OF COLLABORATION TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL POLL IN ANAMBRA STATE

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Anambra Broadcasting Service (ABS) Dr. Uche Nworah, has assured the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) of the Station's commitment to ensure the success of the November 6, Governorship election in the State through timely dissemination of relevant information.

The MD, who gave the assurance last week when officials of the Commission led by Director Voter Education and Publicity (VEP) Mr. Victor Aluko paid him a courtesy visit in his Station in Awka, Anambra commended the Commission for its avowed commitment in ensuring free and fair election in the State, which he noted is in line with the vision of the State administration, and expectations of Anambra people for the sustenance of good governance in the State.

He appealed to the Commission to embark on voter sensitisation and education of the people on electoral processes regularly not only during election.

Dr. Nworah urged INEC to improve on its previous exercises to ensure that no political party is denied chances of success in the Anambra governorship election, even as he thanked the Commission for the support to ABS Bureau in Abuja as the office is always bringing

stories about INEC.

He commended the Commission for the support to the Bureau and assured that the relation would continue even after the Anambra election.

Earlier, the Director, Voter Education and Publicity Mr. Victor Aluko said that the team was in Awka to engage with the Media on the forthcoming Governorship election in the

state and decided to pay a courtesy visit on the Station as a mark of appreciation to the support given to INEC on voter education and enlightenment.

He commended the Station for effective coverage of the Commission's activities by ABS team in Abuja and appealed to the station to sustain the tempo as Governorship election in the state approaches.

The Director assured the MD that INEC is committed to conducting free, fair,



Third Left - MD/ CEO Anambra Broadcasting Service, Dr. Uche Nworah Fourth Right - DVEP, Mr. Victor Aluko, Third right - HOD VEP Anambra, Mr. Samuel Nimem, Second right, AD New Media Chinwe Ogbuka, First Left - AD Broadcast Media, Mr. Chukwuemeka Ugboaja and Senior Staff of the Station during the visit to ABS.

credible and transparent Governorship election on November 6, 2021 and appealed to Anambra people to come out that day to vote for the candidate of their choice.

He disclosed that the new innovations put in place by the Commission will further ensure that the wish of the people prevails in the election, and encouraged people to come out and vote, and called on the political parties to sustain mobilization of the electorate for a smooth Anambra governorship election.



# INEC ENGAGES THE MEDIA IN ANAMBRA STATE

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) engaged the media towards mobilization, sensitization and voter education of the voters with regard to the upcoming Anambra State governorship election scheduled for the 6th of November, 2021. The Voter Education and Publicity department of INEC held series of media engagements in Awka, Anambra State capital last week.

There was a Forum for Media Executives, a workshop for the Journalists and live appearances on several radios and television stations by the directing staff of the department. All the engagements were geared toward enlightening the media and the people on the level of preparedness of the Commission to conduct a free, fair, credible and transparent governorship election in the state, the new innovations in technology the Commission is deploying in the election, the need to shun violence and vote buying.

The National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee, Barr Festus Okoye, represented by the Director, Voter Education and Publicity, Victor Aluko, charged the media to as critical stakeholders in the electoral process to engage in voter enlightenment and sensitization on the new technological innovations aimed at ensuring free, fair and credible election in Anambra state. He urged the media to



**Second Left: Administrative Secretary, INEC Anambra, Mr. Chima Duruaku who represented the REC, Dr. Nkwachukwu Orji, Third Left- Director, Voter Education and Publicity, Mr. Victor Aluko Assistant Director, New Media Chinwe Ogbuka Fifth Left - Chukwuemeka Ugboaja, Assistant Director Broadcast Media and the Participants.**

preach for peaceful election even as he charged them to mobilize the voters in Anambra state to come out en mass to vote for candidate of their choice assuring the people of a free fair and credible election in Anambra State.

In his welcome addresses, the Resident Electoral Commissioner, Anambra State, Dr Nkwachukwu Orji, represented by the Head of Department, Voter Education and Publicity in the state,

Samuel Nimem charged the media to be objective in their reportage even as the seek for clarifications and the side of the Commission before they publish. He also reassured the media that his doors are always open for them to seek for balance in their stories.

The Voter Education and Publicity team help several radio and television discussion and phone in programmes in many media houses in the state.



**DVEP, Mr. Victor Aluko speaking on the Aims and Objectives of the Workshop and making opening remarks on behalf of National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee (IVEC), Festus Okoye Esq.**

## TEI ORGANISES WORKSHOP FOR ToTs

Further to the implementation of the approved Cascade training plan for Anambra State Governorship Election scheduled to hold on 6th November, 2021, \*the Electoral Institute conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on Wednesday 13th October, 2021.\*

The objective of the training is to get participants acquitted with the new initiatives and innovations introduced by the Commission into the Electoral process to ensure transparency, credibility and sanctity of the ballot.

The participants are mainly TEI certified trainers made up of staff of the Commission from the Headquarters and Electoral Institute.

The training started at 11am prompt with

registration of participants.

The Hon. National Commissioner and Chairman, Board of Electoral Institute (BEI) Mallam Muhammad Kudu Haruna declared the training open. In his address, the Chair BEI expressed satisfaction at the level of preparation of Trainers as they prepare to implement the Cascade training plan of Adhoc staff for the forthcoming Governorship Election. He highlighted the significance of the training stating how it would serve to enhance the professional conduct of staff and Adhoc personnel on Election duty.

The Director General of the Electoral Institute, Dr. Sa'ad Umar Idris in his welcome address reiterated the need for trainers to acquit themselves with the new processes and procedures brought about by the introduction of innovations such as the BVAS and INEC-SANS. He further urged participants to give the training all attention it deserves so as to ensure an effective step down of the training for SPOs and POs/APOs.

Also present at the training are Director

Training, Dr. Binta Kassim Mohammed, Director E-Operations - Alhaji A.T Yussuf, Director Research, Dr. Ibrahim Sani, Director P & M. Mr. Paul Omokore, Director ICT represented by Dr. Bayode Lawrence and Director Legal represented by Barr Rakia Na'uzo. They all in their goodwill messages wished trainers a successful outing as they prepare to train both Adhoc and Commission staff for the Anambra State Governorship election.



**Centre - Chairman, Board of Electoral Institute (BEI) Mallam Mohammed K., (to his left): DG (TEI), Dr Sa'ad U. Idris, Director P&M, Mr. Paul Omokore, Director Training - Dr. Binta Kasim. (To the right): Director Electoral Operations A. T. Yusuf, Director Research and Documentation Dr. Ibrahim Sani; and Acting AS, TEI, Mr. Tunde A. Ojedokun at the Training**

Participants would be introduced to the INEC Security Alert and Notification System (INEC - SANS) and the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System. Trainers would also discuss the Agenda for the training of Supervisory Presiding Officers.

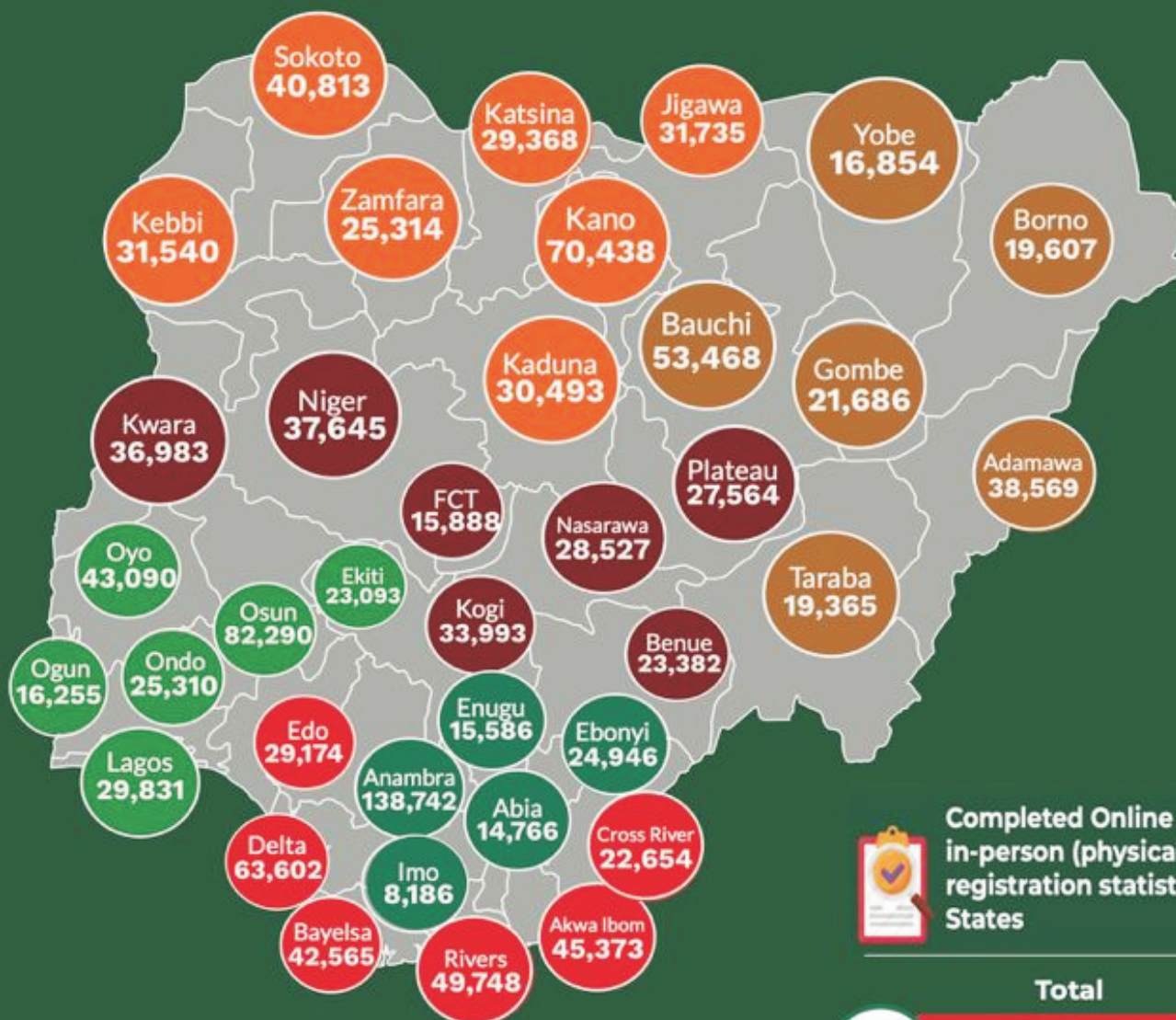


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## Completed Registration

(As at 7am on Monday, 18th October 2021)



Completed Online and  
in-person (physical)  
registration statistics by  
States

Total



**1,308,443**

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