

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION TO SERVE AS OBSERVER GROUPS FOR BYE ELECTIONS/RE-RUN ELECTIONS – 3RD FEBRUARY, 2024

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) hereby invites registered Civil Society Organization (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) as well as other interested stakeholders whose work is on democracy, governance and election and who wish to observe the bye-elections/run-elections scheduled to hold on 3rd February, 2024 to visit (<http://observergroups.inecnigeria.org>) and complete the application form. This is without prejudice to any previous correspondence with the Commission. Completion of the prescribed application form (EC14A(I)) remains the only accepted means of application.

2. (i) The vacancies for the bye-elections/re-run-elections occurred across two Senatorial Districts, four Federal Constituencies, and three State Constituencies spanning nine States of the Federation.

(ii) Furthermore, the Commission is conducting bye-elections/re-run elections stemming from the 2023 general election, as directed by various election petition Appeal Tribunals. Currently, 35 Constituencies are affected by these Court-ordered elections, while three cover entire constituencies, others involve only a few polling units.

(iii) Both categories of elections are scheduled to take place simultaneously in all affected constituencies on Saturday 3rd February, 2024.

3. Observer groups should particularly note that all other information including legal status (registration with CAC), evidence of registration with the Civil Society Desk at INEC-Headquarters, evidence of registration previous election observation with INEC (if any), acknowledgment of submission of reports of observation (if any) should accompany the application.

4. Any falsification of documents in the submissions will lead to automatic disqualification and possible prosecution.

5. The deadline for submission of application is 17th January, 2024. The list of successful observer groups approved for accreditation will subsequently be published on the Commission's website and EPM Observer's WhatsApp platform.

Please be guided accordingly.



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