

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

TIMETABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION 2022

The Tenure of the Governor of Ekiti State will expire on the 15th day of October, 2022. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 178 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25 (7) and (8) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), the earliest date for the Election into the office of the Governor, Ekiti State, shall be the 18th day of May, 2022 and the latest date for the Election shall be 15th day of September, 2022.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 178 (2) of the Constitution and Section 25 (8) of the Electoral Act, Election into the office of a State Governor shall hold not earlier than One Hundred and Fifty (150) days and not later than Thirty (30) days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of the office. The Commission is by virtue of Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, expected to issue Notice of the Election not later than Ninety (90) days before the date of the Election.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Independent National Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) and of all other Powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby issues this Timetable and Schedule of Activities for the conduct of Governorship Election in Ekiti State:

S/N	ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARK
i	Notice of Election.	3 rd January, 2022	Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as
	•		amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election.

2	Collection of Forms EC9 (Formerly CF001) and EC9B (Formerly CF002) for the election by political parties on INEC website.	4 th January, 2022	Collection by Political parties to be issued to their candidates.
3	Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	4 th – 29 th January, 2022	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010.
4	Submission of Forms EC9 and EC9B online (Nomination portal).	9.00AM 31 st January - 6.00PM 4 th February, 2022	Section 31(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 60 days before the election. EC9 (Personal Particulars of Candidates). EC9B (Names /List of Nominated Candidates). Access code for the submission of nomination forms shall be available for collection from 29th January, 2022 at the Commission's Headquarters.
5	Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (EC9) by the Commission.	11 th February, 2022	Section 31(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of Form EC9.
6	Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	25 th February, 2022	Section 35 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 45 days to the election.
7	Last day for submission of Nomination forms (EC13B) by Political Parties.	11 th March, 2022	To enable Political Parties comply with Section 32(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended).
8	Commencement of campaign by Political Parties in public.	20 th March, 2022	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day.
9	Publication of official Register of Voters for the election by the Commission.	19 th May, 2022	Section 20 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 30 days before the election.

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10	Publication of final list of nominated candidates by the Commission.	19 th May, 2022	Section 34 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides at least 30 days before the day of election.
11	Publication of Notice of Poll by the Commission.	3 rd June, 2022 .	Section 46 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
12	Last day for submission of names of Polling Agents for the Election to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Area by Political Parties.	3 rd June, 2022	Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
13	Last day for campaigns by Political Parties.	16 th June, 2022	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days for commencement of campaigns by Political parties and end of same 24 hours before polling day.
14	Date of Election.	18 th June, 2022	Section 178 (1) & (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25(8) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) empower the Commission to appoint a date for the Governorship election not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

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