

Nigerian Presidential Election, 2023:

Nigeria Welcomes Tinubu as its President-Elect

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Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, speaking through his spokesman, Garba Shehu, conveyed to the people of Nigeria, "Elected by the people, Tinubu is the best person for the job. I shall now work with him and his team to ensure an orderly handover of power."

Buhari urged Obi, Atiku and other contenders, aggrieved by the election result and the conduct by INEC, to seek redress in court.

Muhammadu Buhari completes his term as President on May 29, 2023.



*Wed, 1st March 2023: President-Elect of Nigeria: **Bola Ahmed Adekunle Tinubu***

The people of Nigeria and most of the important leaders of society are proud of the Feb 25-26 elections as the most transparent and fair election, Nigeria has ever organized during its entire democratic journey.

On February 25-26 was organized Africa's largest democratic election. The elections show that in Africa, in spite of military coups and radical mafias like Boko Haram, democracy remains relevant.

The Presidential Election of Feb 25-26 was keenly contested, as the following data (compiled by **Akinwole Falodun**) will show:



Tinubu was presented with a Certificate as a President-Elect by the INEC chairman Professor Mahmood Yakubu. Tinubu was Governor of Lagos State (1999-2007) and has excellent infrastructure in Lagos and all-round progress of the State to his credit.

The INFORMAL PRINCIPLE of INCLUSION and ZONING: When PDP chose Atiku as its Presidential candidate, it breached the zoning principle.

Then PDP itself continued to rub insult on the faces of southern leaders in the Party by insisting on keeping the position of National Chairman in the North.

This led to the rebellion of the G5 Governors and their subsequent campaign against Atiku's candidature. The party was fractured into three parts, with Alhaji Rabiu Kwankwaso and Mr Peter Obi breaking away to the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) and the Labour Party respectively.

Hence it may be said that Breach of the Informal Principle of Inclusion by PDP contributed to its defeat.

*DiGiNews360.com had counted the **Informal Rules of Political Inclusion** as one of the successes of Nigeria in "25th February: Start the Process of Making Nigeria Great" at <https://diginews360.com/25th-feb-start-the-process-of-making-nigeria->*

great/ . Hence DiGiNews360.com hopes that this Principle will be followed by all the Parties.

FAYOSE's ADVICE: On Wednesday, the former Ekiti State governor, Ayodele Fayose has advised the Presidential candidate of the Labour Party in the just concluded election, Peter Obi to run away from the PDP.

Interpretation by DiGiNews360.com of Fayose's advice: Fayose wants Obi to accept the results of the elections of Feb25-26 gracefully.

Mr. Peter Obi has been joining Press-conferences jointly with Atiku Abubakar for protesting against fairness and transparency of the election.

Fayose wants Obi to stop joining Atiku Abubakar in questioning the fairness and transparency of the Presidential elections of February 25-26, 2023.

APC COMMENDS SUPPORT by WIKE: Thursday, March 2, 2023: Davies Iheanachor reported in Vanguard that Tony Okocha, Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the APC for the Presidential Campaign in the Rivers state and a member of the party's Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) said that they were able to win 40% vote from Rivers state due to the support, extended by Governor Ezenwo Nyesom Wike of Rivers state, a leading member of the G5 Governors (Integrity Group). He noted that both in 2015 and in 2019, APC could not win even 25% vote in the State.

David has also reported that some members of the PCC want APC to support Wike's preferred candidate, Siminalaye Fubara, as a way of reciprocating the governor's support during the presidential polls. Fubara is the PDP candidate for 2023 Rivers State gubernatorial election. On 11 March 2023, elections to Rivers state Governorship and 27 other gubernatorial elections in other States, will be organized. The elections to all other state houses of assembly will also take place on the same day.

Note: 1. For a Brief Note on candidates of four major Parties for the Presidential Elections in Nigeria 2023, please see <https://diginews360.com/facts-in-brief/>

2. Please read "A BRIEF RECAP by Babakehinde Aderemi Owolabi ", along with an Editor's Note at <https://diginews360.com/nigerias-presidential-election-2023-november-6-2022/>