

Elections Nigeria: Assemblies and Governorships:

Issues of Political Inclusion for Senate and National Assembly

Elections of Governors and State Assemblies

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March 7-8, 2023: **Political Inclusion for Presiding Officers for Senate and National Assembly:** The Senators and House of Representatives members, elected at the elections of February 25-26, will be issued their Certificates of Return at the International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7 and March 8.



The Nigerian Parliament

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APC has won the largest number of seats in both the Senate and the National Assembly. Hence it must take initiative to ensure that the positions of the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Deputy Senate President, the Deputy Speaker and the Principal Officers are chosen so that all the geo-political zones and both the religions are represented in the new power structure.

Both the President-Elect and the Vice President-Elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu from the South West and Senator Kashim Shetima from the North East, are of the Islamic faith.

March 6, 2023: **Preparing BVAS system for Elections of 11th March:** Saturday's Governorship and State Assembly elections require BVAS to be re-configured: The Court order granting the unsuccessful presidential candidates of PDP and Labour parties to do electronic scanning and make photocopies of voters' registration and ballot papers of the presidential elections of Feb 25-26. That means INEC cannot reconfigure BVAS for the elections of March 1, 2023.



The Court will have to terminate the facility for Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi so that the elections of 11th March are not required to be postponed.

While Electoral Commissions from other African countries are visiting INEC in Abuja to learn about the new technological innovations, introduced by INEC, some of the political parties of Nigeria are yet to understand and the way technology is making the elections more fair and transparent.


