

*Nigeria: Presidential Inauguration 2023:*

## **Nigeria: Program of Inaugural Activities & Court Cases**

May 19, 2023

On February 25-26, 2023, Presidential elections took place in Nigeria. INEC declared the results on March 1, 2023 by issuing a Certificate to Bola Tinubu as the President-Elect. Within a few days, Tinubu was provided with a residence in Defence House to begin the process of transfer of power from President Muhammadu Buharu on May 29, 2023.

INAUGURAL PROGRAM Press Conference: May 18, 2023: Boss Mustapha , Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) and Chairman, Presidential Transition Council, held a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and announced the program of Inauguration. He said the theme of the 2023 Transition has been chosen as follows:

### **‘NIGERIA: Better Together’**

**On 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 will be the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive democratic transition of power at the Federal level in Nigeria.**

In February, 2023, the President through Executive Order 14, approved the establishment of the Presidential Transition Council (PTC). The 24-member Council inclusive of two representatives of the President-Elect was inaugurated on 14th February 2023.

The PTC also built on the foundation laid by the Transition Technical Task Team (TTTT) which I inaugurated in December 2022. The Task Team is the product of a collaborative effort between the Federal Government and development partners including

- UK - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO): Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL)
- Nigerian Think Tank: Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)
- Nigeria Governors’ Forum (NGF)

and others

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2023 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Date	Activity	Venue
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	World Press Conference by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation	The Rotunda Hall , Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CBD, Abuja
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2023	Regimental Dinner in honor of the Commander in Chief	Armed Forces Officers Mess @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Valedictory Federal Executive Council Meeting	FEC Chambers, Aso Villa
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Investiture of the President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect with the National Honors of Grand Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (GCFR) and Grand Commander of Order of the Niger (GCON) respectively and Handover of Transition Documents	State House Conference Centre @ 10:00am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Public Lecture and Jumaat Prayer	National Mosque @ 10:00am & 1:30 pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Inauguration Lecture on the topic: <b>Deepening Democracy for Integration and Development</b> by His Excellency, Uhuru M. Kenyatta, former President of Kenya	International Conference Centre, @ 10:00am
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Children's Day Program (i). Parade; and (ii). Children's Party	(i). Old Parade Ground @ 10:00am (ii). State House Conference Centre @ 2:00pm
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Inter-denominational Church Service Inauguration Dinner/Gala Night	National Christian Centre @ 10:00am State House Conference Centre @ 7:00PM
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Inauguration Parade/Swearing-In	Eagle Square, CBD @ 10:00am. All Guests to be seated by 8:30am
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May,	Post Inauguration	State House

Thus the Inauguration festival will begin on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

COURT CASES: After INEC declared the result of the Presidential elections, PDP and Labor parties had filed the court petitions against Bola Tinubu's election in the Court of Appeal.



The Presidential Election Petition Court began its sitting in Abuja last Monday. Five members of the court panel are:

1. Haruna Tsammani, presiding justice of Abuja Division (63)
2. Stephen Adah, presiding justice, Asaba Division (65)
3. Misitura Bolaji-Yusuf, Asaba Division (63)
4. Moses Ugo, Kano Division (57)
5. Abba Mohammed, Ibadan Division (62)

The Judges are drawn from five of the six geo-political regions of Nigeria – South-west, South-south, North-west, North-East and North-central.

They have up to September to deliver their judgement, and a displeased party can still appeal to the Supreme Court.

The sprawling complex of the Court of Appeal headquarters is perched on the fringes of the Three Arms Zone, Abuja – the domicile of Nigeria's highest executive, legislative and judicial powers.

**Note:** Please read "Nigeria Welcomes Tinubu as its President-Elect" of March 3, 2023 at <https://diqinews360.com/nigeria-welcomes-tinubu-as-its-president-elect/>