

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION TO SERVE AS OBSERVER GROUPS FOR 2027 GENERAL ELECTION

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) hereby invites registered Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Diplomatic Corps and other stakeholders whose work is on democracy, governance and election wishing to observe the Nigeria 2027 General elections scheduled to hold on **16th January (national election) and 6th February 2027 (state election)** to visit (<http://observergroups.inecnigeria.org>) and apply. This is without prejudice to any previous correspondence with the Commission.

2. Observer groups are to submit information including legal status (registration with CAC or other relevant Agency), evidence of registration with the Civil Society Desk at INEC Headquarters, evidence of previous election observations with INEC (if any) and acknowledgment page of submission of reports of election observation (if any), With the completed form EC14A(I)
3. The deadline for submission of application (Form EC14A (1)) is **26TH October, 2026**. The list of successful observer groups approved for accreditation will be published.
4. Any falsification of documents in the submissions will lead to automatic disqualification and possible prosecution.

ACCREDITATION OF SUCCESSFUL OBSERVER GROUPS

5. Each successful group would be required to complete the online deployment of field observers' Form (EC14A (ii)) and submit same.
6. Successful observer groups should also note that in order to enable the Commission produce identification/accreditation tags for deployed field observers, passport photographs of the field observers to be deployed to the field should be arranged on Local Government Area (LGA) basis, in JPEG Format.

7. NOTE ON ELECTION OBSERVATION EXERCISE

Observer groups should note that the core principle of election observation in line with best practices, would guide the conduct of field observers during the election. These include impartiality, objectivity and non-partisanship.

Please be guided accordingly.

SIGNED: INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)