



QUARTER	ACTIVITY	DATE
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Registration of Voters	28 <sup>th</sup> June – 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
	Display of the Register for claims and objections	24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Registration of Voters	4 <sup>th</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
	Display of the Register for claims and objections	24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Registration of Voters	3 <sup>rd</sup> January – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022
	Display of the Register for claims and objections	26 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Registration of Voters	11 <sup>th</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
	Display of the Register for claims and objections	4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

## SCHEDULE OF THE CVR

By the schedule of the CVR, the exercise will run for 13 months, thereafter it will be suspended in preparation for the 2023 general elections. The first quarter of the CVR which took off on the 28th of June 2021 will end on 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 to allow for Display of the Register for claims and objections from citizens from 24<sup>th</sup> of September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Second quarter of the exercise is expected to run from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with the window for claims and objections for the second quarter being between 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the CVR is slated to start on 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. The Claims and Objections for the quarter will be between 26<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The 4<sup>th</sup> and final quarter for the CVR will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and last till 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 with the claims and objection window opening from 4<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Thereafter the registration exercise will be suspended till after the 2023 general elections.

## PHYSICAL CVR RESUMES NATION-WIDE

Continuous Voter Registration [CVR] in its physical form resumed nation-wide on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Twenty-eight days after the Independent National Electoral Commission [INEC] resumed the registration exercise with a novel online registration, the CVR is back in its traditional form.

The CVR was suspended in August 2018, few months before the 2019 general elections, to allow the Commission room to clean its records and also to print Permanent Voter's Card for all those registered. As at the time the exercise was suspended the total voting population stood at 84, 271,832.

Announcing details of the online registration few days before it commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Honourable Chairman of the Commission, Professor Mahmood Yakubu had assured that traditional registration of voters will follow in due course. The introduction of online



registration, the Honourable Chairman explained, "is consistent with the Commission's commitment to continue to deepen the use of technology in the electoral process in Nigeria". In adding online registration to the traditional physical registration, INEC is out to widen the space so as to enable all eligible Nigerians who desire to register to do so and at minimal or no inconvenience.

Four weeks after the online portal was opened, records indicate clearly that Nigerians have embraced the innovation. The massive number of applications received from eligible Nigerians across the country within the period is an obvious endorsement of the Commission's decision to introduce further deployment of technology in the registration exercise. As at 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 1,006,661 new registrations have been made using

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the online portal. Appointments for the completion of the exercise had been booked by most. This number cut across different demographics, including youths and disadvantaged groups.

The resumption of physical registration on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July marked the confirmation of the assurance by INEC through its helmsman that there was no basis for worries that some eligible Nigerians may be shut out of opportunity to register with the advent of online registration. For those who are not in a position to use the online registration portal the physical registration as it has always been has now commenced to accommodate all.

The physical CVR would actually have resumed much earlier than 26<sup>th</sup> of July, but for circumstances beyond the control of INEC. Using the opportunity of the last meeting of the Commission with Resident Electoral Commissioners to throw more light on the situation Professor Yakubu explained the background to the systematic and gradual activation of physical registration centres across the country. As he explained it, "our aim is to activate some 2,673 centres to which we intend to deploy 5,346 officials for in-person registration. However, after consultation with stakeholders, the Commission is proceeding systematically as we review the security situation across the country.

"We agreed with stakeholders, including the security agencies, to start from our State and Local Government offices. This means an initial 811 locations nationwide made up of 37 State and FCT offices and 774 Local Government Areas. We have configured enough machines and commenced deployment nationwide for further training of officials in readiness for the commencement of the physical registration".

He further disclosed that information regarding designated centres for the physical registration centres has been made public. His words: "the list of the 811 centres for the take-off of the physical registration nationwide, including their locations and dedicated telephone numbers for

each State Office nationwide in case of enquiry by citizens, has been uploaded on our website and social media platforms.

Even after the registration exercise was scheduled to resume on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, circumstances again necessitated adjustment in the date. On July 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee (IVEC), Barrister Festus Okoye issued a statement in which he explained that the Commission was compelled to review and adjust the initial date scheduled for the physical registration commencement due to the public holiday declared by the Federal Government. As a result, a new date of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 was announced.

As the doors for physical CVR re-



■ Prof. Yakubu, INEC Chairman

opens, Nigerians who are 18 years and above and have not registered, or registered voters who have had any problem during the accreditation in past elections with either their Permanent Voter Card's (PVC) or finger prints not being read by the Smart Card Reader (SCR), can walk into any of the designated centres to get registered.

INEC has always placed premium attention on the exercise of registration of voters. The Commission realizes that the foundation of every credible election is a credible register of voters. In the words of Prof. Yakubu, "A good register of voters is a precursor to a good election".

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[as amended]  
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After the initial hiccup caused primarily by security problems, the CVR has now fully commenced. The Commission did not initially plan for a phased commencement of the registration exercise. However, it had little choice than to take that route. In a press conference on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in which he announced the commencement of the CVR with the online platform, Professor Yakubu said that the Commission was deeply concerned over the recent attacks on its offices across the country. Although the attacks have subsided, the Commission is still deeply worried by the threat that they could pose to registrants and our staff during the CVR."

The Commission thereafter engaged in consultations with stakeholders on what to do. A consensus was reached that the Commission must place a high premium on securing the lives of registrants, staff members and the protection of the expensive registration equipment to be deployed for the exercise. "Consequently, they advised that the Commission should adopt a graduated approach to the CVR exercise by starting online. The Commission adopted that formula.

The resumption of the physical CVR on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 offers more eligible Nigerians, especially those in the rural areas the opportunity to go out and get registered as voters.

# IVED REPLACES DDCM

In keeping with the mandate of the Commission provided by both the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 [as amended] and Section 10 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended), INEC has always handled registration of voters with utmost seriousness. The Electoral Act 2010 [as amended] taking cue from the Constitution clearly tasked the Commission with the duty to “compile, maintain and update on a continuous basis, a national Register of voters”. The Commission sees the registration of voters as critical. Over the years therefore, the process and method of registering voters and maintaining the Register of Voters have steadily evolved, with the Commission incrementally upgrading the use of technology to enhance the integrity of the registration process as well as the maintenance of the Voters' Roll. The Coming of the Direct Data Capture Machine [DDCM] before the 2007 elections marked a leap in the deployment of technology for registration of voters. But the Commission did not rest on its oars, as it continued to explore means of improving on the system.

As the arrangement of registration goes however, it was not until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 that the Commission commenced the registration of voters on a truly continuous basis. That marked the beginning of Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) nationwide. The CVR progressed impressively across the nation for over one year until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 when the exercise was suspended to enable the



■ L-R, National Commissioners, Dr. Adekunle Ogunmola, Prof. Okechukwu Ibeanu, Barr. May Agbamuche-Mbu, Hon. Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, National Commissioners, Barr. Festus Okoye, AVM (rt) Ahmad Mua'zu and Mohammed Haruna at the unveiling of the IVED.

Commission clean its records and print voter's card in preparation for the conduct of the 2019 general elections.

The Commission has always lived up to its commitment to enhance the integrity of the register of voters. The Commission under Professor Mahmood Yakubu, with an abiding commitment to deploy technology on a higher scale to enhance the electoral process is not leaving out the method for registering voters.

In the preparation for resumption of the CVR, Prof. Yakubu had at a Press Conference on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, expressed the determination of the Commission to deepen the use of technology in the electoral process. He spoke of plans to deploy a more advanced and compact registration device to capture

better all the necessary features of Nigerians during the CVR.

On this note, the Chairman announced that the Commission was migrating to the INEC Voter Enrolment Device (IVED), a new voter enrollment software, which is based on an Android tablet to replace the DDCM which has served the Commission for over 10 years.

The IVED is a tablet computer with special components such as Fingerprint Scanner, camera with facial detector, high processing capability, large storages-RAM, USB-powered portable thermal printer etc.

Surrounded by the National Commissioners at the programme to unveil the IVED, Prof. Yakubu announced that the new device, IVED has other

features that will not be only for registration of voters during CVR, but can equally be used to accredit voters during election.

For the seamless commencement of physical or in-person CVR which resumed on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, IVED has been fully deployed to all the registration centres across the country.

Interesting, this latest technology which will enhance the registration process and improve the quality of data of registrants was designed by the Commission's engineers to make it compatible with the Android Operating System.

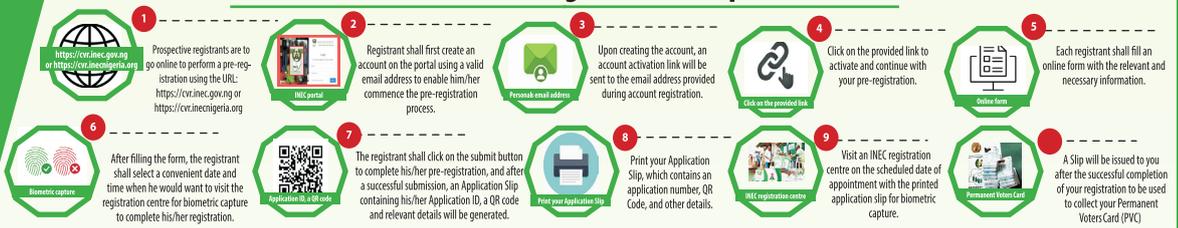
As IVED replaces DDCM, Nigerians are assured that INEC is determined to make registration of voters an easier and less complex exercise than was the case in the past.

## Online Voter Registration Steps



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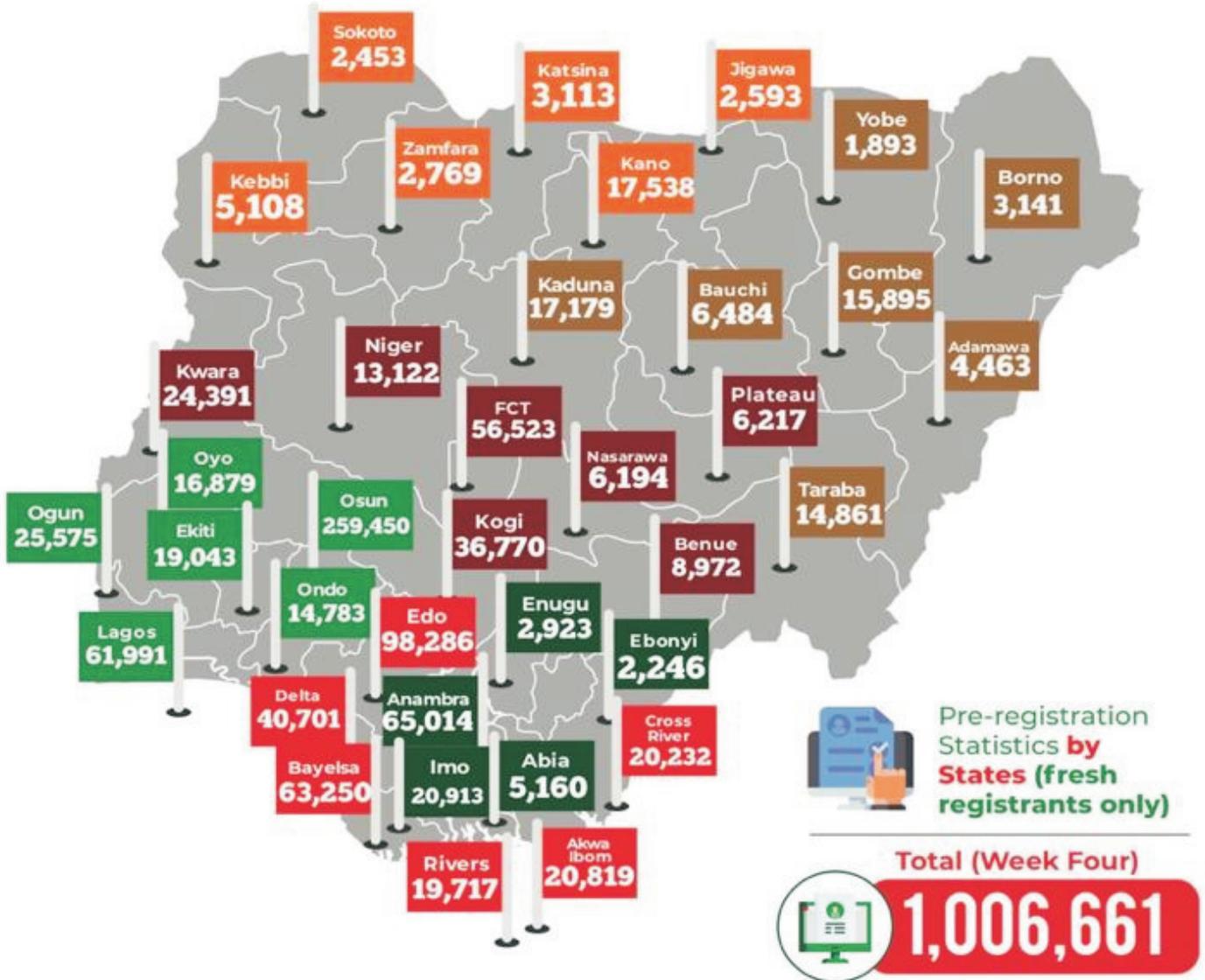
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