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## SITUATION ROOM ELECTORAL ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKER (SEAT)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Situation Room Electoral Accountability Tracker (SEAT) is a digital platform designed to monitor electoral processes, assess stakeholder performance and enable citizen reporting across Nigeria's electoral cycle. SEAT reflects a shift from Situation Room's periodic election observation to continuous accountability. It brings together institutional data, observer findings, and citizen-generated reports on a single platform to support transparency, early warning and evidence-based reform. By combining a web-based Tracker and citizen reporting App, SEAT helps identify electoral risks early, track stakeholder commitments and strengthen public engagement in electoral accountability.

### WHY ELECTION ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS

Credible elections depend not only on laws and institutions, but on consistent transparency and accountability throughout the electoral cycle.

In Nigeria, election observation has largely focused on election periods, with limited follow-up between elections. This creates gaps in accountability, weakens reform efforts and makes it harder to detect emerging risks early. SEAT is designed to address this gap by enabling continuous monitoring of electoral processes, institutions and outcomes.

### SO, WHAT IS SEAT?

An initiative of the Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, SEAT is a digital platform that tracks stakeholder performance, monitors implementation of electoral reforms, aggregates and analyses election-related data, enables real-time citizen reporting and provides early warning signals across Nigeria's electoral cycle.

## CORE COMPONENTS OF SEAT

SEAT combines two integrated tools: a public-facing web-based Tracker and the SEAT App, which allows citizens to report election-related issues in real time.

### **A POST-ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS REPOSITORY**

SEAT compiles over 400 recommendations from the 2023 General Elections, the 2023 Imo, Kogi and Bayelsa off-cycle governorship elections, the 2024 Edo and Ondo off-cycle elections and the 2025 Anambra governorship election. Subsequently, this tracker will be updated with recommendations from the forthcoming Ekiti Governorship election, Osun State Governorship election and future elections. The source of each recommendation is available to view.

### **A HARMONISED RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER**

The recommendations from different observer groups and election cycles have also been harmonised into themes to make tracking progress clearer and more

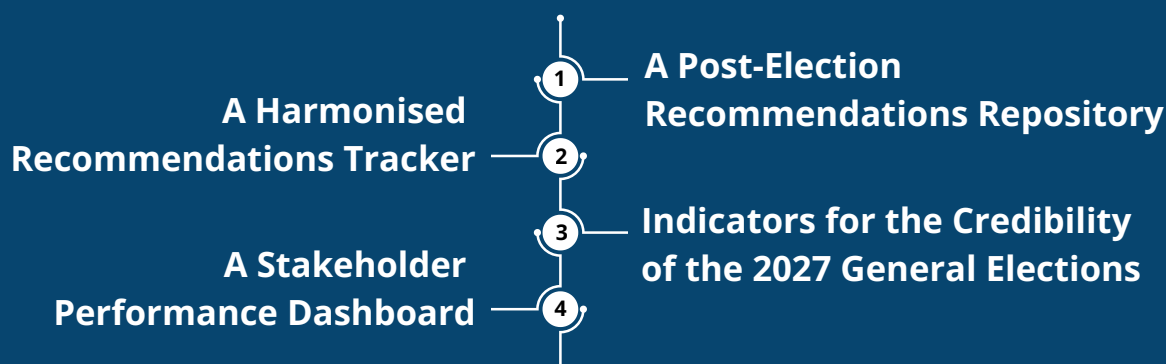
consistent since many recommendations are similar.

### **INDICATORS FOR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

SEAT incorporates Situation Room's recommendations and credibility indicators contained in its Credibility Threshold for the 2027 general elections.

### **A STAKEHOLDER PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD**

SEAT tracks post-election recommendations from the 2023 General Elections, the 2023–2025 off-cycle elections, progress towards the 2027 Credibility Threshold and future election cycles. These recommendations are grouped under sixteen (16) thematic areas, including legal framework, electoral administration, election security, results management and other key aspects of the electoral process.



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### WHAT DATA SOURCES DOES SEAT RELY ON?

SEAT is built on a structured and verifiable data system, including:

- Post-election reports from accredited election observation groups, civil society organisations, professional bodies and development partners which are publicly available online.
- Official data from INEC and other relevant institutions.

### HOW DOES SEAT VERIFY ITS DATA?

SEAT determines the status of each recommendation using publicly available and verifiable sources, including:

- Official reports and statements
- Verified media reports
- Stakeholder publications and engagements
- Independent expert analysis

## WHO CAN USE SEAT?

SEAT is designed for a wide range of users:

### Civil society organisations

Citizens  
and citizen observers



Media organisations  
and researchers

Electoral  
and public institutions



Development partners

## WHY SEAT MATTERS AHEAD OF THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTIONS

In 2027, Nigeria will conduct its eighth general election since the return to democratic rule in 1999. While there have been efforts to improve the electoral process, a key challenge remains: ensuring that lessons from past elections are prioritised and lead to real reforms. SEAT introduces a more structured approach to electoral accountability by moving beyond event-based observation to continuous monitoring. It strengthens transparency in stakeholder performance, supports real-time citizen participation, helps detect electoral risks early and provides evidence to support reform efforts.

## CONCLUSION

SEAT provides a practical way to strengthen electoral accountability in Nigeria by bringing together data, technology and citizen engagement. Its impact will depend on how consistently it is used, how responsive institutions are and the level of commitment to transparency in the electoral process.

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