

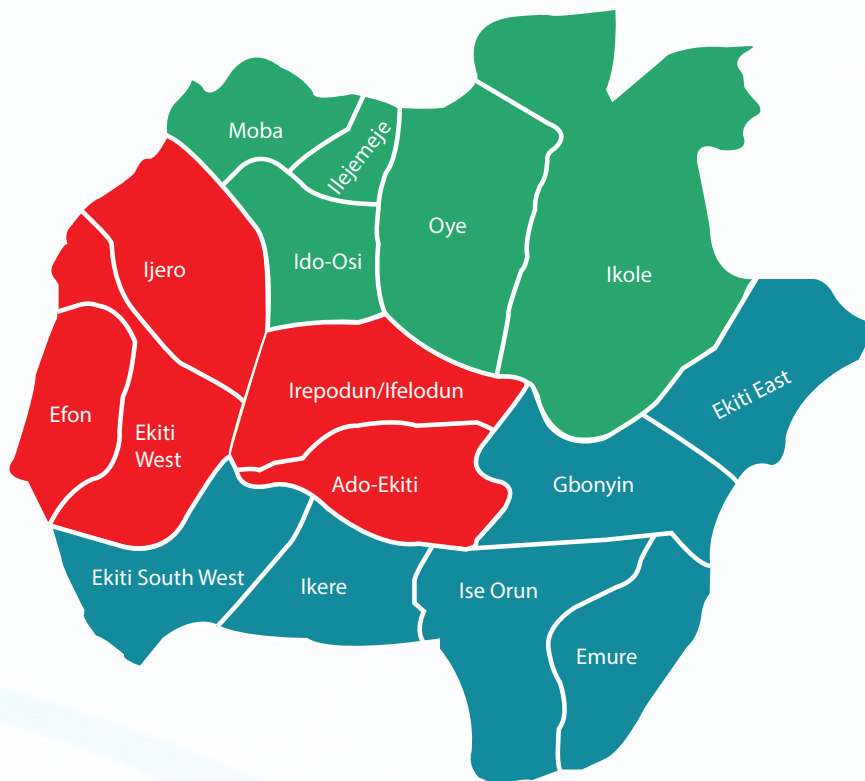
## EKITI STATE 2022 GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION



### Background Analysis to the Governorship Election

- » Ekiti State Governorship election is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- » Ekiti State was created on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1996 from the old Ondo State by General Sani Abacha.
- » The State is comprised of 16 Local Government Areas, 3 Senatorial districts, 6 Federal constituencies and 26 State Assembly constituencies. It shares boundaries with Ondo, Osun, Kwara and Kogi States.
- » According to National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Ekiti State has a population estimate of 3,270,798 people (2016) spread on a land area of 6,353 (sq. km) and commonly speaks a dialect of the Yoruba Language known as 'Ekiti', with slight variations across different communities. The people of Ekiti also speak English Language.
- » Ekiti State is known to have produced the highest number of academic professors in Nigeria. It is also home to Ipore-Iloro Waterfalls, the Ikogosi Warm Spring, Olosunta Hills and Fajuyi Memorial Park.
- » The current Governor of Ekiti State, Kayode Fayemi was elected on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and sworn into office on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Like the immediate past Governor, Ayodele Fayose, Governor Fayemi had earlier served as a Governor between October 2010 and October 2014.

- » Since 1999 when Niyi Adebayo was elected as the Governor of Ekiti State on the banner of the defunct Alliance for Democracy (AD), no ruling party at the State level has ever won Governorship election except in 2007 when Segun Oni won in an election that was marred with widespread irregularities and incidents of violence. The Court of Appeal, on ground of the irregularities, later nullified Oni's election on 15th October 2010. Ever since then, Governorship election has been conducted off the cycle of the General Elections in Nigeria.
  
- » The 2003 governorship election was won by Ayodele Fayose of People's Democratic Party (PDP) while the Court of Appeal declared Kayode Fayemi of then Action Congress (AC) winner of the 2007 Governorship Election following a Court mandated supplementary election in 63 Wards of 10 Local Government Areas (LGAs) which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Thus, the supplementary election, also characterized by irregularities, intimidation of voters and attacks on accredited observers and journalists, held 2 years after the main election.
  
- » In the 2014 Governorship election, the incumbent Governor Fayemi lost his re-election bid to Ayodele Fayose of PDP. However, Fayemi returned to office again in 2018 when he defeated the then Deputy Governor of the State and Candidate of the PDP in the 2018 Governorship election, Dr. Kolapo Olusola Eleka.



*Map of Ekiti State*

## POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN THE STATE

- » Ekiti State has experienced a considerable level of political violence since the maiden election in the State in 1999.
- » Between 2006 and 2007, the State was under "Emergency Rule" for six months following the controversial impeachment of the then Governor Ayodele Fayose and his Deputy, Abiodun Olujimi, and the ensuing violence. A retired Army General, Adetunji Olurin, who was a military Governor of Oyo State from September 1985 to July 1988 and Field Commander of the ECOMOG Force to Liberia during the country's first Civil War in 1992 to 1993 was appointed as the Sole Administrator of Ekiti State. The imposition of an emergency rule and consequent appointment of a Sole Administrator essentially suspended the Executive and the Legislature, enabling the Military to contain the conflict, and unfortunately, intervene or manage civil affairs in the State.
- » The Supplementary Governorship election of 2009 between Olusegun Oni of PDP and Fayemi Kayode of AC was scheduled to hold on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in the affected 10 LGAs. However, the election could not be conducted in Oye LGA until 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 due to high level of political violence. In the same election, Ido-Osi LGA recorded a significant number of violent incidents including arson of INEC's LG office.
- » During the 2014 Governorship electioneering season, there were several reports of clashes among supporters of the various parties contesting the election, particularly in Emure Ekiti and Ado-Ekiti LGAs. The candidate of the Labour Party in the election, Senator Opeyemi Bamidele, suspended its campaign in protest of the killing of one of his supporters by political thugs loyal to another party in the election.
- » In the 2019 General Elections, pockets of violent incidents and ballot box snatching were reported in the State. In Okitiko of Ikere-Ekiti, a citizen was shot dead by armed political thugs.
- » The State has continued to witness election violence. During the Ekiti East 1 State Constituency bye-election in 2021, INEC had to suspend the bye-election following invasions of the polling units and killings of some citizens by unidentified political thugs in Ward 7, Omuo Ekiti.
- » The recently conducted primary elections to nominate candidates for both Federal and State legislative constituencies in Ekiti State ahead of the 2023 General Elections were not without incidents of violence across aboard. These intra-party conflicts were particularly reported in the APC and PDP primary elections.
- » On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Governorship Candidate of Social Democratic Party (SDP), Olusegun Oni, petitioned Security Agencies alleging assassination attempt on his life.
- » According to KDI's Election Security Risk Assessment (ESRA), the 2022 Governorship election season has seen 16 political clashes, resulting in death of 4 individuals as at April 2022.

## Violence Hotspots ahead of the 2022 Governorship Election

Based on reports of Situation Room's domestic observers and partner organisations working on election security, particularly CLEEN Foundation and Kimpact Development Initiative, the following LGAs are identified as flashpoints for violence in the June 18<sup>th</sup> Governorship Election in Ekiti State:



## Voters' Register and BVAS

Number of registered voters after application of Automatic Biometric Identification System (ABIS)



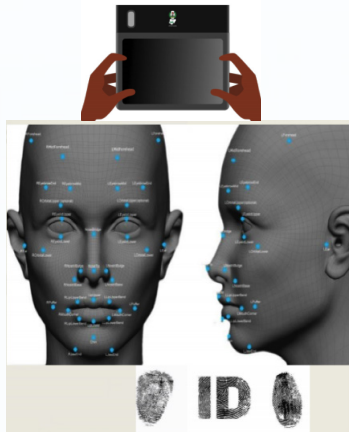
**989,202**

Number of PVCs collected as at 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022



**730,491**

No. of Bimodal Voter's Accreditation System (BVAS) deployed for the election



3,346

Accreditation will only be done electronically and performed by checking a voter's PVC against his/her biometric and facial features. Thus, a voter is accredited when the BVAS successfully verify and authenticate either the facial features or fingerprints of the voter on the PVC. Accordingly, *a voter who failed both fingerprints and facial authentication will not be issued a ballot paper to vote, which means no electronic authentication, no voting.*

### Mock Election

On Monday, 30th May 2022, INEC conducted a Mock Election in 12 Polling Units (PUs) randomly selected from 6 LGAs – 2 per Senatorial District – to test the BVAS and for prospective voters in the June 18th election to familiarize themselves with the System.



## LGAs and number of Wards / Registration Areas

S/N	LGA	Total No. of Wards/ Registration Areas
1	Ado-Ekiti	13
2	Efon	10
3	Ekiti East	12
4	Ekiti South West	11
5	Ekiti West	11
6	Emure	10
7	Gbonyin	10
8	Ido-Osi	11
9	Ijero	12
10	Ikere	11
11	Ikole	12
12	Ilejemeje	10
13	Irepodun/Ifelodun	11
14	Ise/Orun	10
15	Moba	11
16	Oye	12
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>

# POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEIR CANDIDATES

<p><b>ACCORD PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>REUBEN BOYE FAMUYIBO</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>OLUMIDE EZEKIEL FALANA</b></p> <p>AGE 63 67</p>	<p><b>ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>ABIODUN ABAYOMI OYEBANJI</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>AFUYE MONISADE</b></p> <p>AGE 54 63</p>
<p><b>AFRICAN ACTION CONGRESS</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>AJAGUNIBALA MOSES OLAJIDE</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>OLUDELE OLUWABUNMI</b></p> <p>AGE 57 44</p>	<p><b>ALL PROGRESSIVES GRAND ALLIANCE</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>BENJAMIN OLUFEMI OBIDIYON</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>OLUWAFEMI ANTHONY FAEJI</b></p> <p>AGE 46 61</p>
<p><b>AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>OLUWOLE OLU MAYOKUN OLUYEDE</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>POPOOLA HIDIAT SIMBO</b></p> <p>AGE 57 47</p>	<p><b>ALLIED PEOPLES MOVEMENT</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>FAGBEMI PETER ADEGBENRO</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>AKINYEYE OLUWATOSIN EUNICE</b></p> <p>AGE 59 46</p>
<p><b>AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>ELEBUTE-HALLE JOSEPHINE KEMI</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>AFUYE IDOWU SUNDAY</b></p> <p>AGE 40 41</p>	<p><b>ACTION PEOPLES PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>CHRISTIANA MODUPE OLATAWURA</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>IBUKUN SOLOMON OWOLABI</b></p> <p>AGE 62 38</p>
<p><b>LABOUR PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>DARAMOLA ROWLAND OLU BENGGA</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>ONILE IBRAHIM YUSUF</b></p> <p>AGE 61 54</p>	<p><b>PEOPLES REDEMPTION PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>AGBOOLA OLANIYI BEN</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>OGIDAN TOLULOPE OLUWATOYIN</b></p> <p>AGE 52 46</p>
<p><b>NEW NIGERIA PEOPLES PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>FATOMILOLA OLADOSU ABIODUN</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>ADE-AJAYI OLUWATOYIN HANNAH</b></p> <p>AGE 47 52</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>OLUSEGUN ADEBAYO ONI</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>JAMES OLADIPO OWOLABI</b></p> <p>AGE 67 68</p>
<p><b>NATIONAL RESCUE MOVEMENT</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>IYANIWURA TOPE IFEDAYO</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>AROWOLO KAYODE WILLIAMS</b></p> <p>AGE 36 45</p>	<p><b>YOUNG PROGRESSIVE PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>ADEBOWALE OLARUNTI AJAYI</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>OLASENI NURENI BABATUNDE</b></p> <p>AGE 62 48</p>
<p><b>PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>OLABISI KOLAWOLE</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>KOLAPO OLU BENGGA KOLADE</b></p> <p>AGE 64 55</p>	<p><b>ZENITH LABOUR PARTY</b></p>  <p>GOVERNOR <b>ADEOLU KOLADE AKINYEMI</b></p> <p>DEPUTY <b>DAMILOLA AKINTOYE</b></p> <p>AGE 43 36</p>

Sixteen (16) political parties are participating in the 2022 Governorship election. However, the race is predicted to be dominated by three (3) political parties: APC, PDP and SDP.

### **APC Candidate: Abiodun Abayomi Oyebanji**



Mr. Oyebanji, popularly known as Biodun Oyebanji, emerged as the flag bearer of the APC in the primary election after defeating other aspirants including Senator Bamidele Opeyemi and Senator Dayo Adeyeye. He was a Special Adviser to the Governor on Parliamentary Affairs, Chief of Staff to the Governor, Commissioner and Secretary to the State Government all in Ekiti State.

Biodun Oyebanji, aged 54, is from Ekiti West LGA in the Central Senatorial District and has a female

running mate, Afuye Monisade from Ikere in the South Senatorial District.

### **PDP Candidate: Olabisi Kolawole**

Mr. Kolawole, popularly known as Bisi Kolawole, was nominated as the candidate of the party in the Governorship election during the primary election held in January 2022. He defeated 7 other aspirants including the immediate past Deputy Governor and 2018 Governorship candidate of the party, Professor Kolapo Olusola-Eleka, and a former Governor of the State and current SDP candidate, Olusegun Oni. He is a former Lawmaker in Ekiti State House of Assembly and a former Commissioner for Environment in the State.



Bisi Kolawole is 64 years old, hail from Efon LGA in Central Senatorial District of the State and running with Kolapo Kolade who hails from Emure LGA of the Southern part of the State.

### **SDP Candidate: Olusegun Adebayo Oni**



Engineer Oni, popularly known as Segun Oni, is the Governorship candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SDP). Segun Oni joined SDP and was immediately nominated their candidate after participating in the PDP primary election where he came second.

Engineer Oni was the Governor of Ekiti State between May 2007 and October 2010 under the platform of PDP. His tenure was truncated by judgment of the Ilorin Division of the Court of Appeal following a



3-year legal battle with the then candidate of AC and present Governor of the State, Kayode Fayemi. He defected from PDP in 2014 to APC and became the Party's Deputy National Chairman, South but returned to PDP in 2020.

The SDP candidate, aged 67, is from Ido-Osi LGA of the North Senatorial District while his running mate is James Owolabi from Ado-Ekiti in the Southern part of the State.



### The Female Governorship Candidates


Action Democratic Party (ADP) nominated **Josephine Kemi Elebute-Halle** as their candidate for the election. She is a Civil Engineer by profession and a former staff of Federal Ministry of Works.

The 40 years old Candidate from Ikole LGA, is the founder of Domini Foundation, a charity organization, and a chief, the Erelu Atayese of Iyin Kingdom. Chief Josephine's running mate is 41 years old Afuye Idowu Sunday.

Another female candidate in the election is **Christiana Modupe Olatawura** of the Action People's Party (APP). She is 62 years old, and running with a 38-year old Ibukun Solomon Owolabi. The candidate's party, APP, has requested to replace her with Adeyinka Alli but INEC is yet to respond to the request.

## OUTSTANDING TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES UNTIL ELECTION DAY

4th 2022	June	Submission of names of Party Agents for the election to the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC)	Section 43 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2022 provides not later than 14 days before the election.
17th 2022	June	Last Day for Campaigns	Section 94(1) of the Electoral Act, 2022 provides that political campaigns shall commence 150 days before the date of the election and end 24 hours before polling day.
18th 2022	June	Date of Election	Section 178(1) & (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) empowers INEC to appoint a date to hold election to the office of Governor of a State not later than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office



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