



SUPPORT TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Partnership for Support to the Electoral Cycle and the Deepening of Democracy

Nigeria

There have been notable gains in Nigeria’s political stability and basic freedoms since the return to democratic rule in 1999. However, Nigeria faces deep rooted historical and structural constraints that need to be recognized, especially in planning coherent development and democracy assistance.

The Democratic Governance for Development (DGD) project is a joint donor funded project managed by UNDP in support of deepening democracy in Nigeria. The project is funded with contributions from the European Commission (EC), the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The project provides technical and financial support as a means of strengthening accountable and responsive governance institutions such as:

- ✓ the Independent National Electoral Commission
- ✓ civil society organizations
- ✓ institutions such as the judiciary, the media, national and state assemblies
- ✓ political parties

“I want to acknowledge that the work put in by the facilitators and the UNDP has been extensive”

*Roseline Ezeugwry
Independent National
Electoral Commission*

“We remain absolutely grateful to DGD for this once in a lifetime opportunity to contribute our share to the production of a legal document for our dear country”

*Peter Ameh
Chairman of Progressive
People’s Alliance*

“The DGD training has provided us the opportunity to be exposed to knowledge, tools and templates that will enable us to prepare effectively for Election Day proceedings”

*Gloria Ukpo
Chairman of the Akwa Ibom
State Independent Electoral
Commission*

The ROK-UNDP MDG Trust Fund has contributed \$17.85 million towards nine country projects and two global projects that seek to improve livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.



Strengthening the democratic character of Nigerian political processes.

Promoting outcomes that consolidate and advance democratic governance and accountability to achieve the country's stated development priorities and goals.

Our results:



Independent National Electoral Commission commenced voter registration more than one year in advance of elections



Constitutional review process nearly completed with significant engagement from political parties, women, youth and persons with disabilities, civil society and the media



Committee on Review of Election Cases established to learn key lessons from past electoral court cases and ensure best practice for upcoming elections



Nigeria's first Freedom of Information website launched to allow citizens to access key information on governance



The Political Party Leadership and Policy Development Centre launched to offer curriculum aimed at providing training and development of political party leaders, including women and youth



For more information:
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