



Appearances of 2023 Presidential Candidates

As Nigerians prepare for the 2023 general elections, different organised groups have hosted some of the 18 presidential candidates to discuss their plans and policies for developing the country. However, citizens are increasingly expressing concern that **some of the leading candidates have declined to participate in debates** that will put their ideas under scrutiny by their colleagues.

Giving voters the chance to hear candidates speak and explain their ideas about critical issues of livelihood and prosperity before elections is, without a doubt, a critical aspect of a functioning democracy.

Under EiE's #RSVP Campaign - Register | Select credible candidates | Vote not fight | Protect your vote, we advocate for debates as a critical tool to selecting credible candidates. In addition to protecting our votes on election day, citizens must also hold elected officials accountable.

ORGANIZERS, DATE & LOCATION	INVITEES	PRESENT
 Lagos Tuesday, November 15	Abubakar Atiku (PDP) ✓ Peter Obi (LP) ✓ Bola Tinubu (APC) ¹ ✗	
 Jos Wednesday, November 3	Adewole Adebayo (SDP) ✓ Abubakar Atiku (PDP) ✗ Bola Tinubu (APC) ✗ Omoleye Sowore (AAC) ✓ Peter Obi (LP) ✗	
 Abuja Tuesday, October 25	Invited all Presidential candidates Adewole Adebayo (SDP) ✓ Dumedi Kachikwu (ADC) ✓ Hamza Al Mustapha (AA) ✓ Malik Ado Ibrahim (YPP) ✓ Peter Obi (LP) ✓ other candidates ² ✗	
 Abuja Wednesday, October 12	Atiku Abubakar (PDP) ³ ✗ Bola Tinubu (APC) ⁴ ✗ Christopher Imulomen (Accord) ✓ Omoleye Sowore (AAC) ✓ Peter Obi (LP) ✓ Peter Umeadi (APGA) ✓ Rabiu Kwankwaso (NNPP) ⁵ ✗	
 Lagos Monday, August 22	Abubakar Atiku (PDP) ✓ Adewole Adebayo (SDP) ✓ Bola Tinubu (APC) ⁶ ✗ Dumedi Kachikwu (ADC) ✓ Peter Obi (LP) ✓ Peter Umeadi (APGA) ✓ Rabiu Kwankwaso (NNPP) ✓	

We hope the Nigerian Elections Debate Group (NEDG) is able to get the active presidential candidates to participate in at least one debate before February 25, 2023!

1. Bola Tinubu (APC) was invited but declined participation
2. Bola Tinubu (APC) - Represented by Kashim Shettima (VP candidate)
3. Represented by Ifeanyi Okowa (VP candidate)
4. Tinubu didn't honor the ICAN invitation despite being an accountant
5. Represented by Isaac Idahosa (VP candidate)
6. Represented by Kashim Shettima (VP candidate)

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