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• **Government and Political Area**

- Conventional Long Form: Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Conventional Short Form: Nigeria
- Data Code : NI
- Flag: Three equal vertical bands of Green (hoist side) White and Green

• **Capital** : Abuja

- Administrative Divisions :36 States and 1 Federal Capital
- Independence :1<sup>st</sup> October 1960 ( From the UK )
- Constitution : NA 1999 New Constitution was adopted
- Legal System : Based on English Common Law, Islamic and Tribal laws.
- Suffrage : 18 years of age universal
- Cabinet :Federal Executive Council
- Legislative Branch: Bi-Cameral National Assembly : Senate and House of Representatives
- Judicial Branch : Supreme Court, Federal High Court, Federal Court of Appeal, High Court, Magistrate Court, Customary Court.

• **Geography**

Location: Western Africa bordering on the Gulf of Guinea between Benin and Cameroun

Boarders: South (Atlantic Ocean) - North (Niger Republic)  
East ( Cameroun) - West (Benin Republic)

Major Rivers : River Niger and River Benue

Largest State : Niger (76,363 square kilometers)

Smallest State : Lagos (3,345 square kilometers)

• **Overall Area**

- Total Area: 923,768 Sq km
- Land Area: 910,768 Sq km
- Water: 13,000 Sq km
- Coastline: 853 km

Area Comparative: Slightly more than twice the size of California in the United States of America.

Land Boundaries: 4,047 km all together.

• **Population**

- 167million people
- Africa's most populated country having over 250 tribes

• **Official Language**

- English

• **Currency**

- Naira and Kobo

• **Time**

- GMT + 1

Border Countries: On the west by the Republic of Benin 773km, and east, Cameroun 1,690km, north by Niger 1,497km and Chad Republics 80km, and south by the Atlantic Ocean.

Maritime Claims:

- Continental Shelf: 200m depth or to the depth of exploitation
- Exclusive Economic Zone: 200NM
- Territory Sea: 12NM

Climate: Varies; Equatorial in the South, Tropical in the Center and in the North.

Terrain: Southern Lowlands merges into Central Hills and Plateaus, Mountains in South-East, Plains in North.

Natural Resources: Petroleum, Tin, Columbite, Iron Ore, Coal, Lead, Limestone, Zinc, Natural Gas, Hydropower and Arable Land.

Land Use: Arable Land: 33%, Permanent Crops: 3%, Permanent Pastures: 44%, Forests and Woodland: 12%, Others 8%, Irrigated Land, 9,570 sq km (1993 est.)

**Major Cities**

- Lagos, Abuja, PortHacourt, Kano, Kaduna, Aba, Ibadan, Enugu.

**Geopolitical Zones : 6**

North Central States : Benue, Plateau, Kwara, Nassarawa, Niger, Kogi and Abuja

North Eastern States : Borno, Yobe, Bauchi, Gombe, Adamawa and Taraba

North Western States: Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Katsina, Kano, Jigawa and Kaduna

South Eastern States : Anambra, Imo, Abia, Enugu, Ebonyi

South Western States: Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Lagos, Osun and Oyo

South Southern States: Cross River, Delta, Bayelsa, Edo, Rivers and Akwa Ibom

**Democratic Institution**

- 1 President
- 36 Governors
- 109 Senators
- 360 Members, House of Representatives
- 774 Local Government Chairmen
- 1205 State Assembly Legislators
- 8540 Elected Councilors

**Environmental-International Agreements:**

Party to Biodiversity, Climate Change, Desertification, Endangered Species, Hazardous Wastes, Law of the Sea, Marine Dumping, Marine Life Conservation, Nuclear Test Ban, Ozone Layer Protection, Wetlands.

**Membership**

Nigeria is a member of the following:

ACP,AFDB,AU,CCC,ECA,ECOWAS,FAO,G-15,G-19,G-24,G-77, IAEA, IBRD,ICAO,ICC,ICRM,IDA,IFAD,IFC,IFRCS,IHO,ILO,IMF,IMO,IOC,ISO, INMARSAT,INTELSAT,INTERPOL,ITU,MINURSO,NAM,OPCW,OPEC, PCA,UN,UNCTAD,UNESCO,UNHCR,UNIDO,UNIKOM,UNITAR,UNMIBH, UNMIK,UNMOP,UNMOT,UNU,UPU,WCL,WFTU,WHO,WIPO,WMO,WTO, WTRO.

### Tourist Attraction

LOCATION	ATTRACTION	LOCATION	ATTRACTION
Abia	Arochukwu Caves, Arochukwu	Kano	Hadejia Wetland
Abia	War Museum, Umuahia	Kano	Kano City Walls
Abia	Azumini Blue Rivers	Kano	Kano Tourist Camp
Abia	Museum of Colonial History, Aba	Kano	Kano Zoological Garden
Abia	Akwete Weaving Centre	Kano	Kofar Mata Dyeing Pits
Adamawa	Sukur/UNESCO World Heritage Site	Katsina	Goborau Minaret
Adamawa	Three Sisters Rock	Lagos	Badagry Beach
Adamawa	Koma Hills	Lagos	First Storey Building in Nigeria (Badagry)
Akwa Ibom	Ibeno Sand Beach	Lagos	Ibeshe Beach
Akwa Ibom	Blue River	Lagos	Lagos Bar Beach
Akwa Ibom	Oron Museum	Lagos	Lekki Peninsula
Anambra	Ogbunike Caves	Lagos	Murtala Mohammed Botanical Garden
Bauchi	Yankari National Park	Lagos	National Museum, Onikan
Bauchi	Wikki Warm Spring, Yanko	Lagos	Relics of Slavery, Badagry
Bayelsa	Olobiri Oil Museum	Lagos	Tafawa Balewa Square
Benue	Ushango Hills	Lagos	Takwa Bay
Borno	Lake Chad Sanctuary	Lagos	The National Theatre, Iganmu
Borno	Jaffy Falls	Lagos	Whispering Palms, Badagry
Borno	Chad Basin National Park	Niger	Kainji Lake National Park
C/River	Cable Car	Ogun	Olumo Rock
C/River	Obudu Cattle Ranch	Ondo	Idanre Hills
C/River	Cross River National Park	Osun	Osun Shrine
C/River	Kwa Falls	Oyo	Ibadan Trans Amusement Park
C/River	Tinapa Business Resort	Plateau	Assop Water Falls
Delta	Source of Ethiope River	Plateau	Jos Museum
Delta	Chief Nana's Palace	Plateau	Jos Wildlife Park
Ebonyi	Salt Lake	Plateau	Jos Zoo
Edo	Okomu National Park	Plateau	Kura Water Falls
Edo	Ogba Zoo, Ogba Village	Plateau	Mando Tourist Village
Edo	Okada Wonderland	Plateau	Museum of Traditional Architecture, Jos
Edo	Ososo Hills	Plateau	Shere Hills
Ekiti	Ikogosi Warm Spring & Erinta Falls	Rivers	Isaac Boro Park
Enugu	Nike Lake Holiday Resort	Rivers	Isaka Holiday Resort
FCT	Abuja Amusement Park, Wuse	Sokoto	Tomb of Usman Dan Fodio, Sokoto
FCT	Abuja Zoological Garden, Garki	Sokoto	Sultan's Palace
FCT	Aso Rock, Asokoro	Sokoto	Sokoto Museum
Gombe	Tula Highland Hills	Taraba	Marmara Crocodile Pond
Imo	Nekede Botanical Gardens	Taraba	Barup Water Falls
Imo	Oguta Lake Resort	Taraba	Akwana Salt Village
Jigawa	Hadejia/Nguru Wetlands & Birds Sanctuary	Taraba	Gashaka Gumti National Park (Wildlife)
Jigawa	Baturiya Birds Sanctuary	Yobe	Nguru Wetland/Bird Sanctuary
Kaduna	Jakaranda Pottery	Yobe	Gujba Forest Reserve, Gujba
Kano	Palm Beach Tourist Village	Zamfara	Kakile Hippopotamus Pond, Dan Guldi
Kano	Bagauda Lake and Tiga Dam	Zamfara	Kanoma Hills, Kanoma
Kano	Birmin Kudu Rock Paintings	Zamfara	Kwta Kwash Rock/Water Spring
Kano	Falgore Game Reserve		



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16.	Prof. Nwanze Okidegbe	Chief Economic Adviser			
17.	Prof. Sylvester Monye	Performance Monitoring and Evaluation			

## Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

<u>Name of Minister</u>	<u>Ministry</u>
1. <b>Mr. Chinedu Nebo</b>	Minister of Power
2. <b>Hajiya Zainab Ibrahim Kuchi</b>	Minister of State - Power
3. <b>Prof. Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah</b>	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
4. <b>Alhaji Bukar Tijani</b>	Minister of State – Agriculture and Natural Resources
5. <b>Mr. John Ogar Odey</b>	Minister of Environment
6. <b>Mrs. Stella Oduah-Ogiemwonyi</b>	Federal Ministry of Aviation
7. <b>Sen. Bala Muhammed</b>	Federal Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT)
8. <b>Mrs. Olajumoke Akinjide</b>	Minister of State - Federal Capital Territory Administration
9. <b>Dr. Olusegun Aganga</b>	Ministry of Trade and Investment
10. <b>Dr. Samuel Ioraer Ortom</b>	Minister of State for Trade and Investment
11.	Federal Ministry of Defense
12. <b>Erelu Olusola Obada</b>	Minister of State, Defense
13. <b>Alhaji Bolaji Abdullahi</b>	Federal Ministry of Youth Development
14. <b>Chief Edem Duke</b>	Federal Ministry of Culture, Tourism and National Orientation
15. <b>Prof. (Mrs) Ruqayyatu A. Rufai</b>	Federal Ministry of Education
16. <b>Chief Nyesom Wike</b>	Minister of State - Education
17. <b>Mr. Mike Onolememen</b>	Federal Ministry of Works

18. <b>Amb. Bashir Yuguda</b>	Minister of State - Federal Ministry of Works
19. <b>Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala</b>	Federal Ministry of Finance
20. <b>Dr. Yerima Lawal Ngama</b>	Minister of State - Finance
21. <b>Ambassador Gbenga Ashiru</b>	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
22. <b>Prof.(Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri</b>	Minister of State I - Foreign Affairs
23. <b>Hajiya Salamatu Suleiman</b>	Minister of State II - Foreign Affairs
24. <b>Professor Onyebuchi Chukwu</b>	Federal Ministry of Health
25. <b>Alh. Suleiman Bello</b>	Minister of State, Health
26. <b>Mr. Kabiru Turaki</b>	Minister of Special Duties
27. <b>Mr. Labaran Maku</b>	Federal Minister of Information and Communication
28. <b>Mr. Chukwuemeka Wogu</b>	Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity
29. <b>Alhaji Suleman Yusuf</b>	Minister/Chairman, National Sports Commission
30. <b>Justice Mohammed Bello Adoke, SAN</b>	Federal Ministry of Justice - Attorney General
31. <b>Navy Capt. Earnest Olubolade (Rtd)</b>	Federal Ministry of Police Affairs
32. <b>Mrs. Deizani Alison-Madueke</b>	Ministry of Petroleum Resources
33. <b>Hon. Nduese Essien</b>	Ministry of Lands, Housing & Urban Development
34. <b>Alhaji Mohammed Musa Sada</b>	Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development
35. <b>Prof. Ita Ekong Bassey Ewa</b>	Federal Ministry of Science and Technology
36. <b>Senator Idris A. Umar</b>	Federal Ministry of Transport
37. <b>Hajia Zainab Maina</b>	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs
38. <b>Dr. Shamsudeen Usman</b>	National Planning Commission
39. <b>Elder Peter Godsdan Orubebe</b>	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs
40. <b>Mr. Darius Dickson Ishaku</b>	Minister of State, Niger Delta Affairs
41. <b>Mrs. Omobola Johnson</b>	Minister of Communication Technology
42. <b>Comrade Abba Moro</b>	Minister of Interior

## State Information, Demography and Statistics

	STATE	CAPITAL	LOCAL GOVTS	CREATED	AREA	POPULATION	SLOGAN	WEBSITE	GOVERNOR-ELECT	PARTY	ELECTED
1.	Abia	Umuahia	17	27 Aug 1991	52,437sq/km	2,833,999	God's Own State	www.abiastate.gov.ng	Theodore Orji	PDP	2011
2.	Adamawa	Yola	21	27 Aug 1991	36,917sq/km	3,168,101	Highest Peak of the Nation	www.adamawastate.gov.ng	Murtala Nyako	PDP	2012
3.	Akwa-Ibom	Uyo	31	23 Sep 1987	7,018sq/km	3,920,208	Land of Promise	www.akwaibomstate.gov.ng	Godswill Akpabio	PDP	2011
4.	Anambra	Awka	21	3 Feb 1976	4,416sq/km	4,182,032	Home for all	www.anambrastate.gov.ng	Peter Obi	APGA	2010
5.	Bauchi	Bauchi	20	3 Feb 1976	45,837sq/km	4,076,465	Pearl of Tourism	www.bauchistate.gov.ng	Mallam Isa Yuguda	PDP	2011
6.	Bayelsa	Yenogoa	8	1 Oct 1996	10,773sq/km	1,703,358	Pride of the Nation	www.bayelsastate.gov.ng	Seriake Dickson	PDP	2012
7.	Benue	Makurdi	23	3 Feb 1976	34,059sq/km	4,291,244	Food Basket of the Nation	www.benuestate.gov.ng	Gabriel Suswam	PDP	2011
8.	Borno	Maiduguri	27	3 Feb 1976	70,898sq/km	4,151,193	Home of Peace	www.bornostate.gov.ng	Kashim Shettima	ANPP	2011
9.	Cross River	Calabar	18	27 May1967	17,802sq/km	2,888,966	People's Paradise	www.crossriverstate.gov.ng	LiyeI Imoke	PDP	2012
10.	Delta	Asaba	25	27 Aug 1991	17,698sq/km	4,098,391	The Big Heart	www.deltastate.gov.ng	Emmanuel Uduaghan	PDP	2011
11.	Ebonyi	Abakaliki	13	1 Oct 1996	5,530sq/km	2,173,501	The Salt of the Nation	www.ebonyistate.gov.ng	Martins Elechi	PDP	2011
12.	Edo	Benin City	18	27 Aug 1991	17,802sq/km	3,218,332	Heartbeat of the Nation	www.edostate.gov.ng	Adams Oshiomole	ACN	2012
13.	Ekiti	Ado-Ekiti	16	1 Oct 1996	6,353sq/km	2,384,212	Fountain of Knowledge	www.ekitistate.gov.ng	Kayode Fayemi	ACN	2010
14.	Enugu	Enugu	17	27 Aug 1991	7,161sq/km	3,257,298	Coal City State	www.enugustate.gov.ng	Sullivan Chime	PDP	2011
15.	Gombe	Gombe	11	1 Oct 1996	18,768sq/km	2,353,879	Jewel in the Savannah	www.gombestate.gov.ng	Ibrahim Dankwambo	PDP	2011
16.	Imo	Owerri	27	3 Feb 1976	5,768sq/km	3,934,899	Eastern Heartland	www.imostate.gov.ng	Rochas Okorocha	APGA	2011
17.	Jigawa	Dutse	27	27 Aug 1991	23,184sq/km	4,348,649	The New World	www.jigawastate.gov.ng	Sule Lamido	PDP	2011
18.	Kaduna	Kaduna	23	27 May1967	46,053sq/km	6,066,562	Liberal State	www.kadunastate.gov.ng	Mukhtar Yero	PDP	2012
19.	Kano	Kano	44	27 May1967	20,131sq/km	9,383,682	Center of Commerce	www.kanostate.gov.ng	Rabiu Kwakwanso	PDP	2011
20.	Kastina	Kastina	34	23 Sep 1987	24,192sq/km	5,792,578	Home of Hospitality	www.kastinastate.gov.ng	Ibrahim Shema	PDP	2011
21.	Kebbi	Birnin Kebbi	21	27 Aug 1991	36,800sq/km	3,238,628	Land of Equity	www.kebbistate.gov.ng	Saidu Dakingari	PDP	2011
22.	Kogi	Lokoja	21	27 Aug 1991	29,833sq/km	3,278,487	The Confluence State	www.kogistate.gov.ng	Captain Wada	PDP	2012
23.	Kwara	Ilorin	16	27 May1967	36,825sq/km	2,371,089	State of Harmony	www.kwarastate.gov.ng	AbdulFatah Ahmed	PDP	2011
24.	Lagos	Ikeja	20	27 May1967	3,577sq/km	9,013,534	Center of Excellence	www.lagosstate.gov.ng	Babatunde Fashola	ACN	2011
25.	Nasarawa	Lafia	13	1 Oct 1996	27,117sq/km	1,863,275	Home of Solid Minerals	www.nasarawastate.gov.ng	Umaru Tanko Al-Makura	CPC	2011
26.	Niger	Minna	25	3 Feb 1976	34,059sq/km	3,950,249	The Power State	www.nigerstate.gov.ng	Babangida Aliyu	PDP	2011
27.	Ogun	Abeokuta	20	3 Feb 1976	16,226sq/km	3,728,098	The Gateway State	www.ogunstate.gov.ng	Ibikunle Amosun	ACN	2011
28.	Ondo	Akure	18	3 Feb 1976	14,606sq/km	3,441,024	The Sunshine State	www.ondostate.gov.ng	Olusegun Mimiko	Labour	2012
29.	Osun	Oshobo	30	27 Aug 1991	9,251sq/km	3,423,535	State of the Living Spring	www.osunstate.gov.ng	Rauf Aregbesola	ACN	2010
30.	Oyo	Ibadan	33	3 Feb 1976	27,249sq/km	5,591,589	The Pacesetters	www.oyostate.gov.ng	Abiola Ajimobi	ACN	2011
31.	Plateau	Jos	17	3 Feb 1976	30,553sq/km	3,178,712	Home of Peace and Tourism	www.plateaustate.gov.ng	Jonah Jang	PDP	2011
32.	Rivers	PortHarcourt	23	27 May1967	11,077sq/km	5,185,400	Treasure Base of the Nation	www.riversstate.gov.ng	Rotimi Amaechi	PDP	2011
33.	Sokoto	Sokoto	23	3 Feb 1976	25,973sq/km	3,696,999	Seat of the Caliphate	www.sokotostate.gov.ng	Lawal Mohammed	PDP	2012
34.	Taraba	Jalingo	16	27 Aug 1991	54,473sq/km	2,300,736	Nature's Gift of the Nation	www.tarabastate.gov.ng	Danbaba Suntai	PDP	2011
35.	Yobe	Damaturu	17	27 Aug 1991	34,059sq/km	2,321,591	The Young shall Grow	www.yobestate.gov.ng	Ibrahim Gaidam	ANPP	2011
36.	Zamfara	Gusau	14	1 Oct 1996	39,762sq/km	3,259,846	Home of Agric Product	www.zamfarastate.gov.ng	Abdul-Aziz Abubakar	ANPP	2011
	Abuja		6	3rd Feb. 1976	7,315sq/km	1,405,201	Center of Unity	www.fct.gov.ng	Bala Muhammed		2010



## Important Abbreviations

NLC	Nigeria Labour Congress	NAF	Nigeria Airforce
IMF	International Monetary Fund	NA	Nigeria Army
ICJ	International Court of Justice	NN	Nigerian Navy
WASSCE	West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination	NPA	Nigeria Ports Authority
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria	NAMA	Nigeria Airspace Management Agency
GSM	Global System of Mobile Telecommunication	NPF	Nigeria Police Force
EFCC	Economic Financial Crime Commission	NANS	National Association of Nigerian Students
GCE	General Certificate of Education	NASU	Non-Academic Staff Union
SAP	Structural Adjustment Program	NDIC	Nigeria Deposit Insurance Commission
UN	United Nations	NDDC	Niger Delta Development Commission
AU	African Union	NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
FIFA	Federation of International Football Association	NICON	National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria
NUPENG	National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas	NIPOST	Nigeria Postal Services and Telecommunication
UNICEF	United Nations International Children Educational Fund	NDA	Nigeria Defence Academy
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization	NIIA	Nigeria Institute of International Affairs
WWW	World Wide Web	NURTW	National Union of Road and Transport Workers
INEC	Independent National Electoral Commission	NGC	Nigeria Gas Company
NSC	National Sports Commission	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NCC	Nigerian Communication Commission	NSCDC	Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps
NNPC	Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation	NLNG	Nigeria Liquified Natural Gas
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	NUT	National Union of Teachers
SARS	Special Anti Robbery Squad	NACA	Nigerian Action Committee on Aids
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	ASUU	Academic Staff Union of Universities
ICPC	Independent Corrupt Practice & Other Related Offenses Commission	NAFDAC	National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control
SMS	Short Message Service	NBA	Nigerian Bar Association
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	VON	Voice of Nigeria
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module	NDLEA	National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
OAU	Organization of African Unity	UNO	United Nations Organization
SAN	Senior Advocate of Nigeria	WHO	World Health Organization
ICAN	Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
ECOMOG	Ecogas Monitoring Group	PRC	Provisional Ruling Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States	WAEC	West African Examination Council
FRSC	Federal Road Safety Commission	MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NAPIMS	National Petroleum Investment Management Service	FHA	Federal Housing Authority
NYSC	National Youth Service Corps	AMCON	Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria
NUJ	Nigerian Union of Journalist	SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
NUC	National Universities Commission	SWAN	Sports Writers Association of Nigeria
NIREC	Nigeria Inter-Religious Council	NSE	Nigerian Stock Exchange
		NMA	Nigerian Medical Association
		NAPEP	National Poverty Eradication Programme
		NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development

<b>Niger ( 25 )</b>	Minna	Agale Agwara Bida Borgu Bosso Chanchaga Edati	Katcha Kontagora Lapai Lavun Rafi Gbako	Magama Mariga Rijau Shiroro Suleja Gurara	Mashegu Mokwa Muya Pailoro Tafa Wushishi
<b>Ogun ( 20 )</b>	Abeokuta	Abeokuta North Abeokuta South Ado-Odo/Ota Egbado North Egbado South	Ijebu East Ijebu North Ijebu North East Ijebu Ode Ifo	Ipokia Obafemi-Owode Ikenne Imeko-Afon Ewekoro	Ogun Waterside Odeda Odogbolu Remo North Shagamu
<b>Ondo ( 18 )</b>	Akure	Akoko North East Akoko North West Akoko South West Akure East Akoko South West	Akure North Akure South Idanre Ilaje Owo	Irele Odigbo Ile-Oluji Oke-Igbo	Okitipupa Ondo East Ondo Ose Ifedore
<b>Osun ( 30 )</b>	Oshogbo	Aiyedade Aiyedire Atakumosa East Atakumosa West Boluwaduro Boripe Ede North Ede South	Ejigbo Ife Central Ife East Ife North Ife South Ifedayo Irepodun Oriade	Ifelodun Ila Ilesha East Ilesha West Irewole Isokan Egbedore	Iwo Obokun Odo-Otin Ola-Oluwa Olorunda Osogbo Orolu
<b>Oyo ( 33 )</b>	Ibadan	Afijio Akinyele Atiba Atigbo Egbeda Ibadan Central Ibadan North East Ibadan South West Ibarapa North	Ibadan South East Ibadan South West Ibarapa Central Olorunsogo Oluyole Ona-Ara Itesiwaju Ibarapa East	Lagelu Ogbomosho North Ogbomosho South Ogo Oluwa Iwajowa Irepo Iseyin Kajola	Orelope Ori Ire Oyo East Oyo West Saki East Saki West Surulere Ido
<b>Plateau ( 17 )</b>	Jos	Barikin Ladi Bassa Bokkos Jos East Jos South	Kanam Kanke Langtang North Jos North	Mangu Shendam Wase Langtang South	Mikang Pankshin Qua'an Pan Riyom
<b>Rivers ( 23 )</b>	Port Harcourt	Abua/Odual Ahoada East Ahoada West Akuku Toru Andoni Asari-Toru	Bonny Degema Emohua Eleme Etche Obia/Akpor	Ogu/Bolo Okrika Ikwerre Khana Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Gokana	Omumma Opobo/Nkoro Oyigbo Port-Harcourt Tai
<b>Sokoto ( 23 )</b>	Sokoto	Binji Bodinga Dange-shnsi Gada Goronyo Gudu	Kware kebbe Rabah Silame Sokoto North Illela	Sabon birni Shagari Tambuwal Sokoto South Isa Gawabawa	Tqngaza Tureta Wamako Wurno Yabo
<b>Taraba ( 16 )</b>	Jalingo	Ardo-kola Bali Donga Gashaka	Jalingo Karin-Lamido Sardauna Takum	Lau Ussa Kurmi Ibi	Wukari Yorro Zing Cassol
<b>Yobe ( 17 )</b>	Damaturu	Bade Bursari Damaturu Fika Fune	Gujba Gulani Jakusko Geidam	Nangere Nguru Potiskum Karasuwa Karawa	Tarmua Yunusari Machina Yusufari
<b>Zamfara ( 14 )</b>	Gussau	Anka Bakura Bukkuyum Kiyawa	Gummi Tsafe Zurmi Maradun	Gussau Kaura-Namoda Maru	Shinkafi Talata Mafara Bungudu

## Brief History of the Naira

The naira note was introduced on the **1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. 1973**, replacing the British Pound at two Naira to a Pound. This made Nigeria the last State to abandon the British currency system. The currency denominations released by the CBN were **50kobo, 1, 5, 10 and 20** naira and coins of **½, 1,5,10 and 25kobo**.

On the **11<sup>th</sup> February, 1977** a new bank note denomination of the value of **20 naira** was issued. Then N20 note was the highest denomination and also the 1<sup>st</sup> currency to bear the portrait of a Nigerian citizen – the late Head of state, General Murtala Muhammed.

On the **2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 1979**, new currency notes of three denominations – **N1,N5 and N10** were introduced

In **1991**, both the **50k** and **N1** notes were coined.

In **December 1999, November 2000, April 2001 and October 2005**, **N100,N200,N500 and N1000** were introduced respectively.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2007, **N50,N20,N10,N5,N1,50k** were reissued with a new design, while a new denomination **N2** coin was introduced.

## Federal Ministries

<p><b>Federal Capital Territory Ministry</b> Capital Road, Area II, Garki, P.M.B 25, Abuja Tel: 08073536633</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Interior</b> Old Federal Secretariat Complex, Block F, Area 1, Garki, P.M.B. 7007, Garki, Abuja</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Women Affairs &amp; Social Dev.</b> New Federal Secretariat Complex, Annex III, Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, P.M.B. 229, Garki, Abuja</p>
<p><b>Federal Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Water Resources</b> Federal Capital Development Authority Secretariat Complex, Block A, Area II, Garki, Abuja Tel: 08034582025</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Justice</b> Justice Headquarters Opp. Bayelsa House (Izon Wari), Off Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, P.M.B. 192, Garki, Abuja</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Works, Housing &amp; Urban Dev.</b> Mabushi Hills, P.M.B. 111, Garki, Abuja</p>
<p><b>Federal Ministry of Aviation</b> Federal Secretariat Complex Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, P.M.B. 5012, Wuse, Abuja www.aviationng.org</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity</b> Federal Secretariat Complex, Block 4A, Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, P.M.B. 4, Garki, Abuja Tel: 08033156526</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Youth Development</b> Head of Service Building, Block C, Federal Secretariat Complex, Phase II, Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, Abuja www.andfi-ng.org</p>
<p><b>Federal Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry</b> Old Federal Secretariat Complex, Block G&amp;H, Area 1, Garki, Abuja www.commerce.gov.ng</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Mines &amp; Steel Development</b> 2, Luanda Crescent, Opp. Rockview Hotel, Off Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, Wuse II, P.M.B. 107, Garki Abuja www.msmd.gov.ng</p>	
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<p><b>Federal Ministry of Environment</b> Mabushi Hills, P.M.B. 111, Garki, Abuja</p>	<p><b>Federal Ministry of Police Affairs</b> Federal Secretariat Complex, Phase III, Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama District, P.M.B. 41, Garki, Abuja</p>	
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Seychelles	Victoria	29 June, 1976	James Michel	UK	Yes
Sierra Leone	Freetown	27th April, 1961	Tijan Kabbah	UK	Yes
Somalia	Mogadishu	26th June, 1960	Yusuf Ahmed	UK	Yes
South Africa	Pretoria	31st may, 1961	Jacob Zuma	UK	Yes
South Sudan	Juba	9th July, 2011	Salva Kiir Mayardit	Portugal	Yes
Sudan	Khartoum	1st Jan, 1956	Omar Bashor	Egypt/UK	Yes
Swaziland	Mbabane	6th Sept, 1968	Aweti II	UK	Yes
Tanzania	Dodoma	9th Dec, 1961	Jakaya kikwete	UK	Yes
Togo	Lome	27th April, 1960	Faure Eyadema	France	Yes
Tunisia	Tunis	20th march, 1956	Ben All	France	Yes
Uganda	Kampala	9th Oct, 1962	Y. Museveni	UK	Yes
Western Sahara	El Aalun	26th Feb, 1976	Abdulaziz	Spain	
Zambia	Lusaka	24th Oct, 1964	Rupia Banda	UK	Yes
Zimbabwe	Harare	18th April, 1980	Robert Mugabe	UK	Yes

## WORLD OLDEST UNIVERSITIES

NAME	COUNTRY	YEAR
University of Al-Karaouine	Fes, Morocco	859AD
Al-Azhar university	Cairo, Egypt	988AD
University of Bologna	Bologna, Italy	1088AD
University of Paris	Paris, France	1150AD
University of Oxford	Oxford England	1167AD
University of Modena	Modena, Italy	1175AD
University of Cambridge	Cambridge, England	1209AD
University of Valladolid	Valladolid, Spain	1212AD
University of Salamanca	Salamanca, Spain	1218AD
University of Montpellier	Montpellier, France	1220AD

## Important World Records

1. World bank was founded on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Dec. 1945 in Switzerland.
2. 1848 Mary sleasor stopped killing of twins in Nigeria. She died in 1915.
3. The largest library in the world is the united state library of congress Washington D.C.
4. The first female president in the world is Isabela Porte of Argentina in 1974.
5. The youngest pope was Benedict IX at age 11-12 in 1032 AD.
6. The estimated age of the earth is 4.6 billion years.
7. The highest mountain in the world is mount Everest about 8848m high.
8. The largest stadium in the world is maracana stadium Brazil with about 245,000 capacity.
9. The youngest professor is Colin Mclaurin in mathematics at age of 19.
10. The first man to travel to space is Yuri Gagarin in April 1961-Russia.
11. The first man to walk on the moon is Neli Armstrong July 1969- USA.
12. The largest desert in the world is Sahara desert in North Africa.
13. The coolest place in the world is Plateau Station Anterctica.

14. The driest place in the world is Atacama desert Chile.
15. The largest ocean in the world is Pacific ocean about 64,000sq. mile.
16. The largest continent is Asia and Oceania the smallest.
17. On 21<sup>st</sup> may, 1904. FIFA was formed.
18. The first African female president is Mrs. Ellen Johnson from Liberia.
19. The first African country to gain independent is Liberia on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1847.
20. The smallest independent country in the world is Vatican City.
21. The first Eclipse of the sun was on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1947.
22. The longest river in the world is River Nile. About 6,825km.
23. On Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 world trade centre was bombed in America, Osama Bin laden was the prime suspect.
24. On March, 20<sup>th</sup> 2003. Golf war between Iraq and America and Sadam Hussein was overthrown by American Forces.
25. The first country to lose national team in plane crash is Zambia 1993.
26. The first coup in Ghana was on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 1966.
27. The first coup in Togo was on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1963.
28. On 12<sup>th</sup> Aug,1989. Sam Oparaji died on the field while playing for Nigeria at the national stadium Surulere, Lagos.
29. On 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2001 the Attorney General of the federation Bola Ige was assassinated.
30. The first execution of arm robbers in Nigeria took place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1971.
31. The first execution of drug traffickers in Nigeria took place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1986 at Kirikiri. Lagos.
32. ON 16<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2003. IDi Amin of Uganda died in Exile.
33. On 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2003 Sadam Hussein was capture by American forces.
34. On 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 2006 Mrs. Ellen Johnson Saleaf become the president of Liberia.
35. The largest international organization is FIFA, with 208 nations.
36. The largest country by population is China, with 1.32 billion people.
37. The smallest country by population is Vatican City, with 786.
38. The first country to allow woman to vote is New Zealand in 1893.
39. The first country to allow women stand for election is Finland, 1905.
40. The oldest parliament person to win an election is Senator Storm Thurmond, of South Carolina for the republicans, United Sate of America in 1995.
41. The longest serving head of state is king Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand currently, since 9<sup>th</sup> June 1946.
42. The longest serving head of state ever is Pharaoh Papi II of Egypt, from c. 227 BC-c.2184 BC (94 years).
43. The shortest reigning Monarch is Lous-Antonio, Duke of Angouleme, approximately 20min on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug , 1830.
44. The oldest serving president of a country is Ratu Josefa Hoilo Uluivuda of the Fiji, at 86 years as of year 2006.
45. The longest monarchy by age is king Louis XIV at age 5, rule lasted 72 years.
46. The largest empire is British Empire, 37 million km2 (1912).
47. The largest air battle is Battle of Britain in 1940.
48. The largest tank battle is the Battle of Kurst in 1943.
49. The first radio news program: 8MK in Detriot,Michinga, USA on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 1920.
50. The longest continuously operating television channel is BBC One, started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 1936.
51. The largest audience for a TV series is Baywatch, 1.1 billion viewers.
52. The longest movie is The Cure for Insomnia, 5220 minutes (87 hours).
53. The highest paid actor are; Chris Toker, Will Smith, Tom Cruise, all \$100+million dollars with only two or more movie.

54. The highest paid are; Julia Robert and meryi streep all estimated \$100 dollars counting first five movies.
55. The largest film studio is Son Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad, Indian; 674 ha.
56. The best selling male artist; under dispute Michael Jackson.
57. The best selling Female artist; under dispute Celine Dion, Madonna or Mariah Carey.
58. The best selling rap/hip-hop artist under dispute 2pac or Eminem. (Both approx. 80 million.
59. The best selling album; Thriller by Michael Jackson. (104 million copies).
60. The best selling history; Michael Jackson.( 18 million, 16 million)
61. The best selling remix album; blood on the dance floor-Michael Jackson.
62. The best selling album by a female; Shania Twain-Come On Over.
63. The best selling gospel album; The preacher's wife soundtrack- Whitney Houston. (16 million copies).
64. The best selling non-English album; Billo De Ghar -Abr-ul-haq. (16 million).
65. The highest earning entertainer of all time is Michael Jackson.
66. The largest recording contract- Michael Jackson. ( Sony music \$890 million)
67. Highest earning female singer of all time: Madonna.
68. The longest music video: Ghost by Micheal Jackson. (35 min).
69. The most awarded recording artist: Michael Jackson with 538 awards.
70. The most awarded female artist: Whitney Houston, with 411 awards.
71. The most expensive music video ever: Scream by Michael Jackson and Janet Jackson.
72. The highest number of song sung by a person. Lata mangeskar, 30,000 songs.
73. The language with most number of speakers. Manderin Chinese. (1.08 billion).
74. The language isolated with most number of speakers: Esperantor (between 100,000 and 2 million)
75. The most wide spread spoken language: English (73 countries and territories).
76. The country with most number of languages: Indian, at least 800 different languages and around 200 dialect.
77. The country with most numbers of official languages, Indian with total of 23 official languages.

### Web Diary

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