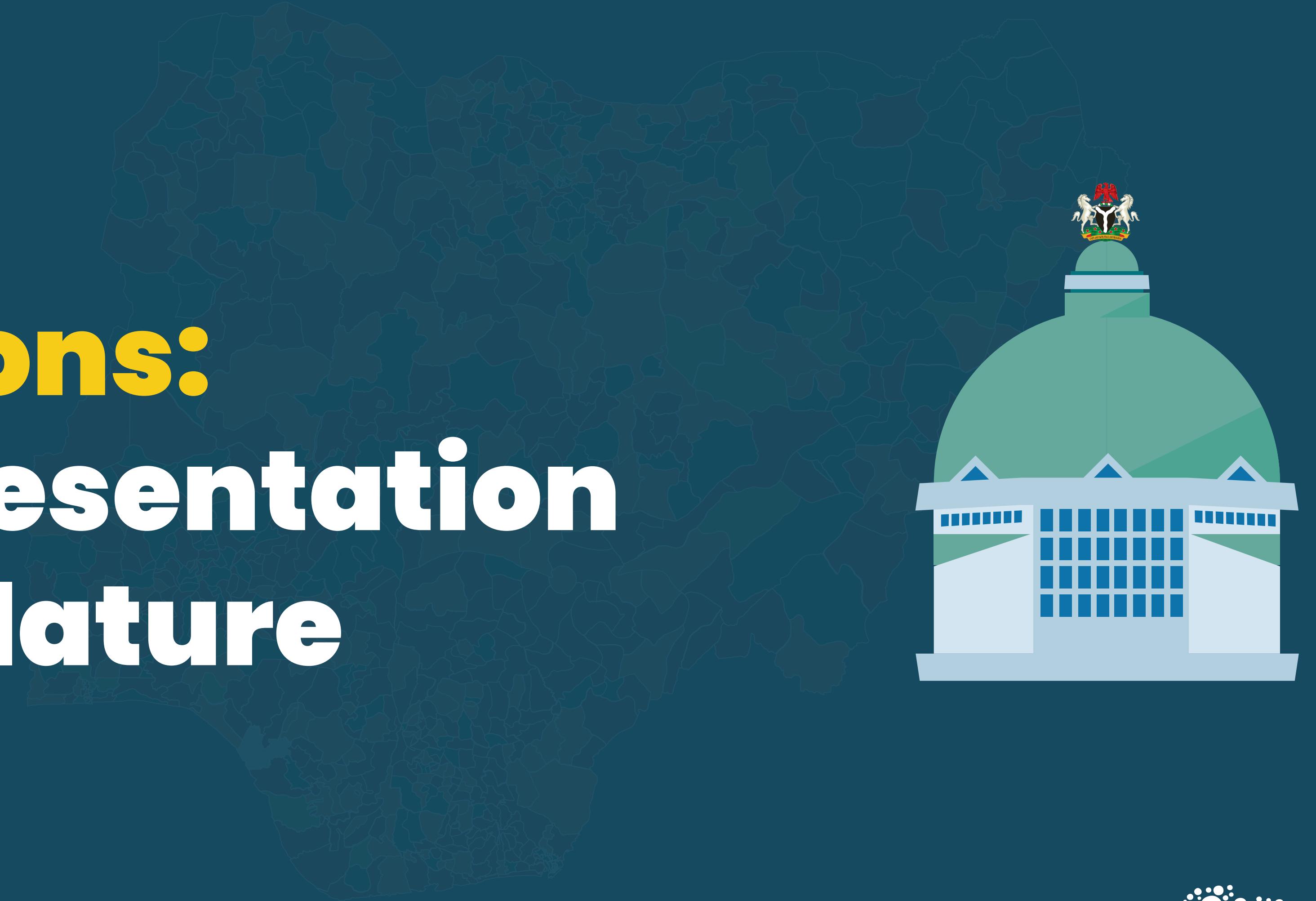


2023 Elections: Youth representation in the legislature



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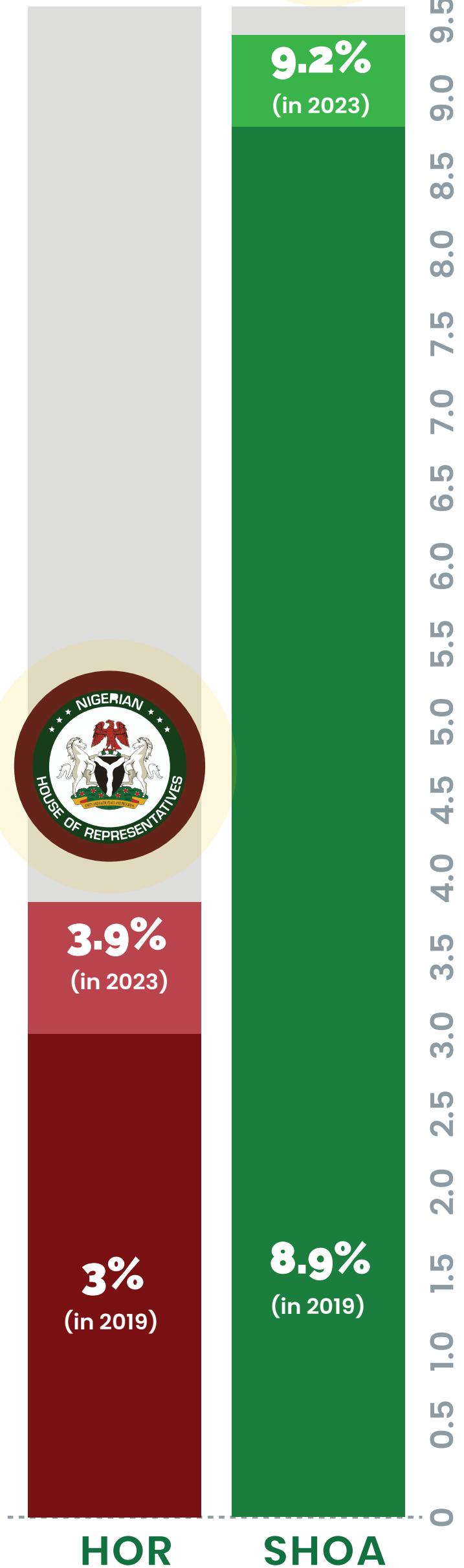




Key Findings

Youth representation in legislature improves with a slight margin

In comparison to 2015 and 2019, young people won more seats in National and State Houses of Assembly. Youth representation in the House of Representatives increased from 3% in 2019 to 3.92% (0.9 increase) while in the state assemblies it rose from 8.9% in 2019 to 9.2% (0.3 increase).



Key Findings

Direct beneficiaries of Not Too Young To Run win seats in the National Assembly

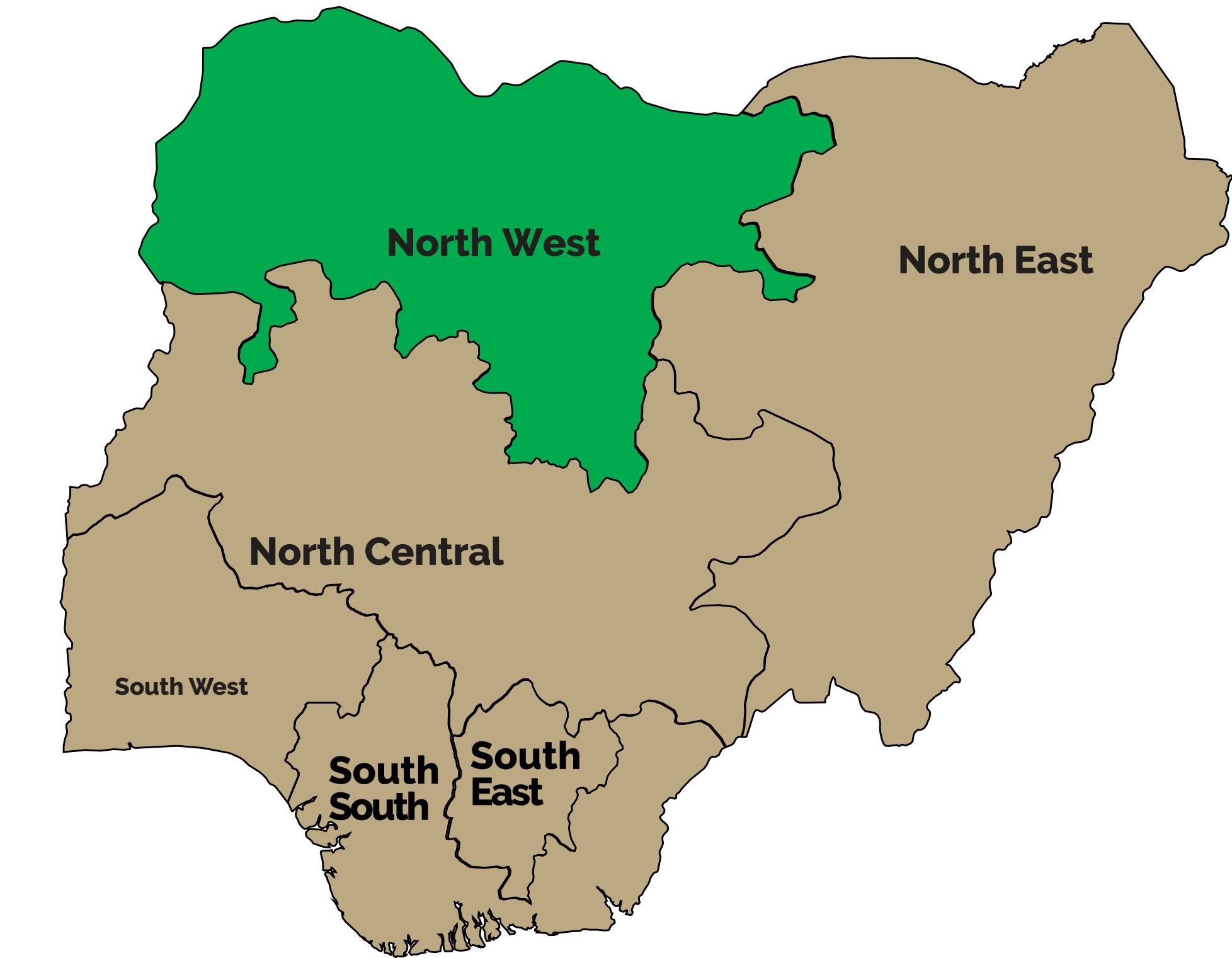
Two young people between 25 – 29 won seats in the House of Representatives. This is the first-time candidates below 30 years will be elected to the National Assembly since the passage of the Act in 2018.



Key Findings

The highest proportion of young elected legislators are from the north west

The geographical distribution of the young legislators indicates the north west geopolitical zone has the highest percentage of young legislators while the North east, South East and South south have low representation of young legislators.



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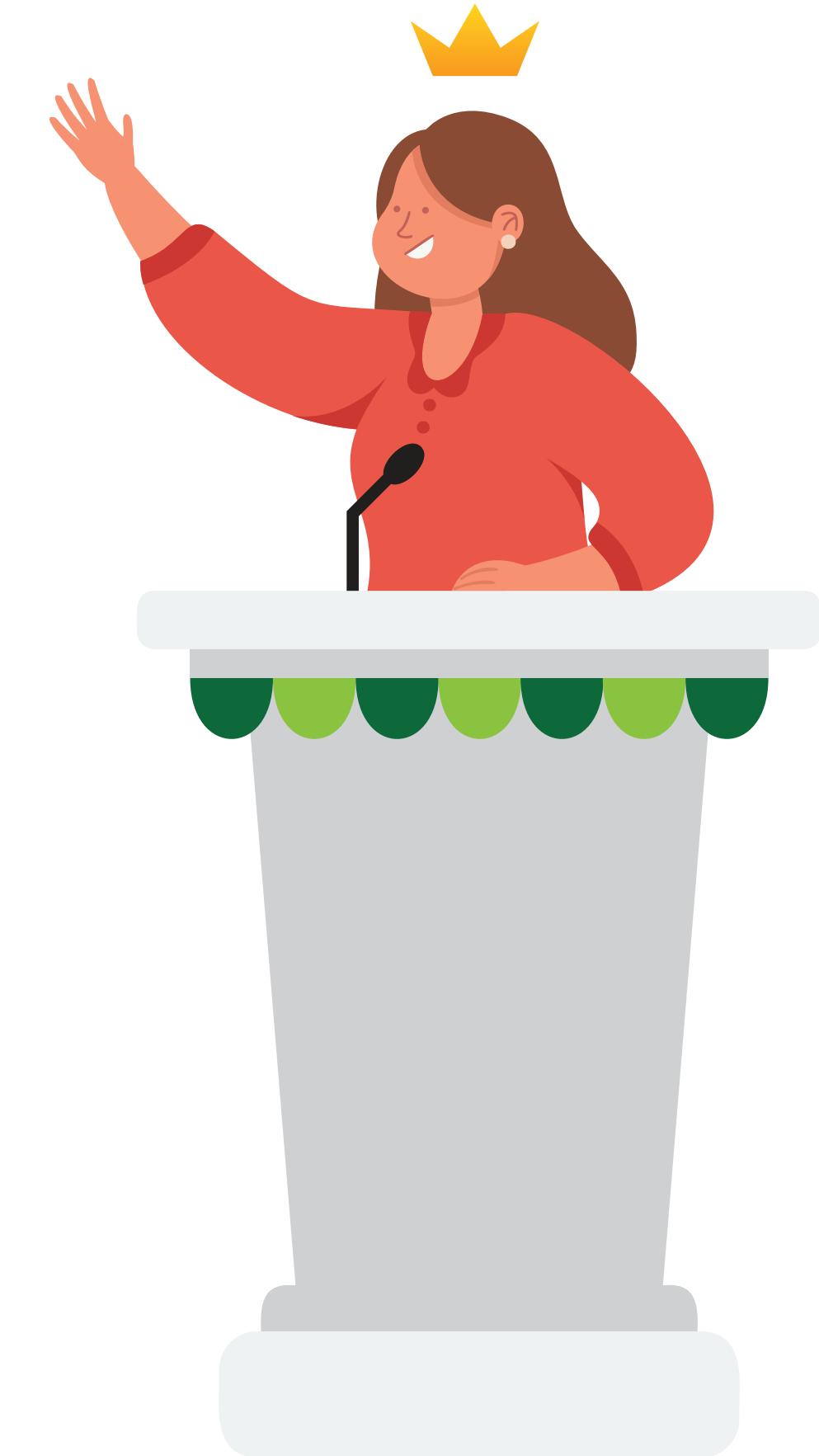
The All Progressive Congress (APC) has highest number of young legislators in the national and state assemblies.



Key Findings

Young female legislators record historic wins in legislative election

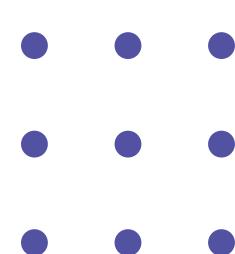
Four young female legislators under 35 years won legislative seats in three state assemblies, namely Delta, Lagos and Kwara. Kwara has the highest record of young female legislators and the youngest elected female, 26 years is from Kwara state.



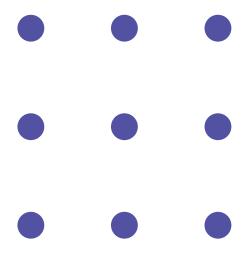
Recommendations

National and State Assemblies

- 1.** Invest in sustained capacity building for young legislators, who are primarily first-time lawmakers, to improve their knowledge of legislative practice and procedure.
- 2.** Ensure young legislators are assigned leadership roles in legislative committees to maximize their intellect, energy and creativity in improving legislative governance.
- 3.** Establish Youth Parliamentarians Forum as legislative committees to guarantee access to technical and financial resources to facilitate active youth participation in parliament.
- 4.** Introduce and pass legislations that promote and mainstream women's political participation



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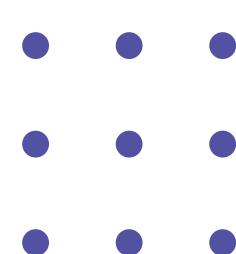


Civil society, Development partners and Media

5. Create opportunities for enhancing the capacity of young legislators through trainings, publications and exchange programs

6. Provide incentives to inspire high legislative performance in the areas of lawmaking, legislative oversight and constituent's representation.

7. Promote legislative accountability through a comprehensive evidence-based performance assessment system for young legislators.



8. Spotlight the contributions of young legislators to legislative governance and ensure media visibility for young legislators at the National and State assemblies.



Leadership prize for Legislative performance

An initiative of Yiaga Africa





About the NLPLP



The Leadership Prize for Legislative Performance is a prize bestowed on young legislators to celebrate outstanding legislative performance in the National and State House of Assembly. The prize seeks to recognize young legislators who stand out with exemplary leadership and demonstrate excellence in public service and constituent representation. The ultimate objective of the prize is to showcase exceptional young legislators as models of public leadership and to motivate legislators to deliver legislative leadership and quality representation. It is expected the prize will catalyze positive shifts in public perception of youth leadership.

Strategic objectives of the prize

Celebrate Leadership

The prize seeks to recognize and celebrate outstanding young legislators who under challenging circumstances achieve excellent legislative performance in the areas of lawmaking, legislative oversight and constituent's representation. The prize extends to young legislators who have made significant contributions to legislative governance.

Inspire Leadership

The prize will incentivize elected legislators and incumbents to ensure high legislative performance and outputs during their term in office.

Document Leadership

Create platforms for outstanding public leaders to reflect on their leadership experiences, dilemmas and leadership transition and to create avenues for sustained contribution to democracy, public leadership and legislative governance.

The Prize

Leadership Fellowship

One month leadership fellowship at a globally reputable school of government or academic institution to learn and reflect on public leadership, leadership transition and democracy



\$20,000 Cash Award

A cash award will be presented to the recipient to implement a community development project that address one social need in his/her constituency. The project will be jointly designed and pre-approved by the project team at Yiaga Africa.



Speaking opportunities

Speaking opportunities on two international events on democracy and leadership



Prize category

The prize will be awarded to two exceptional young legislators;

**Best Performing
Young Legislator
in the National
Assembly**

— Under 35yrs

**Best Performing
Young Legislator in
the State Houses of
Assembly**

— Under 35yrs

Methodology

- 1.** The prize will be awarded at the end of a legislative year. In other words, the prize will be awarded four times in a legislation session.
- 2.** An Independent Prize Committee of eminent personalities will evaluate and review the performance of the young legislators based on in-depth performance assessment.
- 3.** Assessment framework: The assessment entails an objective, reliable, and transparent measure of how legislators perform their duties in plenary, committees, inter-parliamentary engagements and constituency functions. Quantitative and qualitative data will be sourced through interviews, desk review, spot checks and constituency visits. The assessment covers the following thematic areas;
 - Plenary performance: Attendance in plenary and participation at plenary. For instance, bills introduced, bills co-sponsored and motions moved
 - Committee performance: Attendance at committee meetings and contributions to committee and oversight engagement.
 - Constituency performance: Availability of function local constituency offices, regular visits and engagement with constituents, constituency projects and services

Thanks

