



**POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION
PANEL ON EFFECTIVE POLICING OF ELECTIONS
BY THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE**

CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The Police Service Commission has always monitored Police conduct in the provision of security during elections. This is with a view to harvesting lessons for better and effective policing of elections, including sanctions and commendations of identified Police officers, depending on the circumstances. Undoubtedly there have been public outcry and condemnations in certain elections across states in Nigeria, just as there are commendations for professional conduct in some.

The Police Service Commission has, as part of its mandate, the responsibility of bequeathing to Nigeria, a professional and skilled Police Force through its actions and programs. One of the programs of the Police Service Commission is the monitoring of Police conduct at elections. It is the intention of the PSC in partnership with Lawyers Alert and support from Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) to strengthen effective and professional policing at elections, and towards this, the PSC is conducting a fact-finding exercise of experiences of Nigerians at elections vis-à-vis policing. In this regard, the PSC is desirous of harvesting inputs from Nigerians on their experiences in the last general elections of 2019, and subsequent elections as per policing, with regard to best practices witnessed, not so good practices and by whom, if identified.

This will help the Commission in determining how to enhance and build on best practices alongside commendations and sanctions where appropriate. Nigerians will recall in the run up to the last elections, the PSC undertook to work with the Police and civil society towards better policing of elections.

The Police Service Commission in pursuance of the above has set up a **Panel on Effective Policing of Elections by the Nigeria Police Force** headed by the Hon Commissioner I in the Commission, a Retired Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. Justice Clara Bata Ogunbiyi, JSC (RTD) to receive memos from Nigerians with regard to their experiences as per police conduct in the provision of security at elections, with specifics on good practices, not so good practices and officers involved, if any.

The Panel has the following Terms of Reference:

- a. To consider, collate and review all best practices in terms of policing elections, with regard to locations and particular elections
- b. To consider actions that were unprofessional and which jeopardised the sanctity of elections, and/or that brought the NPF into disrepute, with regard to locations and particular elections.
- c. To consider and investigate allegations of unprofessional conduct by officers of NPF during the 2019 General Elections and subsequent elections, including further inputs, to be taken virtual, where the need arises.
- d. To study and interrogate submitted memos, vis-à-vis international best practices, recommend and develop mechanisms for effective and professional policing of elections, for use in subsequent elections.
- e. To make other recommendations that may be deemed necessary in the circumstance.

The Panel hereby invites Memoranda from institutions, agencies, organisations, stakeholders and interested members of the public that will assist in carrying out its assignment.

All Memoranda should be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary, The Panel on Effective Policing of Elections by the Nigeria Police Force, Police Service Commission, 8th Floor Phase 1 Federal Secretariat Complex, Central Business District, Abuja, complying with the following requirements:

- I. Memos should be headed Police and Elections
- II. 20Nos. of hard copies of Memoranda.
- III. A soft copy of Memoranda should be forwarded to pselectionpolicing@gmail.com.
- IV. Memoranda should be submitted within 2 weeks of this publication as acceptance of same closes by Monday August 10th 2020

**Signed
Management
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