



The Electoral Hub Statement on Re-Appointment of INEC Chairman, Professor Mahmood Yakubu

The Electoral Hub commends President Muhammadu Buhari's re-appointment of Professor Mahmood Yakubu as INEC Chairman. We therefore call on the Senate to speedily confirm this appointment for the following reasons:

1. It increases the confidence of all stakeholders, including political parties, the media, civil society organisations, donor agencies, international observers, and voters at large, in the electoral process.
2. It consolidates the gains of democracy that have been made so far. This was exemplified by the recent elections in Edo and Ondo, which were adjudged by numerous observers as free, fair, and credible.
3. It stabilises the uncertainty that has been created by the delays in appointment, as Professor Yakubu's tenure is due to end on November 9, 2020. It is in the interest of efficiency and accountability that appointments and confirmations are done in a timely manner.

We hope that the Senate will accordingly confirm Professor Yakubu's appointment in line with these reasons.

Signed

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