



# National Electoral Commission (NEC)

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## PRESS RELEASE

**DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION FOR CHAIRPERSON KOINADUGU DISTRICT COUNCIL, ON SATURDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2021.**

1. In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991( Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Sections 69(1), 70(1) and Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004 ), the National Electoral Commission makes the following proclamation:
2. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2021 is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Local Council bye-election for Chairperson Koinadugu District Council.
3. According to a letter from the Chief Administrator of the Koinadugu District Council, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the late Chairman Alex Sorie Konteh of Koinadugu District Council; which sad event took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. May the soul of the departed rest in perfect peace (RIP).
4. Nomination of Candidates for the said Local Council bye-election shall take place from Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August - Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at the NEC District Office, 158A Main Makeni Road, Kabala, Koinadugu District.

5. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the list of their endorsed candidates for the bye-election to the National Electoral Commission (NEC), as per Section 61 of the Public Elections Act, 2012, is 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.
6. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidate's nomination fee for the said Local Council bye-election is Le. 5,000,000.00 (FIVE MILLION LEONES ONLY) per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officer at the above mentioned address.
7. Qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors are found in Section 6 of the aforementioned Local Government Act, 2004.
8. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye-election shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.

Signed and dated this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2021



**Mohamed Kenewui Konneh**  
**Chief Electoral Commissioner**  
**National Returning Officer & Chairman**  
**National Electoral Commission**



**KEY DATES FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON BYE ELECTION IN KOINADUGU DISTRICT  
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2021**

No	DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
1.	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>Declaration of date for Koinadugu Chairperson Bye- Election.</b>
2.	9 <sup>th</sup> August – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	Sensitization/Voter Education
3.	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>Gazetting of Declaration date</b>
4.	10 <sup>th</sup> August – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	Procurement of electoral materials
5.	15 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	<b>Submission of approved list of candidates by Political Parties</b>
6.	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Deadline for Political Parties to submit list of approved candidates
7.	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Printing of Nomination materials
8.	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Packing and Distribution of nomination kits
9.	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Training of potential candidates
10.	27 <sup>th</sup> August – 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Advert/Recruitment of polling staff
11.	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2021	<b>Nomination period (10 am – 5 pm daily)</b>
12.	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2021	<b>Nomination of candidates for Koinadugu Chairperson election in the NEC District Office in Kabala</b>
13.	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2021	Posting of provisional list of nominated candidates
14.	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2021	Filing of objections (Not later than 5:00pm)
15.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2021	<b>Objection period ends (5:00 pm)</b>
16.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2021	Decision on all objection (Not later than 6:00 pm)
17.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2021	Appeal against objection decision to the NEC
18.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2021	Decision on appeals
19.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2021	Final list of nominated candidates published
20.	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	<b>Gazetting of Nominated Candidates</b>
21.	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	<b>Printing of “Know Your Candidate” Posters/Notices of Polls</b>
22.	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Gazetting of Notice of Polls
23.	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021</b>	<b>Meeting with stakeholders in the electoral district for Koinadugu Chairperson bye election</b>
24.	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021</b>	<b>Campaign Starts</b>
25.	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Gazetting of campaign timeline
26.	13 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Printing of FRE
27.	13 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Printing of polling and counting materials – Aide Memoirs and Forms
28.	13 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Packing and distribution of training kits
29.	13 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Packing and Sorting of Sensitive Materials
30.	24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Printing of ballot papers
31.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Gazetting of names of polling staff
32.	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Accreditation of Candidates/Agents and Observers
33.	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Training of Party Agents
34.	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Quality control check
35.	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Training of polling staff
36.	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	Political Campaign ends (6:00 pm)
37.	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	Cooling off period
38.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021</b>	<b>Polling Day (7:00 am – 5:00 pm) &amp; Retrieval of Polling Materials</b>
39.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2021</b>	Tallying process and announcement of provisional results at District Office
40.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021</b>	Final announcement of results by National Returning Officer - HQ
41.	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Payment of Polling Staff