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When is Election Day?

The presidential elections in the Republic of Guinea will be held on October 11, 2015.

Who are citizens voting for on Election Day?

Guineans will vote for their country's President to serve a five-year term in office.

Citizens will cast their ballots for one of the following eight candidates, listed with their corresponding parties:

- Mr. Alpha Condé, *Rassemblement du peuple guinéen* (RPG)
- Mr. Cellou Dalein Diallo, *Union des forces démocratiques de Guinée* (UFDG)
- Mr. Sidya Touré, *Union des forces républicaines* (UFR)
- Mr. Lansana Kouyaté, *Parti de l'espoir pour le développement national* (PEDN)
- Mr. Papa Koly Kourouma, *Générations pour la Réconciliation, l'Union et la Prospérité* (GRUP)
- Mr. Georges Gandhi Tounkara, *Union guinéenne pour la démocratie et le développement* (UGDD)
- Mr. Faya Lansana Millimono, *Bloc libéral* (BL)
- Mrs. Marie Madeleine Dioubaté, *Parti des écologistes de Guinée* (PEG)

Who can vote in the country?

Eligible voters include Guinean citizens who are at least 18 years old on the last day that voter registration lists are open.

How many registered voters are there?

There are 6,042,647 registered voters for the presidential elections.

What is the structure of the government?

At the head of the executive branch, the President serves as Head of State and the Prime Minister serves as Head of Government. The executive branch also comprises a presidential cabinet of 34 ministers. The President is directly elected by the people and the Prime Minister is appointed by the President. Guinea's legislative branch is comprised of the unicameral *Assemblée Nationale Populaire* as its parliamentary body, and the judicial branch is headed by the Supreme Court.

Are there reserved seats for women? What is the gender balance within the candidate list?

There is no gender quota in the presidential election. There is one female candidate among the eight contenders for the presidency.

What is the election management body? What are its powers?

The Independent National Electoral Commission (*Commission Electorale Nationale Indépendante* [CENI]) serves as the election management body. It manages all political elections and referenda in Guinea. It is technically assisted by ministerial departments that are affected by the electoral process, most notably the Ministry of Territorial Administration.

What is the electoral system?

Executive power is held by the President of the Republic, elected by direct universal suffrage. The President is elected by absolute majority vote through a two-round system to serve a five-year term.

How many polling places are set up on Election Day?

Approximately 15,000 polling stations will be available for voting on Election Day.

Is out-of-country voting allowed?

Yes. Citizens not residing in country may participate in the elections through a proxy vote.

How will voters with disabilities cast their ballots?

Persons with disabilities may receive help from a third party under the terms of the law. Persons with severe disabilities or illnesses may participate through a proxy vote.

Where is voting, counting and tabulation held?

Voting is conducted in polling stations, and counting is conducted in each constituency as an aggregate of all election results submitted by polling stations within that constituency. The overall tabulation of results is held at the Independent National Electoral Commission headquarters in the national capital, Conakry.

Who will observe during Election Day?

There will be national and international observers recognized by the Independent National Electoral Commission present on Election Day.

When will official results be announced?

According to Guinean legal stipulations, the President of the Independent National Electoral Commission will announce the preliminary results at maximum 72 hours following the closing of the polls. The Constitutional Court will subsequently announce official results.

How will election disputes be adjudicated?

Electoral disputes are adjudicated and managed by the Constitutional Court.

How will Election Day security be ensured?

On Election Day, security services will be provided by national security forces, including the *gendarmerie* and the police.

Resources

- Guinean Electoral Code ([French](#))
- IFES Election Guide ([English](#))
- “Processus électoral: la CENI donne des précisions,” *Guinée Univers* ([French](#))