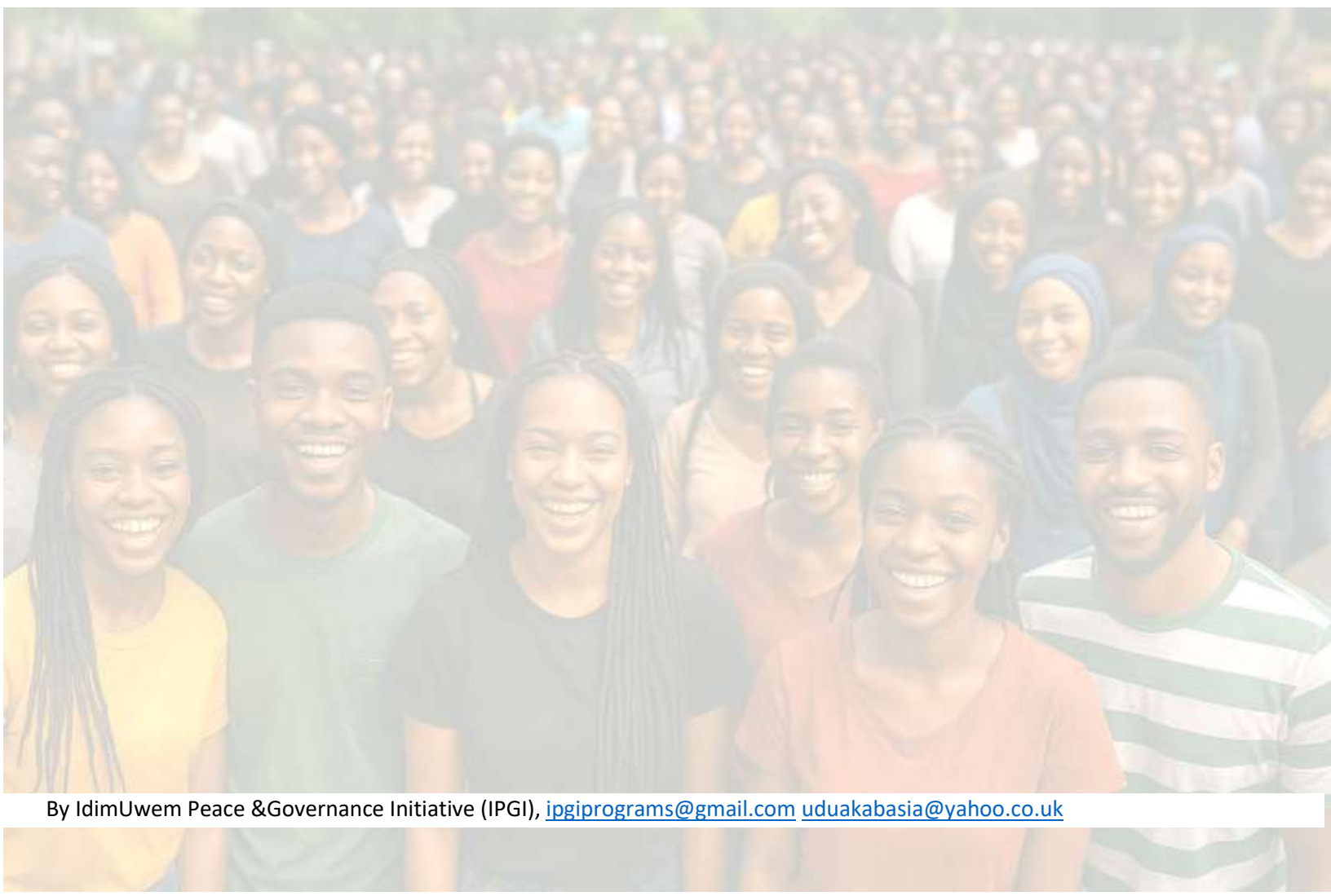


PEACE DIALOGUE COMPETITION NIGERIA 2026

INFO DOCUMENT

This document provides an overview of the Peace Dialogue Competition Nigeria 2026



WHAT IS THE PEACE DIALOGUE COMPETITION

The peace dialogue competition is a nationwide, youth-led initiative in which structured youth peace dialogues are held across all 36 states of Nigeria to experientially build youth capacity for effective dialogue.

It is designed to equip young Nigerians with the skills and platforms to engage dialogue as a strategic tool for peace, governance, and meaningful political participation.

With the 2027 General Elections on the horizon, it is a timely and strategic initiative for empowering youths with dialogue skills and platforms needed for effective democratic engagement.

How is the competition structured

- ✓ A Youth Peace Dialogue will be conducted in each of the 36 states of Nigeria
- ✓ Dialogues will be designed, organised, and led by youths, with standardised guidance/checklist to ensure quality, inclusion, and comparability
- ✓ Each state will constitute one competition entry



What it will do

- ✓ Bring diverse stakeholders together
- ✓ Facilitate solution-driven conversations
- ✓ Produce actionable governance outcomes

WHY THIS MATTERS

With the 2027 General Elections approaching, there is an urgent need to equip young Nigerians with the skills and platforms to participate more meaningfully in governance and peacebuilding.

This competition transforms dialogue from a mere conversation, talk shop or political grandstanding into a practical tool for:

- ✓ Peacebuilding
- ✓ Conflict management
- ✓ Democratic participation

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Young women and men aged 18–35 years,
- Dialogue entries including persons over 35 will be disqualified



EXPECTED IMPACT

- ✓ Stronger youth capacity for dialogue, and governance
- ✓ Youth-driven strategies for peaceful elections
- ✓ Increased democratic participation and inclusion
- ✓ A scalable model for youth-led peacebuilding and electoral interventions



HOW IT WORKS

1. Launch of the Competition
2. Training /Capacity Building for state teams and facilitators:
3. State-Level Dialogues - Youth-led dialogues held across all 36 states. The following dialogue outputs to be submitted by each state:
 - Communique of expectations from political & electoral actors
 - Youth commitment for peaceful elections
 - Implementation strategy
4. Judging and Selection of Winner: Entries submitted to panel of Judges. Winners are chosen based on set criteria
5. Price-giving Awards Ceremony

ABOUT IPGI

Idimuwem Peace & Governance Initiative (IPGI) works to build individual and systemic capacity, and attitudes that enable peace and good governance

Through competitions, dialogue platforms, accelerator programmes and strategic convening, IPGI equips individuals and institutions with the capacity to engage conflict, governance, and civic participation more strategically and constructively.

Shaping Nigeria's Future Through Dialogue

The Peace Dialogue Competition is implemented IPGI's flagship initiative, 'The Peace Competition Series'.

- building youths' capacity for peace and good governance one competition at a time*



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