INEC's Biometric and AI-Photo Screening of Nigeria's Voter Register — 1.6 Million Records Removed, 54 Insiders Flagged

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Nigeria's electoral commission says its biometric system flagged 1,545,052 voter records and about 1.6 million invalid registrations were deleted before the 2027 elections, including AI-generated photographs uploaded with the credentials of 54 of its own staff in 10 states.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-13

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