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VICTORIOUS ELECTIONS
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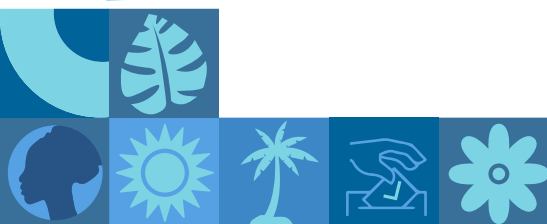
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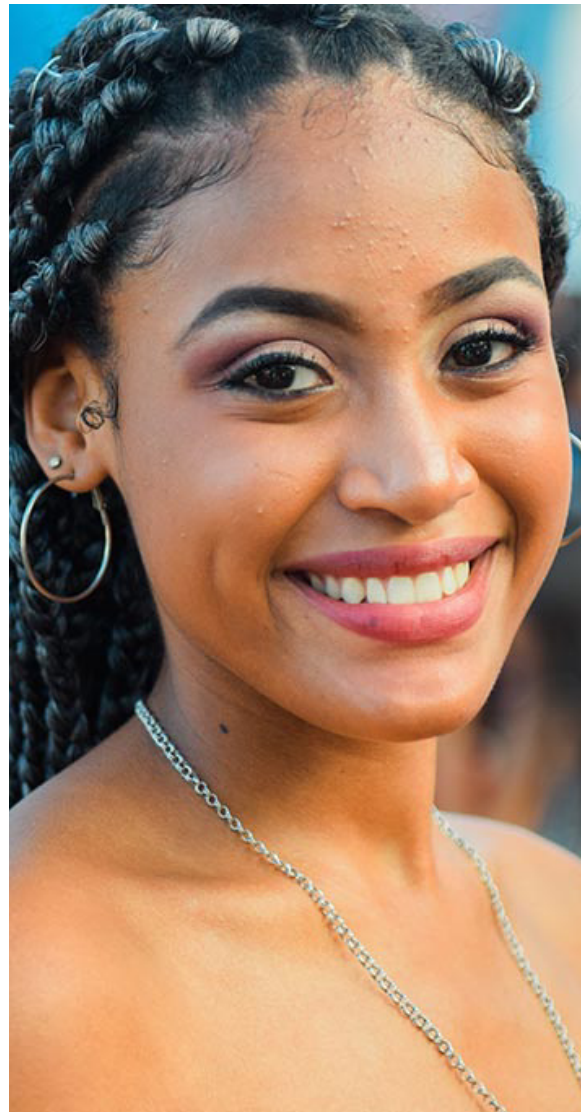
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"Victorious Elections Caribbean 2024", Autonomy and Right to Vote for Indigenous and Afro-descendant Communities

Nicaragua is hosting a new civic celebration in 2024, the "Victorious Elections Caribbean 2024," scheduled for March 3rd, where indigenous communities will, for the ninth time, choose the authorities for the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast and the Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast.

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua is guaranteeing that this democratic process is carried out in compliance with Law No. 331, Electoral Law; Law No. 28, "Statute of Autonomy of the Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua", and in accordance with the Political Constitution of the Republic.



Recognition of the autonomy and rights of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples



With the triumph of the Sandinista Popular Revolution, the National Assembly approved the new Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua in 1986, in which for the first time the ancestral rights of the indigenous peoples were recognized: Miskitu, Mayangna, Rama and Ulwa; and Afro-descendants: Creole and Garifuna from the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast.



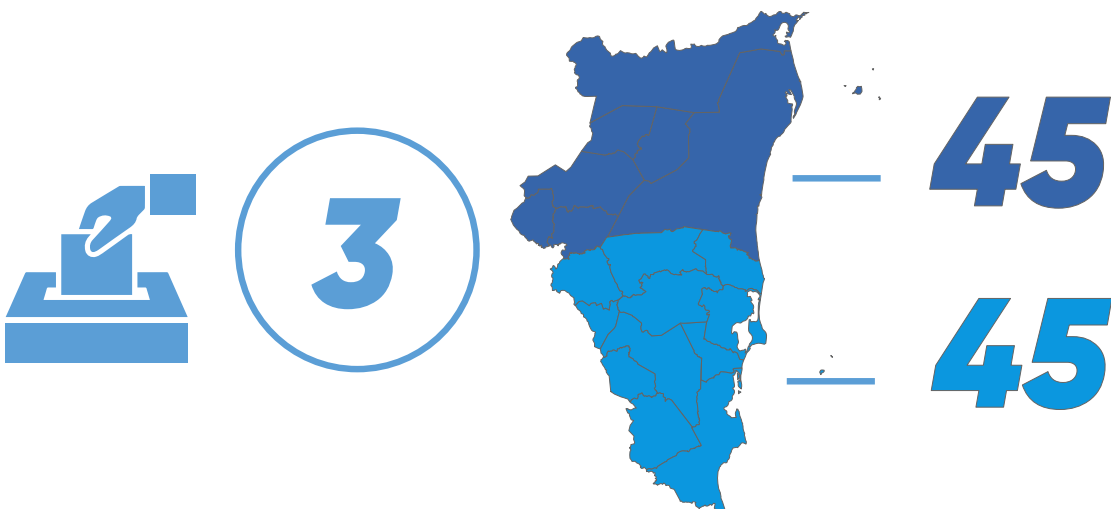
At that historic moment, the Nicaraguan State constitutionally acknowledged that the country is ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse. Subsequently, on September 7, 1987, Law No. 28, the Statute of Autonomy for the Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, was enacted, allowing, within its legal framework, various rights, including the ability to choose and be elected as authorities in the Autonomous Regions.



Law No. 331, Electoral Law, establishes that each Regional Council will be made up of 45 members, who will represent all the ethnic communities of the corresponding autonomous region, and will be elected by universal, equal, direct, free and secret vote.

Likewise , the legal framework mandates that the deputies of the National Assembly of their respective Autonomous Region will be members of the Regional Council with voice and vote.

In this regard, on March 3rd, 90 representatives from 30 electoral constituencies will be elected. This means that 3 Councilors will be elected for each electoral constituency, equivalent to 45 Councilors in the Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast and 45 Councilors in the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast, each with their respective alternates.





In its 2023 annual report, this electoral institution emphasized that "the Regional Councils resulting from the elections complement the unique forms of organization existing in the Caribbean, such as communal governments, indigenous and Afro-descendant territorial governments, and, in turn, coordinate with municipal governments and Nicaraguan state institutions, all working together in unity with the joy, vibrancy, enthusiasm, and vitality of this strategic region of the national territory."



With these elections, the exercise of the historical political right of the peoples and communities of the Caribbean Coast to be protagonists of the democratic process of electing their own authorities is being ratified, once again, in the context of their general rights as Nicaraguan citizens, with their organizational, cultural, social and economic particularities, historical right guaranteed in the Political Constitution, the Law of Autonomy and the Electoral Law.”

Who can be members of the Regional Council?

Citizens born in the Caribbean Coast or the children of a father or mother born in the Region, who must:

- ▶ Be 21 years of age or older
- ▶ Be in full enjoyment of your Civil and Political Rights
- ▶ Reside in the corresponding Region for at least one year immediately prior to the elections
- ▶ Those who were born in other regions must have resided in the respective Autonomous Region for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to the election.



Who can vote in the Regional Elections of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua?

- ▶ Citizens who have their Identity Card or Substitute Voting Document and are registered on the Electoral Roll.

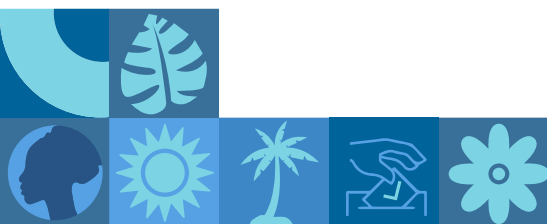


The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua reaffirms its commitment to continue strengthening democracy, peace, and stability, working to ensure a Free, Fair, and Transparent Electoral Process for all Nicaraguans.

SEC conducts consultation, approval, and publication of the Electoral Calendar for the 2024 Regional Elections

On December 12, 2023, the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua officially published the Electoral Calendar for the celebration of the 'Victorious Elections Caribbean 2024' in the Gazette, official diary. These elections are scheduled to take place on March 3.

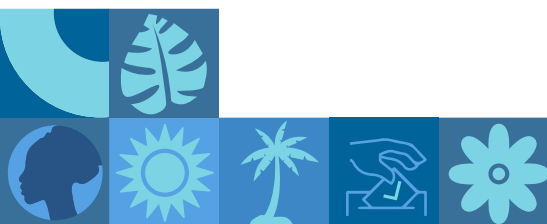
All of the above in accordance with the provisions of Articles 173 and 178 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and Articles 1, 2, 3 and 10 of Law No. 331, Electoral Law.



"This Electoral Calendar was developed based on a prior process of analysis and consultations conducted from December 7 to 10, 2023, taking into account the observations of all legally constituted Organizations and Political Parties participating in these regional elections.

Therefore, in accordance with the powers conferred by Article 173 of the Political Constitution of the Republic; Articles 4, 10 and 13 of the Electoral Law, Law 331, this SEC resolved: The approval of the Electoral Calendar of the 2024 Regional Elections to elect the 45 Members of each of the Regional Councils of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua.

Article 04 of Law 331, Electoral Law, states: "The Supreme Electoral Council, in consultation with legally recognized political organizations, will prepare an Electoral Calendar well in advance of each election, specifying, among other activities, the duration, development, Electoral Campaign procedures, and the day of the voting."





Key Activities of the Electoral Calendar:

December 19, 2023



Confirmation of the placement order of Political Parties and Party Alliances on the Electoral Ballot.

Presentation of the Triad by the Legal Representatives of the Parties or Alliances of Political Parties to Members of the Regional Electoral Councils.

January 3, 2024



Inauguration of the members of the Regional Electoral Councils

Last day for changing residence

Official closure of the Electoral Roll

From January 2 to 5, 2024

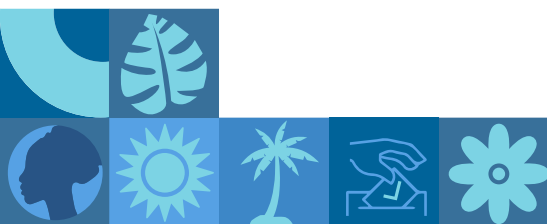


Consultation of the Electoral Ethics Regulations

January 9, 2024



Publication of the Electoral Regulations



From January 15 to 22, 2024



Presentation of Candidates for Regional Councilors

January 18, 2024



Inauguration of members of Municipal Electoral Councils

Delivery of the Electoral Roll and Final Electoral Cartography
to Political Parties or Party Alliances

February 1, 2024



Last day for the presentation of the list of Prosecutors of Vote
Receiving Boards

February 5, 2024



Resolution of challenges and Final Publication of Candidates
for Regional Councilors

February 24, 2024



Swearing-in and Taking of Possession of the Members of the
Vote Receiving Boards

From February 9 to 28, 2024



Electoral Campaign Period

March 3, 2024



Voting and Transmission of Results



March 8, 2024



Provisional Publication of Results

March 22, 2024



Proclamation of Elected Candidates

May 4, 2024

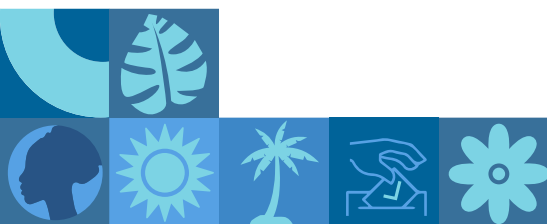


Delivery of Credentials and Inauguration of the elected members of the Regional Councils

SEC confirms the placement order of Political Parties and Party Alliances on the Electoral Ballot

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, on December 19, 2023, in compliance with activity number seven of the Electoral Calendar of the Regional Elections of the Caribbean Coast to be held on March 3, officially confirmed the order of location of Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties on the Electoral Ballot.

This electoral body, exercising the powers conferred by Article 173 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua; Articles 10 and 71 of Law No. 331, the Electoral Law; communicated through a resolution that, for the Regional Elections, no new Political Party was accredited. Therefore, all those that already have legal personality retain the positions on the ballot from previous electoral processes.



Likewise, in accordance with article 71 of the Electoral Law, Law No. 331, it is established that the Political Party Alliance Box will be that of the Political Party that heads the authorized alliance.

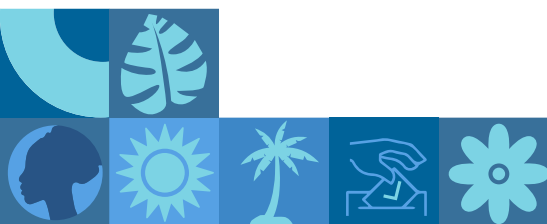
It is worth noting that, during the period from December 12 to 18, 2023, this electoral body received the Articles of Association for the Constitution of Political Party Alliances. Subsequently, on December 19 of the previous year, it carried out the Authorization and Registration of the Constitution of Political Party Alliances, in compliance with activities five and six of the Electoral Calendar, respectively.

The authorization for the Constitution of Political Party Alliances by the Supreme Electoral Council was carried out in accordance with Article 173 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and Articles 10, paragraph 14; 46, paragraph 9; and 66 of Law No. 331, the Electoral Law. The following Political Party Alliances were constituted and authorized:

Constitutionalist Liberal Party - (PLC) - Slot 1

Legal Representative: María Haydee Ozuna Ruiz PLC

PLC



"Sandinista National Liberation Front Alliance - Slot 2



Sandinista National Liberation Front Party (FSLN)

Nationalist Liberal Party (PLN)

Alternative for Change Party (AC)

Christian Unity Party (PUC)

Nicaraguan Resistance Party (PRN)

Multiethnic Indigenous Party (PIM)

Liberal Autonomous Party (PAL)

Movement Yapti Tasba Masraka Raya Nani Party (MYATAMARAN)

Progressive Indigenous Movement of the Moskitia
Party (MOSKITIA PAWANKA)

Legal Representative: Edwin Castro Rivera

Liberal Nicaraguan Alliance Party (ALN) - Slot 9

Legal Representative: Alejandro Mejía Ferreti



Alliance for the Republic Party (APRE) - Slot 10

Legal Representative: Carlos José Canales



Independent Liberal Party Alliance - Slot 13

Independent Liberal Party (PLI)

Coastal Unity Movement Party (PAMUC)

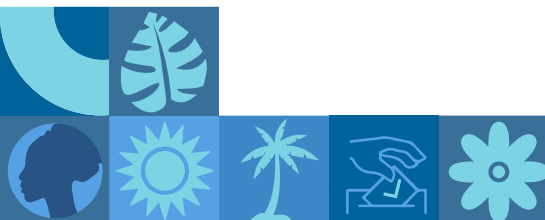
Legal Representative: Mario José Asensio Florez"



The electoral body urges political organizations to comply with the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua, in accordance with Law No. 1040, Law on the Regulation of Foreign Agents; Law No. 1055, Law for the Defense of the Rights of the People to Independence, Sovereignty and Self-determination for Peace; as well as with the Ethical Standards, Resolutions, Agreements and Regulations, among others.

Regional Electoral Councils take office

The authorities of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua, developed on January 3, 2024, the process of swearing in and taking office of the members of the Regional Electoral Councils (REC), for the “Victorious Elections Caribbean 2024” to be held on March 3.



All of the above, in compliance with activity number 15 of the Electoral Calendar, as established in the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and in article 16 of Law No. 331, Electoral Law.

During the event, the Chief Magistrate of the Supreme Electoral Council, Brenda Rocha, stated: 'We are gathered here to comply with what Article 16 of the Electoral Law mandates and the activity number 15 of the current Electoral Calendar for the Regional Elections of 2024, in which today the elected Members and Alternates of the Regional Electoral Councils of the Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast and the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast will take office.'

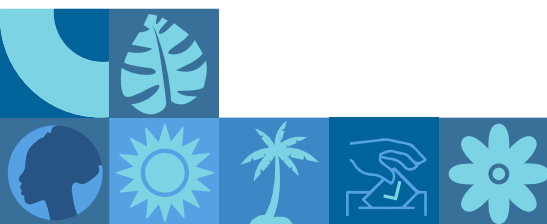


This electoral body, exercising the powers granted by the Political Constitution of Nicaragua and Article 16 of the Electoral Law, and in compliance with activity number 13, on December 19, 2023, received the Submission of Lists of Nominees from the Legal Representatives of Political Parties or Party Alliances to Members of the Regional Electoral Councils (REC).

Likewise, in compliance with activity number 14 of the Electoral Calendar, on December 29, 2023, the SEC officially appointed the Members of the Regional Electoral Councils. In accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Electoral Law, gender alternation was ensured both in the appointment of presidencies and in the composition of the REC, meaning that 50% women and 50% men were appointed.



In that sense, Rocha highlighted: "And we continue, always with great pride, fulfilling what is mandated in the Electoral Law regarding Gender Alternation. In this appointment, where the regional structures are 12, meaning even, we appointed 50% women and 50% men."



Period for Address Changes concludes, and the Electoral Roll is officially closed

The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) of Nicaragua guaranteed the period established for Nicaraguan citizens of the Caribbean Coast Regions to carry out the Change of Address process, which concluded on January 3, 2024, in full compliance with the activity number 27 of the Electoral Calendar of the 2024 Regional Elections to be held on March 3.

As a result, on the same date, the Closure of the Electoral Roll was also carried out, in accordance with activity number 28 of the Electoral Calendar and Article 43 of Law No. 331, the Electoral Law."



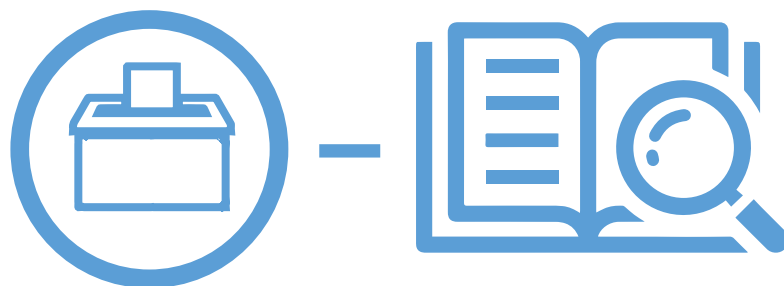
"Through the use of new Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), this State Power facilitated the innovative Online Change of Residence system for Nicaraguans. This system remained permanently available to those who needed this process from any part of the country with internet access."



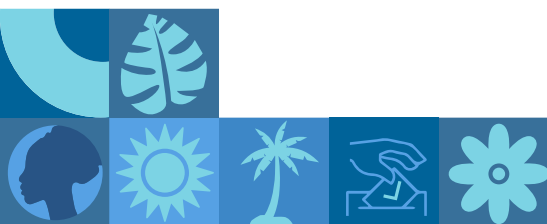
This electoral body reaffirms that the Online Citizen Verification, allowing the consultation of the Voting Center where one is designated to vote, will remain permanently enabled until March 3. On this day, the citizens of the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast and the Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast will elect their respective Regional Councils.

SEC guarantees Consultation period of the Electoral Ethics Regulations

The Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua guaranteed the Consultation process of the Electoral Ethics Regulations, from January 2 to 5, 2024, where the different legally constituted political organizations presented their observations for subsequent study, analysis and incorporation of those considered pertinent. ; in compliance with articles 13 and 95 of Law No. 331, Electoral Law.



With this important document, the rules of Electoral Ethics and democratic values are established, which must be preserved by the Political Parties and Alliances of Political Parties, as well as natural and legal persons, that participate in the “Victorious Elections Caribbean 2024” from Nicaragua.





Furthermore, the regulation applies to media owners, directors, social communicators, hosts of communication programs in any of their modalities, officials of the Electoral Power, authorities, and the general citizenry.

Through the Electoral Ethics Regulations, the SEC promotes a climate of peace, tranquility, justice, tolerance and peaceful coexistence in the process of the Regional Elections to be held on March 3.

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