

Nigeria's presidential candidates

Two men in their 70s are vying for the presidency in Africa's most populous nation, where most of the electorate is under 40



Muhammadu Buhari, 76
All Progressive Congress (APC)



- **President since 2015 and former general who served as head of state in military government from 1983-85**

- **Praised by supporters for vocal opposition against corruption, but accused by critics of failing to revive economy and defeat Islamist insurgency of *Boko Haram***

- **Vows to boost oil-dependent economy by focusing on job creation and infrastructure development, raising literacy levels and improving ease of doing business**

Atiku Abubakar, 72
People's Democratic Party (PDP)



- **Prominent businessman who made fortune in oil sector. As vice president of Nigeria from 1999-2007 he led privatisation of poorly managed public assets**

- **Rejects allegations of corruption and bribery during term as vice president as politically motivated**

- **Offers more free-market approach, pledging to boost economy by privatising state-run oil company – plagued by corruption – and removing costly petrol subsidy**