



In the first quarter of 2019, the governance and security landscape of West Africa witnessed the conduct of elections in Nigeria, Senegal and Guinea Bissau, which were critical to the region’s quest to consolidate democratic governance. While the elections in Nigeria and Senegal are consistent with their national Constitutions, Guinea Bissau’s protracted political stalemate within the ruling African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) hindered the conduct of elections scheduled for 2018.