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## Texts monitor Nigerian elections

**Anyone trying to rig or tamper with Saturday's presidential elections in Nigeria could be caught out by a team of volunteers armed with mobile phones.**

The Network of Mobile Election Monitors (NMEM) will use SMS to feedback their observations to a central computer hub.

The collected text messages will then be passed on to other monitoring groups and authorities including the EU.

NMEM hopes the system will stop fraud, especially in areas considered too dangerous for other groups to enter.

"We want to set a precedent," said Emauwa Nelson of the Human Emancipation Lead Project, a Nigerian NGO that helped set up the project.

"We want people to know that if they are trying to rig the election, there could be someone behind them and that person may send a text message saying what happened."



Voting will decide who will succeed Olusegun Obasanjo.

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Survivors Connect is happy to announce the launch of a new project called Connection GeoMap! Connection GeoMap seeks to create a space to share critical information about trafficking and anti-trafficking activities, promote transparency, engage communities and learn best practices, current challenges and needs in the global effort to fight modern-day slavery.

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# THE THREE BIG QUESTIONS

HOW DO WE BETTER BUFFER AND  
PROTECT CITY COMMUNITIES FROM  
FUTURE SHOCKS?

# THE THREE BIG QUESTIONS

HOW DO WE FIND A WAY TO  
RECONNECT THOSE COMMUNITIES  
WITH LOCAL BUSINESS, LOCAL  
RESOURCES,  
AND EACH OTHER?

# THE THREE BIG QUESTIONS

HOW DO WE BETTER COMMUNICATE  
THE LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY  
MESSAGE TO THEM?





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-JANE MCGONIGAL





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-ALBERT EINSTEIN



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