

Former Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta will lead the African Union's Election Observation Mission to Nigeria, the continental body announced on Tuesday, granting him his second regional role since he retired in September 2022.

The African Union (AU) has appointed former President Uhuru Kenyatta to head its 90-member election observation mission to Nigeria.

Mr Kenyatta, president of Kenya between 2013 and 2022, will lead a team of 90 observers to the Nigerian elections due on February 25.

This is the second assignment for Mr Kenyatta by the African Union.

Soon after he retired, the AU appointed him as a member of the troika of negotiators in the conflict between the Ethiopian government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front.

The team also had former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and former South African Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka.

The African Union said the team will "provide an accurate and impartial assessment of the electoral process, including the degree to which the conduct of the elections meets regional, continental and international standards for democratic elections".

It will be composed of representatives from AU member states including officials from electoral bodies, civil society, independent experts and officials from the AU.