

AFRICAN LEADERS: 2003

Country	Head of Government	When Came to Office	How Came to Office	Last Multi-Party Election
Algeria	President Abdelaziz Bouteflika	April 28, 1999	elected by popular vote	April 15, 1999
Angola	President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos	September 21, 1979	elected without opposition under a one-party system	September 29-30, 1992
Benin	President Mathieu Kerekou	April 4, 1996	elected by popular vote	March 22, 2001
Botswana	President Festus Mogae	April 1, 1998	elected by the National Assembly	October 16, 1999
Burkina Faso	President Blaise Compaore	October 15, 1987	assumed power following a coup	November 15, 1998
Burundi	President Pierre Buyoya	July 25, 1996	assumed power following a coup	NA
Cameroon	President Paul Biya	November 6, 1982	elected by popular vote	October 12, 1997
Cape Verde	President Pedro Pires	March 22, 2001	elected by popular vote	February 11 and 25, 2001
Central African Republic	President Ange-Felix Patasse	October 22, 1993	elected by popular vote	September 19, 1999
Chad	President Lt. Gen. Idriss Deby	December 4, 1990	assumed power following a coup	May 20, 2001
Comoros	President Azali Assoumani	May 6, 1999	assumed power following a coup	April 14, 2002
Cote d'Ivoire	President Laurent Gbagbo	October 26, 2000	elected by popular vote	October 26, 2000
Democratic Republic of Congo	President Joseph Kabila	January 26, 2001	assumed power following an assassination	NA
Republic of Congo	President Denis Sassou-Nguesso	October 25, 1997	assumed power following civil war	March 10, 2002
Djibouti	President Ismail Omar Guelleh	May 8, 1999	elected by popular vote	April 9, 1999
Egypt	President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak	October 14, 1981	nominated by the People's Assembly and approved by national referendum	NA
Equatorial Guinea	President Brig. Gen. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo	August 3, 1979	assumed power following a coup	December 15, 2002
Eritrea	President Afworki Isaias	June 8, 1993	elected by the National Assembly	NA

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Ethiopia	Prime Minister Meles Zenawi	August 23, 1995	designated by party in power after legislative elections	May 14, 2000
Gabon	President El Hadj Omar Bongo	December 2, 1967	succeeded dead President	December 6, 1998
Gambia	President Yahya A. J. J. Jammeh	July 22, 1994	assumed power after a coup	October 18, 2001
Ghana	President John Agyekum Kufuor	January 7, 2001	elected by popular vote	December 7 and 28, 2000
Guinea	President Lansana Conte	April 5, 1984	assumed power following a coup	December 14, 1998
Guinea-Bissau	President Kumba Yala	February 18, 2000	elected by popular vote	November 28, 1999 and January 16, 2000
Kenya	President Mwai Kibaki	December 30, 2002	elected by popular vote	December 27, 2002
Lesotho	Prime Minister Bethuel Pakalitha Mosisili	May 29, 1998	designated by party in power after legislative elections	May 25, 2002
Liberia	President Charles Ghankay Taylor	August 2, 1997	elected by popular vote	July 19, 1997
Libya	Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi	September 1, 1969	assumed power following a coup	NA
Madagascar	President Marc Ravalomanana	May 6, 2002	elected by popular vote	December 16, 2001
Malawi	President Bakili Muluzi	May 21, 1994	elected by popular vote	June 15, 1999
Mali	President Amadou Toumani Toure	June 8, 2002	elected by popular vote	May 12, 2002
Mauritania	President Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya	December 12, 1984	assumed power following a coup	December 12, 1997
Mauritius	President Karl Offmann	February 25, 2002	elected by the National Assembly	September 11, 2000
Morocco	King Mohamed VI	July 23, 1999	assumed power through hereditary monarchy	NA
Mozambique	President Joaquim Alberto Chissano	November 6, 1986	appointed by ruling party	December 3-5, 1999
Namibia	President Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma	March 21, 1990	elected by the Constituent Assembly at independence	November 30 - December 1, 1999
Niger	President Mamadou Tandja	December 22, 1999	elected by popular vote	November 24, 1999
Nigeria	President Olusegun Obasanjo	May 29, 1999	elected by popular vote	April 19, 2003
Rwanda	President Maj. Gen. Paul Kagame	April 22, 2000	elected in a special parliamentary ballot	NA

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Sao Tome & Principe	President Fradique De Menezes	September 3, 2001	elected by popular vote	July 29, 2001
Senegal	President Abdoulaye Wade	April 1, 2000	elected by popular vote	February 27 and March 19, 2000
Seychelles	President France Albert Rene	June 5, 1977	assumed power following a coup	August 31 - September 2, 2001
Sierra Leone	President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah	March 29, 1996	elected by popular vote	May 14, 2002
Somalia	Abdikassim Salad Hassan	August 26, 2000	chosen interim president of transitional government by National Assembly	NA
South Africa	President Thabo Mbeki	June 16, 1999	elected by the National Assembly	June 2, 1999
Sudan	President Lt. Gen. Umar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir	June 30, 1989	assumed power following a coup	December 13-23, 2000
Swaziland	King Mswati III	April 25, 1986	assumed power through hereditary monarchy	NA
Tanzania	President Benjamin William Mkapa	November 23, 1995	elected by popular vote	October 29, 2000
Togo	President Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema	April 14, 1967	assumed power following a coup	June 21, 1998
Tunisia	President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali	November 7, 1987	assumed power following a coup	October 24, 1999
Uganda	President Lt. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni	January 29, 1986	assumed power following a coup	March 12, 2001
Zambia	President Levy Mwanawasa	January 2, 2002	elected by popular vote	December 27, 2001
Zimbabwe	Executive President Robert Gabriel Mugabe	April 18, 1980	came to power after his party won legislative elections	March 9-11, 2002

Sources: Central Intelligence Agency, *The World Factbook: 2002* (Langley, VA: Central Intelligence Agency); and Banks, Arthur S., and Thomas C. Mueller, editors *Political Handbook of the World 1999* (Binghamton: CSA Publications, 1999).

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