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President of the Portuguese Republic (1976–1986)

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JOHN AGYEKUM KUFUOR

President of the Republic of Ghana (2001–2009)

John Agyekum Kufuor was president of Ghana from January 2001 to January 2009. He was elected on the platform of the New Patriotic Party and served two consecutive terms. He was born on December 8, 1938 in Kumasi in the Ashanti Region of Ghana into a family with strong royal antecedents. Mr. Kufuor's period as president was characterised by unprecedented economic growth and political stability. Press freedom and individual liberties flourished and Ghana won plaudits around the world for good governance. President Kufuor served as chair of the regional grouping ECOWAS for two consecutive terms from 2003 to 2004, and as chair of the African Union in 2007. He received many awards during his presidency and has spent his time since leaving office pursuing the same goals that occupied him in public office: promotion of good governance and economic growth in Africa and conflict resolution.



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Koïchiro Matsuura began his diplomatic career with a posting to Ghana in 1961 covering ten West African countries, leading to a lifelong passion for the cultures and people of Africa. He worked in development cooperation throughout his career, and in political affairs with a focus on North America. In the 1970s he served as counsellor at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C., and later as consul general in Hong Kong. As deputy minister for foreign affairs from 1992 to 1994, he was Japan's Sherpa for the G-7 Summit. In 1999, while serving as Japan's ambassador to France and chairing UNESCO's flagship World Heritage Committee, he was elected by member states to his first term as director-general of UNESCO. After a first term marked by programme and reform accomplishments, as well as the addition of new countries, including the United States, to membership in UNESCO, he was re-elected to a second term in October 2005. He has authored books in Japanese, English and French on UNESCO, international relations, the intersection between diplomacy and development cooperation, Japan-US relations, Japan-France relations, and a history of the G-7 Summit.



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SAM NUJOMA

Founding President of the Republic of Namibia

Samuel Nujoma received his primary education at the Okahao Finnish Mission School from 1937 to 1945. In 1946, he moved to the town of Walvis Bay where in 1947 at the age of 17 he began his first employment at a general store for a monthly salary of 10 shillings. In 1949, he moved to Windhoek and began working for South African Railways, attending adult night school at St. Barnabas in the Windhoek Old Location and studying for his junior certificate via correspondence. He resigned from the South African Railways in 1957 at the age of 29 to devote himself to politics. In 1959, he was elected leader of the Owambo People's Organization (OPO) that aimed to end the contract system and the South African colonial administration by placing South West Africa (Namibia) under UN trusteeship. The South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) was formed on 19 April 1960 and Dr. Nujoma was elected as the president of the movement *in absentia*. In March 1966, after six years in exile, in a bid to test South Africa's that Namibians in exile were free to return, Nujoma, accompanied by President Hifikepunye Pohamba, chartered a plane to Windhoek. Upon return, they were arrested and deported to Zambia. Nujoma subsequently organized armed resistance, beginning the Namibian War of Independence which was to last 24 years. In February 1990, he was unanimously elected by the National Assembly as the first president of the Republic of Namibia. He was re-elected for two more terms of office in 1994 and 1999. He holds an MSc in geology from the University of Namibia and is the recipient of numerous honours and distinctions.



OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1976–1979; 1999–2007)

Olusegun Obasanjo, currently the UN secretary-general's special envoy to the Great Lakes Region, was born on March 5, 1937 in Ibogun, Ogun State, Nigeria. He was commissioned into Nigerian Army in 1959. He led the 3rd Marine Commando to end the Nigerian Civil War in 1970. He became deputy-head of state in 1975 and head of state in 1976 following the assassination of General Murtala Mohammed. He retired as general in 1979, becoming the first Nigerian military head of state to relinquish power voluntarily to an elected civilian administration. He thereafter went into agro-business. He was a member and co-chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on Apartheid in South Africa and also a candidate for the office of United Nations secretary-general. He was a founding member of the Interaction Council where he is still very active. He was imprisoned in 1995 by General Abacha on a phantom coup plot charge. Upon his release in 1998, he contested and won the presidential election and served between 1999 and 2007 as president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Among many achievements, his administration renegotiated and paid Nigeria's debt, launching Nigeria on the path of sustainable growth. As president, he also chaired the African Union for two consecutive terms. He established the Africa Leadership Forum (1988), founded Bells University of Technology (2005) and launched the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library Foundation (2005). He is the author of several books on development.



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