

100 greatest Africans of all time

75. Hamilton Naki	The unsung South African surgical pioneer. He made an immeasurable contribution to the first human heart transplant performed by Dr Christian Barnard.
76. Khoisan and Pygmies	Their knowledge of nature is world class. We can learn a lot from them on how to take care of the environment. Their knowledge of African herbs, plants and trees to treat ailments is incommensurable.
77. Hugh Masekela 	South African trumpeter and jazz musician. Through his music, he informed the international community about the injustices of the apartheid system.
78. Luambo Makiadi (aka Franco)	A Congolese and one of Africa's most illustrious musicians. His <i>Rhumba</i> music put him in a class of his own, and earned him a huge and devoted following.
79. Zumbi (of Palmares)	African-Brazilian slave and freedom fighter. A legend, warrior and symbol of freedom. He was beheaded for helping other slaves to freedom.
80. Manu Dibango	Famed saxophonist nicknamed <i>The lion of Cameroon</i> . He has made an enormous contribution to African music and is the continent's best-known jazz saxophonist.
81. Queen Nefertiti 	Egyptian Queen famed throughout the ancient world for her outstanding beauty, The wife of Akhenaten, she is one of the most well-known queens of Ancient Egypt.
82. Zinedine Zidane	The world's most decorated soccer star. His ability to turn a game in his favour, and the way he bends the ball around defenders, makes him one of the most admired footballers.
83. Peter Abrahams	Prolific South African novelist, essayist and pan-Africanist whose early novel <i>Mine Boy</i> (1946) was the first to depict the dehumanising effect of apartheid and racism.
84. Salif Keita	A great musician from Mali. One of the world's influential artistes.
85. The African Child	Resilient in the face of adversity and yet exude bright smiles that warms our hearts and lightens our society. Great survivor.
86. William Tubman	Former president of Liberia. He played an important role in the formation of the OAU and peacekeeping during the Nigerian civil war.
87. Queen of Sheba	A powerful Ethiopian monarch who swept King Solomon of the Bible off his feet with her beauty. One of the best known queens in history.
88. Moshood Abiola	The president Nigeria never had. He won the 1993 presidential election but was denied his crown. A successful businessman, publisher and philanthropist.
89. Eddy Murphy 	African-American top entertainer and actor who has inspired many young ones to follow in his footsteps. A great fun.
90. Houphouet Boigny	Former president of Cote d'Ivoire who won independence for his country and led it to economic success. After his death, the country has never been the same.
91. Brenda Fassie	The African Madonna whose musical talents and exuberance overshadowed her turbulent lifestyle. She was a hit with the younger generation.
92. Archbishop Luwum	Uganda religious leader assassinated by Idi Amin's regime for his outspokenness against governmental excesses.
93. John Chilembwe	Great but unsung Malawian hero who fought the British colonial government and died for it. In Malawi all the denominations of the currency bear his portrait in his honour.
94. Cardinal Arinze	A Nigerian religious leader widely respected inside and outside the Vatican. A hotshot in the race for the next pope.
95. Mansa Musa	The great king of the old Mali Empire who dazzled the world with his wealth on his pilgrimage to Mecca laden with gold.
96. Thierry Henri	Black footballer, born in France. Currently considered the best striker in the world.
97. Neville Livingstone (aka Bunny Wailer)	Godfather of reggae music. The most underrated member of the Wailers.
98. Eduardo Mondlane	Mozambican freedom fighter. As president of FRELIMO, he successfully promoted a coalition with the different independence movements in the country.
99. Desmond Tutu 	"The voice of the voiceless". South African religious leader and political activist. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.
100. Helen Suzman	South African politician, world-famous as a white opponent of apartheid.