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“When Boston University launched the African Presidential Center a decade ago, everyone — from scholars to journalists who covered the continent — opined that other than Nelson Mandela we would be hard pressed to find retired African leaders who would qualify as potential collaborators in our work. The Wall Street Journal suggested we were establishing a “rest home for retired dictators.”


Back then, there were 11 African heads of state who retired through a democratic process. As astounding as folks found that, equally as astounding is the fact that today the number of democratically retired African heads of state stands at 33.”

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<b>Benin</b>	5 multiparty elections since 1991. 2 democratically retired Heads of State (President Nicephore Dieudonne Soglo, President Mathieu Kerekou)
<b>Botswana</b>	9 multiparty elections since 1966. 3 democratically retired Heads of State (President Seretse Khama (deceased), President Ketumile Masire, President Festus Mogae)
<b>Cape Verde</b>	5 multiparty elections since 1991. 3 democratically retired Heads of State (President Aristides Pereira (deceased), President Antonio Mascarenhas Monteiro, President Pedro Pires)
<b>Ghana</b>	3 multiparty elections since 1993. 2 democratically retired Heads of State (President Jerry John Rawlings, President John A. Kufuor)
<b>Kenya</b>	3 multiparty elections since 1992. 1 democratically retired Head of State (President Daniel arap Moi)
<b>Liberia</b>	2 multiparty elections since 2005.
<b>Malawi</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1994. 1 democratically retired Head of State (President Bakili Muluzi)
<b>Mali</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1992. 1 democratically retired Head of State (President Alpha Oumar Konare)
<b>Mauritius</b>	8 multiparty elections since 1968. 5 democratically retired Heads of State and Government (Prime Minister Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (deceased), Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister Paul Berenger, President Cassam Uteem, President Karl Auguste Offmann)



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<b>Mozambique</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1994. 2 democratically retired Heads of State (President Samora Machel (deceased), President Joaquim Chissano)
<b>Namibia</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1990. 1 democratically retired Head of State (President Sam Nujoma)
<b>Nigeria</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1999. 3 democratically retired Heads of State (President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (Deceased), President Olusegun Obasanjo, President Abdulsalami Abubakar)
<b>Senegal</b>	6 elections since 1978. 3 democratically retired Heads of State (President Léopold Sédar Senghor (deceased), President Abdou Diouf , President Abdoulaye Wade)
<b>South Africa</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1994. 3 democratically retired Heads of State (President Nelson Mandela, President Thabo Mbeki, President Kgalema Motlanthe)
<b>Tanzania</b>	4 multiparty elections since 1995. 2 democratically retired Heads of State (President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, President Benjamin Mkapa)
<b>Zambia</b>	6 multiparty elections since 1991. 4 democratically retired Heads of State (President Kenneth Kaunda, President Frederick Chiluba (deceased), President Levy Mwanawasa (deceased), President Rupiah Banda)