

An African Names Resource for 2300

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This list is of names, organized by region and then by modern (circa 1999) countries is intended to help the Director and Player of 2300 AD create authentic Africa and North African names for **both** Earth and Colonial based characters. I have attempted to provide names in two formats: By actual names of public figures of various types derived from public sources and by lists of first and last names. The latter distinction is somewhat artificial in many non-Western naming systems, as personal and family names may be derived from each other. I have not attempted to construct a false "purity" in African names, names judged to be purely of European origin were only purged because most readers need no guide to such names. Names with mixed European and African origin elements have been left in to help suggest patterns of naming usage by region. The result hopefully suggests both common names and naming patterns, but is admittedly subjective and imperfect and is only intended to suggest common regional names. For the same reason, I have deliberately avoided pretending to identify names by ethnicity as even family names are often shared across ethnic groups*. Upon occasion some individuals use a convention once common throughout the world, even in Europe, of putting the family names before the personal name. In that case I have put the family name in parentheses (like so) to signal that. There are definitely cases where I have not recognized the usage. The Director and Player is encouraged to mix and match names (First and Family) rather than simply lift names from this list, which is by no means exhaustive.

A note on spellings: Many names follow a francophone (French) style orthography. I have noted such at the header. Thus, take note that in such cases C = S (e.g. Maciré = ma si ray); CH = SH (Cheikh = Sheikh); Ou+vowel = W (e.g. Oui is Wi).; Tch=Ch in English.

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* I deliberately use ethnic group in place of tribe in my articles: Tribes is an analytically inaccurate term. The objection does not arise from being PC, as I often hear, but from careful analysis. Take the Ibo of Nigeria: historically there have been Ibo tribes (as well as non-tribal Ibo) but the Ibo before the British were never "a" tribe. They're just a group of one language speakers like Arabs or Germans as often allied with groups unlike as like them. This did not make them a tribe any more than it makes Germans or Arabs a tribe, although one can say there are or have been German or Arab tribe. However, 19th century Europeans *knew* that (1) 'primitive' people were 'always' organized in tribes, and (2) people who spoke one language were one nation or tribe or should be. True Europe itself didn't match this, but that is what should have been in the mind frame. So out of Ibo speaking tribes and states, came the Ibo "tribe" as did the Yoruba speakers become a tribe etc. A typical 19th century romantic confusion of language and politics, which has in some places taken on a life of its own. But for analytical clarity, ethnic group is better.

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North Africa, Le Mahgrib, al-Maghrib:

North Africa is most commonly considered to include the 20th century nations of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, and Tunis whose populations are overwhelmingly (99%) Muslim. For a variety of historical and cultural reasons, Egypt is generally studied by itself or in concert with the Red Sea nations. The convention is reflected in Islamic literature, where these nations are referred to as “al-Maghrib,” meaning “The West.” The coastal regions, up to roughly 100 km inland, have moderate climates, resembling that of Southern Spain, or California or Northern Australia. Although members of the Arab league, each country has significant non-Arabic speaking minorities, with Algeria and Morocco hosting the largest Berber (Tamazight) minorities and Mauritania having both a significant Berber (Taureg/Tamachek) and Sudanic African minorities. Further, Arabic spoken in each country is very divergent from standard Arabic or eastern spoken dialects, to the point which it is largely unintelligible to people east of Libya. Hassaniya Arabic of Mauritania has significant Berber and other influences and is not understood north of the Sahara. Ethnically the region is very mixed, most “Arabs” descending from Arabized Berbers. Both Arabic and Berber speakers may come in any skin tone, with approximately 30% of the population having sub-Saharan African ancestry or from indigenous (i.e. non-slave origin) “black” ancestry.

A note on women’s personal names: I sincerely regret the lack of such on this list. As sources, Internet and published, for feminine Arabic names are fairly easy to locate, I made the judgment to concentrate my limited resources on more neglected areas. Absolutely no disrespect is intended for our Maghribi sisters.

Algeria: (francophone orthography):

Although Arabic in derivation, many Algerian names reflect Berberization of their Arabic roots. The component Ait is a sure marker of a Berber. Regarding the often confusing variations in spelling of Arabic names, recall that these names are being transcribed from Arabic script. No standard transcription system exists, and francophone versus anglophone transcription traditions do not agree. There is a tendency in francophone systems to render the name phonetically as pronounced in either dialect or standard Arabic, whereas in English systems the tendency is to render as written. This creates variations as some sounds absorb the “al” prefix (lit. “The”) . Thus, Noor al-din in English transcription becomes Nouredine, its actual pronunciation in Arabic, in the francophone tradition.

These names are useful in naming any character from the Maghrib.

Compiled Names:

Abdallah Baali	Abdelaziz Rahabi
Abdelkader Bengrina	Abdelkader Bensalah
Abdelkader Bounekraf	Abdelkader Hamitou
Abdelkader Tafar	Abdelkrim Harchaoui
Abdelmadjid Menasra	Abdelmalek Sellal
Abderrahmane Belayat	Ahmed Attaf
Ahmed Benslimane	Ahmed Noui
Ali Brahiti	Amar Tou
Amar Zagrar	Bechir Amrat

Belaid Bakhti
Boualem Benhamouda
Boubakeur Benbouzid
Boulahouadjeb Benalia
Ghaouti Mekamcha
Hocine Ait Ahmed
Karim Younes
Liamine Zéroual
Mahfoud Nahnah
Mohamed Kechoud
Mohamed Noura
Mohamed Salah Youyou
Rachid Ramda
Said Saadi
Smail Ait Ali Belkacem
Yahia Guidoum
Zahia Benarous (fem)

Bouabdallah Ghoulemallah
Boualem Bensaid
Bougerra Soltani
Cherif Rahmani
Hacene Laskri
Ismail Hamdani
Lahcene Moussaoui
Mahfoud Laacheb
Mohamed Aziz Derouaz
Mohamed Lamaa
Mohamed Said Abadou
Rabea Mechernene (fem)
Ramtane Lamamra
Sidi Ahmed Boulil
Tedjini Salaouandji
Youcef Yousfi

Family Names:

Algerian family names, when not derived from personal names, have tended to be place name derived (e.g. Hamdani = Fellow from Hamdane) so if one wish to expand on this list, picking a town from an Algerian map and adding “i” would have a strong chance of giving you a perfectly legitimate family name.

Abadou
Ait Ali
Attaf
Bakhti
Belkacem
Benarous
Bengrina
Bensaid
Benslimane
Bounekraf
Cherif Rahmani
Ghoulemallah
Hamdani
Harchaoui
Laacheb
Lamamra
Mechernene
Menasra

Ait Ahmed
Amrat
Baali
Belayat
Benalia
Benbouzid
Benhamouda
Bensalah
Boulil
Brahiti
Derouaz
Guidoum
Hamitou
Kechoud
Lamaa
Laskri
Mekamcha
Moussaoui (pron: Moo Sawi)

Nahnah

Noura

Ramda

Salaouandji

Soltani

Tou

Yousfi

Zagrar

Noui

Rahabi

Saadi

Sellal

Tafar

Younes

Youyou

Z roual

Personal Names:

As may be noted there is substantial overlap between personal names and family names. Indeed the division is somewhat artificial. Most other personal names from the Maghrib are equally useful here. It may be noted that these first names can also be used for Muslim West African characters.

Abdallah

Abdelkader

Abdelkader = Abd el-Qadir

Abdelmadjid

Abderrahmane

Ahmed

Amar

Bechir

Bouabdallah

Boualem

Bougerra

Bounekraf

Cherif

Hacene

Hocine

Karim

Liamine

Mohamed

Rabea (fem)

Ramtane

Said (pron: Saa eed)

Smail

Yahia

Zahia(fem)

Abdelaziz

Abdelkader

Abdelkrim

Abdelmalek

Ahmed

Ali

Aziz

Belaïd

Boualem

Boubakeur

Boulaouadjeb (pron: Boul ahou jeb)

Bouazid

Ghaouti

Hamouda

Ismail

Lahcene

Mahfoud

Mohamed

Rachid

Said

Salah

Tedjini

Youcef

Libya:

Libyan names may be useful in naming characters from the western portions of the UAR, as well as any character from the Maghrib. Components of these names would also make sense in combination with names from Senegal, Mali, Nigeria, Kanuri and Chad to be found in the West Africa section.

Compiled Names

Abd al-Hafidh Mahmud Zalitni

Al-Bukhair Salem Huda

Bashir Ramadan Abu-Jinah

Hutaywish Faraj Hutaywish

Jadallah Azzouz at-Talhi

Mahmud Badi

Matuq Muhammad Matuq

Muftah Azzouz

Muhammad Ahmad al-Manqush

Muhammad Mahmud al-Hijazi

Zentani Muhammad az-Zentani

Abdallah Salim al-Badri

Ali Yusuf Juma

Fawziyah ash-Shalabi (fem)

Izz ad-Din al-Muhammad al-Hinshiri

Juma Fazzani

Masud Abu-Suwa

Mubarak ash-Shamikh

Muhammad Abu al-Qasim az-Zuwayy

Muhammad Bayt al-Mal

Omar Mustafa al-Montassir

Family Names:

Libyan family names, when not derived from personal names, have tended to be place name derived (e.g. Fazzani = Fellow from the Fezzan) so if one wish to expand on this list, picking a town from a Libyan map and adding "i" would have a strong chance of giving you a perfectly legitimate family name.

Abd al-Hafidh

Abu-Jinah

al-Badri

al-Hijazi

al-Manqush

ash-Shalabi

at-Talhi

Azzouz

Badi

Faraj

Huda

Juma

Salim

Abu al-Qasim

Abu-Suwa

Al-Bukhair

al-Hinshiri

al-Montassir

ash-Shamikh

az-Zentani

az-Zuwayy

Bayt al-Mal

Fazzani

Hutaywish

Matuq

Zalitni

Personal Names

As may be noted there is substantial overlap between personal names and family names. Indeed the division is somewhat artificial. Most Moroccan and Algerian names are equally useful here.

Abd al-Hafidh

Abu al-Qasim

Abdallah

Abu-Jinah

Abu-Suwa
Al-Bukhair
Azzouz
Faraj
Hutaywish
Jadallah
Mahmud
Matuq
Muftah
Mustafa
Ramadan
Salim
Zentani

Ahmad
Ali
Bashir
Fawziyah (fem)
Izz ad-Din
Juma
Masud
Mubarak
Muhammad
Omar
Salem
Yusuf

Mauritania

Mauritania names are of Arabic derivation but are quite different than standard. Family names per se are rare, the common construction is X (son of) Y: i.e. Xould Y. Ould is pronounced wuld. The feminine equivalent is mint, so a women's name might be Fatima mint Taha. Mauritania has a significant sub-Saharan African population along its border with Senegal, who are mostly of Peul/Fulani or Soninké (Mandé) ethnicities. Although conflicts between the groups is cast as white-black in local terms, the outside observer may be hard pressed to see a difference in actual skin color for most of the populations concerned.

These names may be useful for characters from northern Berbera as well as Polisaria (the Western Sahara) as the names are essentially the same. Also found in Morocco. For non-Arab populations please see Senegal and Mali name lists.

Compiled Names:

Ahmed Ould Sidi Ahmed
Camara Aly Gueladio (soninké/mandé)
Cheikh El Afia Ould Mohamed Khouna
Dahould Abd-el-Jelil
Diyé Ba (peul)
Ishagh Ould Rajel
Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya
Mintata Mint Hiddeid (fem)
Mohamed Ould Ahmed Lemine
Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug
Moustaph Ould sid 'El Isselmou
Rachid Ould Saleh

Baba Ould Sidi
Ch'Bib Ould Chebib Cheikh Malaine
Cheikh Sid'Ahmed Ould Baba
Dieng Boubou Farba (soninké/mandé)
Ehemdi Ould Hamadi
Kaba Ould Elewa
Mahfoudh Ould Deddach
Mohamed el Moctar Ould Zamel
Mohamed Ould Sid' Ahmed Lekhal
Mohamedou Ould Michel
N'Galde Lamine Kayo (soninké/mandé)
Sghair Ould M'Bareck

Personal & Family Names:

I have not broken out Mauretanian names between family and first as the tendency in the Saharan is to use the common construction is X (son of) Y: i.e. X ould Y. Ould is pronounced wuld. The feminine equivalent is mint, so a women's name might be Fatima mint Taha.

Abd-el-Jelil	Ahmed
Baba	Ch'Bib = Chebib
Cheikh (Cheikh = Sheik, is both a name and a title)	Dahould [pron: Da hoold]
Deddach	Ehemdi
El Afia	el Moctar
Elewa	Hamadi
Hiddeid (fem)	Ishagh
Kaba	Lemine
Maaouya [pron: Maw ya]	Mahfoudh
Malaine	M'Bareck
Merzoug	Mintata (fem)
Mohamed = Mohamedou	Moustapha
Rachid	Rajel
Saleh	Salem
Sghair	Sid
Sid 'El Isselmou	Sid'Ahmed
Sidi (Sidi is both a name and a title of respect: ~Mister)	Taya
Zamel	

Morocco

Following a similar pattern and history, Moroccan names are equally useful for Algerian characters and even northern Berberan characters.

Abdelkebir Alaoui M'Daghri	Abdellatif Filali
Abdelouhad Fassi	Abdelwahed Radi
Abderrahmane Sbai	Abderrahmane Youssoufi
Abdessadek Rabi	Ahmed Moussaoui
Ahmed Osman	Ahmed Senoussi
Alami Tazi	Ali Yata
Aziz Houcine	Bouamour Taghouane
Driss Basri	Fathallah Oualalou
Habib Maliki	Hassan Sabbar
Ismail Alaoui	Khalid Alioua
Maati Bouabid	Mahjoubi Ahardane

M'Hamed Boucetta
Mohamed Arsalane el-Jadidi
Mohamed Benaissa
Mohamed Jalal Essaid
Mohamed Larbi Messari
Mohamed Yazghi
Mustapha Mansouri
Omar Azziman
Youssef Tahiri

Mohamed Achari
Mohamed Ben Said
Mohamed Bouzouba
Mohamed Laenser
Mohamed Oujar
Mohammad al-Yazghi
Najib Zerouali
Rachid Filali

Family Names:

Moroccan family names have tended to be place name derived (e.g. Fassi = Fellow from Fez) so if one wish to expand on this list, picking a town from a Moroccan map and adding “i” would have a strong chance of giving you a perfectly legitimate family name.

Achari
Alaoui
al-Yazghi
Assousi
Basri
Benaissa [pron: Ben Ah Issa]
Boucetta
Bousouab [[pron: Bou Swab]
el-Jadidi
Fassi
Houcine
Laenser
Lghribe [pron: La Greeb]
Maliki
M'Daghri
Messari
Moussaoui
Oualalou
Oujar
Radi
Sabbar
Senoussi
Tahiri
Yata
Youssoufi

Ahardane
Alioua
Arsalane
Azziman
Ben Said
Bouabid [pron: Bou Abid]
Bounjma [pron: Bou N(eh)J(e)ma]
Bouzouba
Essaid
Filali
Jalal
Larbi
Lhassan [pron: L' hassan = al-Hassan]
Mansouri
Mernissi
Miknasi
Osman
Ouaricha [pron: Waar isha]
Rabi
Riahi
Sbai
Taghouane [pron: Teg Waan]
Tazi
Yazghi
Zerouali

Personal Names:

First names given here may be easily combined with Algerian or Tunisian names and vica-versa.

Abdelkebir	Abdellatif
Abdelouhad = Abdelwahid	Abdelwahed
Abderrahmane = Abdu Rahman	Abdessadek
Ahmed	Alami
Ali	Aziz
Bouamour	Driss
Idriss	Fathallah
Habib	Hassan
Ismail	Khalid
Maati	Mahjoubi
Mehdi	M'Hamed = Mohamed = Mohammad
Mustapha	Najib
Omar	Rachid
Youssef	

Tunisia

Tunisian names follow patterns by now familiar for Maghrebi names. As noted in previous entries, these names are equally valid across the Maghrib.

Compiled Names

Abdallah Kallel	Abdelbaki Hermassi
Ahmed Friaa	Aissa Hidoussi (fem)
Ali Chabbi	Ali Chaouch
Ali Hachani	Ameur Horchani
Chedly Neffati	Dali Jazi
Fethi Merdassi	Fouad Mebazaâ
Habib Ben Yahia	Hamed Karoui
Hassine Chouk	Hedi Mhenni
Kamel Hadj Sassi	Mohamed Ali Ghenzoui
Mohamed el-Beji Hamda	Mohamed El-Jeri
Mohamed Jegham	Mohamed Mehdi Mlika
Moncef Ben Abdallah	Moncer Rouissi
Mondher Zenaidi	Mongi Safra
Montacer Ouaili	Mounir Jaidene
Mustapha Bouaziz	Neziha Zarrouk
Noureddine Mejdoub	Raouf Najjar
Ridha Ferchiou	Ridha Grira
Sadok Fayala	Sadok Rabah

Said Ben Mustapha
Slaheddine Cherif
Taoufik Baccar

Slaheddine Belaid
Slaheddine Maaoui
Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali

Family Names

As with other Maghribi family names have tended to be place name derived when not based on personal names (e.g. Ben Abdallah = Son of Abdallah, both a personal and family name).

al-Abidine
Belaid
Ben Ali
Ben Yahia
Chabbi
Cherif
el-Beji
Fayala
Friaa
Grira
Hadj Sassi
Hermassi
Horchani
Jazi
Kallel
Maaoui
Mehdi
Merdassi
Mlika
Neffati
Rabah
Safra
Zenaidi

Baccar
Ben Abdallah
Ben Mustapha
Bouaziz
Chaouch
Chouk
El-Jeri
Ferchiou
Ghenzoui
Hachani
Hamda
Hidoussi
Jaidene
Jegham
Karoui
Mebazaâ
Mejdoub
Mhenni
Najjar
Ouaili
Rouissi
Zarrouk

Personal Names:

Tunisian personal names follow Maghribi patterns and are equally useful throughout the Maghrib.

Abdallah
Ahmed
Ali
Baccar
Chedly

Abdelbaki
Aissa
Ameur
Bouaziz
Cherif

Dali
Fouad
Hamed
Hedi
Mehdi
Moncef
Mondher
Montacer
Mustapha
Neziha
Rabah
Ridha
Said
Slaheddine
Yahia

Fethi
Habib
Hassine
Kamel
Mohamed
Moncer
Mongi
Mounir
Mustapha
Noureddine
Raouf
Sadok
Samir
Taoufik
Zine

West Africa

Geographic Orientation

West Africa is most commonly considered to include, roughly from West to East, Senegal & Gambia, Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger and Nigeria. For 2300 AD, this comprises the nations of Senegal, Mali, Guinea Coast Union, Berbera, and Nigeria. Two nations splitting off from Nigeria in 2300 AD, Kanuri and Biafra might better be included in Central Africa, but will be mentioned here as names for them will come from Nigeria. I am also including Chad because its naming conventions most resemble those of northern Nigeria's -for our purposes. Mauretania is also sometimes included, but purely Hassiniya Arabic names have been covered in the North Africa section. The region is very varied in climate, from the Sahara to the tropical jungles so dear to Hollywood.

Ethnically this area is as varied as its climate but comes in several cultural zones, which will be explained in the appropriate country groupings as appropriate. As mentioned in the introduction, although at times ethnic groups will be mentioned in connection with names, no real solid barriers exist, only tendencies and names are often shared across ethnic groups and cultures. One expects that in a 2300 AD setting this will be even more the case.

Organization: Since the official maps are drastically rearranged in circa 2300 AD Africa, some liberties are taken here. Furthermore, as the maps incorrectly reflect the location of major geographical features and are not in agreement with each other, I take the liberty of suggesting a corrected Africa 2300 map, which attempts to be true to official sources, while indicating a clearer, more physically accurate map for the Director or Player so interested. The modern countries are grouped according to their 2300 AD "national affiliation." I have tried to suggest the geography of the names, without imposing, once more, false barriers. **Note: the family and personal names list contain substantially more names than the compiled names, which are lifted directly from lists of public figures. Conversely, the family and personal name lists drop "European" names combined with African names.**

Westernmost West Africa - Senegal 2300AD, The Wolof-Atlantic Zone

Senegal 2300 AD comprises the 20th century nations of Senegal, Gambia and Guinea Bissau. It ranges from steamy tropical forest in the south to dry Sahel (steppe) in the north. The area, although ethnically diverse is even today dominated by Wolof language speakers, with minorities of Peul (Fulani: who speak a related language), several Mandé ethnic groups and various minor Atlantic language speaking groups in the south whose languages are distantly related to Wolof and Peul. Islamicized since the 15th century C.E. the region has long had the habit of multi-ethnic states and intermarriage so even family names are but rough indicators of the person's chosen ethnicity. Very little ethnic tension per se is evident, but tensions between the tiny Catholic and traditional religious believers in the South and the dominant Muslim North continue to be an issue. In general, someone with a "European" first name may be assumed to be either of mixed heritage or a Christian. An exception to this rule are Portuguese names, which made their way into Wolof usage in the 15th and 16th centuries. With that caveat, many of the names presented here may be used for any Muslim West African character. Guinea Bissau names are presented separately as they are heavily Portuguese in origin.

Compiled Names of Public Figures:

Gambia:

Alhaji Bai Kante

Amadou Bansang Jobarteh

(mostly anglophone orthography)

Malamini Jobarteh

Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe

Baboucarr-Blaise Ismaila Jagne
Dembo Konte
Ebrima Ceesay (Cissé)
Edward Singhatey
Famara Jatta
Foday Musa Suso
Hamat N. K. Bah
Ifang Bondi
Isatou Njie Saidy
Lamine Bajo

Senegal

Abdou Diouf
Abdoulaye Bathily
Abdoulaye Elimane Kane
Abdoulaye Makhtar Diop
Abdoulaye Wade
Abdourahmane Sow
Abibatou Mbaye (fem)
Aissata Tall Sall (fem)
Aissatou Niang Ndaiye (fem)
Alassane Dialy Ndiaye
Aminata Mbengue Ndiaye (fem)
Andre Sonko
Assane Diop
Balla Moussa Daffé
Cheikh Abdoul Kadré Cissokho
Cheikh Hamidou Kane
Cherif Macky Sall
Coumba Gawlo Seck (fem)
Doudou Ndiaye Rose
El Hadji Ibrahim Sall
Iba Der Thiam
Iba Gueye
Jimi Mbaye
Khalifa Sall
Kiné Lam
Lamine Cissé

Guinea Bissau

Aboubakar Dahaba

Musa Mbenga
Mustapha Wadda
Ousainou Darboe
Ousanu Darbo
Ousman Badjie
Santang Jow
Sidia Jatta
Susan Wafa-Ogoo
Yahya Jammeh
Yankuba Touray (Touré)

(mostly francophone orthography)

Landing Sane
Landing Savane
Ibra Deguéne Ka
Madier Diouf
Madou Diabate
Magued Diouf
Mamadou Faye
Mamadou Lamine Loum
Mamadou Mansour Seck
Mame Bounama Sall
Mansour Seck
Marie Louise Correa
Mouhamed El Moustapha Diagne
Omar Pene
Ousmane Tanor Dieng
Papa Babacar Mbaye
Robert Sagna
Sanghe Mballo
Serigne Diop
Souleymane Faye
Souty Touré
Thio Mbaye
Thione Seck
Tijane Sylla
Wasis Diop

(mixed franco and lusophone orthographies)

Alfredo Lopes Cabral

Arafam Mane
 Carlos Domingos Gomes
 Domingos Fernandes Gomes
 Flavio Giselo Proenca
 Francisco Benante
 Helder Jorge Vaz Gomes Lopes
 Humberto General Gomez
 João Bernardo Vieira
 Jorge Mandinga
 Jose Katengul M. Endes
 Koumba Yalla
 Malal Sane
 Manuel Saturnino da Costa
 Nharebat Incaia Intchasso
 Odette Semedo

Brandao Gomes Co
 Daniel Ferreira
 Domingos Fernandes Gomes
 Francesca Pereira
 Francisco Fadul
 Humberto Fernandes Naka
 Ilia Barber
 Joao Gomes Cardoso
 Jose Avito da Silva
 Juliano Augusto Fernandes
 Luis Candido Ribeiro
 Malam Bacai Sanha
 Mario Lopes da Rosa
 Nicandro Barreto Pereira

Family and Personal Names:

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Family Names from Senegal & Gambia:

Amar
 Bah (Ba)
 Bamba
 Bounama
 Cissé
 Daffé
 Darbo
 Diabaté
 Dialy
 Diop
 Diouf
 Fall
 Foutel
 Jagne
 Jatta
 Jow
 Kadré
 Lam
 Lô
 Maïga

(mostly francophone orthography)

Badjie
 Bajo
 Bathily
 Ceesay (Cissé)
 Cissokho
 Dansokho
 Deguéne
 Diagne
 Dieng
 Dior
 Drammé
 Faye
 Gueye
 Jammeh
 Jobe
 Ka
 Kané
 Loum
 Madiaga
 Mballo (em ballo)

Mbaye
Mbengue
Nass
Ndiack (pron: en di ak)
Ndioga
Ndow
Niang
Pene
Sadibou
Saidy
Samb
Savané
Sedat
Sidibé
Sonko
Sylla
Tanor
Touray (Touré)
Wadda
Wafa-Ogoo

Mbenga
Mboup
Nder (pron: en dare)
Ndiaye
Ndour
Ngom
Njie
Pene
Sagna
Sall
Sané
Seck
Senghor
Singhatey (pron: sing ghat ay)
Sow
Tall (p)
Thiam
Touré
Wade

Family Names from Guinea Bissau

Bacai
Barreto
Cardoso
da Rosa
Dahaba
Fadul
Ferreira
Gomes Co
Intchasso
Mandinga
Naka
Pereira
Ribeiro
Sanha
Vaz
Yalla

(Lusophone orthography)

Barber
Benante
da Costa
da Silva
Endes
Fernandes
Giselo
Incaia
Lopes Cabral
Mane
Pereira
Proenca
Sane
Semedo
Vieira

Personal Names from Senegal, Gambia & Guinea:

Masculine:

Abdoulaye
Alboury
Baboucarr-Blaise
Balla
Doudou
Famara
Iba
Ismaila
Kiné
Lat
Madou
Mansour
Momodou
Musa
Ndongo
Ousainou
Ousmane (pron: Wes man)
Santang
Sixu (pron: Si kho)
Thio
Wasis
Yankuba

Feminine:

Aawa
Aicha
Aminata
Awa
Binta
Coumba
Dial (Di yal)
Fanta
Fatamatou
Kadiatou (Kadiditou etc.)
Kesso (p)
Khar
Koumanthio (p)
Maciré
Mana
Mariyama
Nouncoumba
Rougiya

(mostly francophone orthography)

Alassane
Amath
Bakane
Demba
Ebrima
Hamat
Isatou
Ismailou (short form: Iso)
Lamine
Madiour
Magay
Modou
Mountaga
Mustapha
Omar
Ousanu
Samba
Sidia
Souleymane
Thione
Yahya

Adama
Ama
Assiatou
Bilguissa
Bintou
Deineba
Diara
Fata
Hadiatou
Kamissa
Kézedie (p)
Kiné
Koumba
Mada (p)
Mariam
Mimi
Oumou
Safatou

Seynabou
Sogolon
Tata

Sira
Sokhna

Lower Coastal West Africa and Center: Mali 2300 AD, The Mandé Zone

Mali 2300 is comprised of the circa 2000 states of Mali (below the Niger river), Guinea (Conakry), and Sierra Leone, which unites for the most part the ancient Mandé heartland. The Mandé are an ethno-linguistic group whose languages appear to be only very distantly related to the rest of the great Niger-Congo language family which also includes the Bantu languages of Southern and Central Africa. Founders of two of the most famous medieval Islamic empires of Sahelian (Savannah) West Africa, ancient Ghana and ancient Mali (both centered in the area intersecting modern Mali, Senegal and Guinea), a pan-Mandé movement has attempted since the 21st century to reunite the Mandé peoples with mixed success. [Note, the 20th century state of Ghana had nothing to do with ancient Ghana.] Mali at the end of the 23rd century contains important minorities of Peul (Fulani) throughout the country and other Atlantic language speakers in the coastal zone. The Peul are a politically powerful group who have maintained a separate identity within a common Muslim culture. The later have mostly been assimilated, while others have left for neighboring Liberia in the Guinea Coast Union. Most English Creole speakers left Sierra Leone state when unification was ratified with old Mali and old Guinea. Thus, most but not all names presented in this section relate either to Mandé peoples or to the Peul. The first names presented here for the most part are of Islamic origin and may be used with any Muslim West African character. Upwards of 90% of the population is Muslim of various varieties with an important Christian minority, mostly Roman Catholic, in the coastal areas. Because Sierra Leone has somewhat different naming conventions, it is presented separately

Compiled Names from Mali & Guinea-Conakry.

Guinea-Conakry:

Almany Diaby
Boubacar Barry
Cellou Dalein Diallo
Djanka Diabaté
El Hadj Boubacar Biro Diallo
Facine Touré
Fodé Bangoura
Govreissi Condé
Ibrahima Kassory Fofana
Ibro Diabaté
Jean-Paul Sarr
Kandjoura Dramé
Kerfala Kanté
Kozo Zoumanigui
Lamine Sidimé
Mahawa Bangoura Camara
Mohamed Thiam
Mory Kanté
Moussa Solano

(francophone orthography)

Almany Fodé Sylla
Camara Aboubacar
Cellou Diallo
Doranké Assifat Diasseny
Eugene Camara
Facinet Fofana
Germain Doualamou
Ibrahim Cherif Bah
Ibrahima Mongo Diallo
Jali Musa Jawara
(Kanté) Manfila
Keletigui Traoré
Koumba Diakité
Ladji Camara
Madikaba Camara
Mamadou Bah
Momo Soumah
Moussa Sampil
Oumou Dioubaté (fem)

Ousmane Diallo
Sekou Bembeya Diabaté
Sona Diabaté

Saran Daraba (fem)
Sekouba Diabaté
Zainoul Sanoussy

Mali

Abdoulaye Diabaté
Adama Mahame Dicko
Ahmed el-Madani Diallo
Ali Nouhoum Diallo
Ami Koita (fem)
Ascofare Ouleymatou Tamboura
Coumba Sidibé (fem)
(Diakité) Fatoumata Ndiaye (fem)
Djeneba Diakité (fem)
Fatou Haidara (fem)
Fissa Maiga
Hamidou Diabaté
Ibrahim Boubacar Keita
Ibrehima Siby
Karamoko Coulibaly
Lobi Traoré
Mamadou Bamou Touré
Moctar Ouané
Modibo Traoré
Mohammed Salia Sokona
Moussa Balla Coulibaly
Nanou Coul
Oumou Sangaré (fem)
Sada Samaké
Sali Sidibé (fem)
Siriné Diawara
(Sy) Kadiatou Sow (fem)
Yoro Diakité

(francophone orthography)

Adama Koné
Adama Samassekou
Ali Farka Touré
Alpha Oumar Konaré
Aminata Dramé Traoré (fem)
Cheick Oumar Diarrah
Diarra Hafsatou Thierro (fem)
Dieneba Seck (fem)
Fanta Damba (fem)
Fatou Haidara Cissé (fem)
Hadjia Soumano (fem)
Hassane Diallo
Ibrahim N'diaye
Idrissa Traoré
Kassé Mady
Mamadou Bakary Sangaré
Mamodou Ba
Modibo Sidibé
Mohamed Ag Erlaf (Tuareg)
Mountaga Tall
Nahawa Doumbia
Oumar Dicko
Ousmane Oumarou Sidibé
Sadio Kouyaté
Salif Keita
Soumaila Cissé
Toumani Diabaté
Younouss Hamaye Dicko

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Family Names from Mali & Guinea:

Ba
Bah

Baari
Bakary

Baldé
Bamou
Barry
Boiro
Boubou
Cissé
Condé
Coulibaly
Dalein
Daraba
Diabaté
Diadé
Diallo
Diasseny
Dicko
Djan
Doumbia
Erlaf (Tuareg)
Farba
Feerobé
Fofana
Haidara
Hamaye
Ka
Kaboré
Kanté
Keita
Konaré
Koné
Kouyaté
Maal
Maiga
N'diaye
Nouhoum
Oumarou
Salia
Samassekou
Sangaré
Sanoussi
Sarre
Seré

Balla
Bangoura
Biro
Boly
Camara
Cissokho
Coul
Dabiré
Damba
Dayabé
Diaby
Diakité
Diarrah
Diawara
Dioubaté
Doualamou
Dramé
Fall
Farka
Fodé
Gara
Haidara
Jawara
Kaba
Kandia
Kassory
Koita
Konaté
Kourouma
Labé
Mady
Manfila
Niane
Ouané
Ourourbé
Samaké
Sampil
Sanou
Sarr
Seck
Siby

Sidibé
Sodé
Solano
Soumahoro
Soumanou
Sowndé
Sylla
Tamboura
Thiam
Touré
Traouré

Sidimé
Sokona
Soumah
Soumano
Sow
Sy
Tall
Tégeula
Thierro
Traoré
Zoumanigui

Personal Names from Mali & Guinea:

Masculine:

Abdou
Abdoulaziz
Abidine
Aboubakar
Adou
Alboury
Aliou
Almany
Aly
Amath
Anady
Asmaou
Baboucar
Banworo
Boubacar
Cheikhou
Danfa
Dieng
Djanka
Djemba
Djibo
Djogo
Ebrima
Facinet
Fan-Sai

Abdoulaye
Abdourahim
Aboubacar
Adama
Alassane
Ali
Alioune
Alpha
Amara
Anadi
Arafam
Baba
Balla
Biro
Cellou
Cissé
Daouda
Diyé
Djeli
Djeny
Djibril
Doranké
Facine
Famara
Féréndan

Fissa
Fodé
Gbéré-Sadi
Gueladio
Hamat
Iba
Ibrahima
Idrissa
Ismailou
Kandjoura
Kegmi
Kerfala
Kidi
Kounda
Ladji
Lansané
Lobi
Maghan
Mahawa
Malal
Malik
Mamady
Manfila
Médoune
Mody
Mokhtar
Momodou
Mountaga
Musa
Nahawa
Nanou
Nharebat
Oury
Sadio
Salif
Samô
Sékouba
Siaka
Sila
Siriné
Soma

Fodeba
Frémori
Govreissi
Hamady
Hamidou
Ibrahim
Ibro
Ismaila
Kader
Kasse
Keletigui
Khalirou
Koro
Kozo (Atl.)
Lamine
Latir
Madikaba
Mahamoudou
Makam
Malam
Mamadou
Mamedou
Mansour
Modou
Mohamed
Momo
Mory
Moussa
Mustapha
Namory
N'Galde
Oumar
Ousmane (pron: Wes man)
Safiatou
Samba
Sékou
Seydou
Siguidé
Simbon
Solumudu
Sona

Sora
Souleymane
Soundioulou
Thione
Toumani
Yaya
Youssoufou

Sory
Soundiata
Theirno (Teirno)
Tidrane
Yahya
Youssouf
Zaïnoul

Feminine:

Aawa
Aicha (pron: Ah e sha)
Aminata
Assiatou
Bilguissa
Bintou
Deineba
Djeneba
Fata
Fatou
Hadiatou
Kadiatou (Kadiditou etc.)
Kan
Kézedie
Kiné
Koumba
Mada
Mariam
Mimi
Ouleymatou
Rougiya
Salimatou (Sali)
Seynabou
Sogolon
Tata

Adama
Ama
Ascofare
Awa
Binta
Coumba
Diara
Fanta
Fatamatou
Fatoumata
Hadja
Kamissa
Kesso
Khar
Koumanthio
Maciré
Mana
Mariyama
Nouncoumba
Oumou
Safatou
Saran
Sira
Sokhna
Wasa

Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is listed separately from the rest of Mali 2300 because of its somewhat different heritage. An English colony with a large number of Crio (Creole English) speakers, Sierra Leone's lowlands do not belong to the traditional Muslim, Mandé cultural zone as its uplands do. Nor does it European cultural influences follow the same Franco-Latin influences that Senegal, Guinea Bissau and Guinea-Conakry do. In my Mali 2300 article (forthcoming), I stipulate an emmigration of the Anglo-Crio component of Sierra

Leone society when Mali federated with Sierra Leone as they felt alienated by the Islamic pan-Mandé ideology of the Malian state, however well-intentioned it might be. Realizing not every author may wish to follow this, these compiled names are a source of typical Sierra Leone names of the political class. I would suggest, if one follows my article, that the Anglo Sierra-Leonese emigrate to Ibo dominated Biafra, with whom they currently have close commercial relations. Otherwise, the names presented in the Mali & Guinea Conakry section are useful here.

Compiled Names

Abu Aya Koroma
 Albert Joe Demby
 Alpha T. Wurie
 Edward Mohammed Turay (Touré)
 Hafsatu Kabba
 John Karefa Smart
 Lawrence Kamara
 Momodu Koroma
 Shirley Yema Gbujama
 Sulaiman Tejan-Jalloh
 Thaimu Bangura (Bangoura)

(Anglophone orthography)

Abu Koroma
 Allie Thorlu Bangura
 Charles Francis Margai
 Fode M. Dabor
 Harry Will
 John Karimu
 Mohamed Swarray Deen
 Sama Banya
 Solomon E. Berewa
 Tejan Kabbah

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Family Names

Abu	Amara
Aya	Bangura
Banya	Berewa
Braima	Bundu
Dabor	Deen
Ganda	Gbujama
Jalloh	Kabba
Kabbah	Kamara
Karefa	Kargbo
Karimu	Keita
Korjie	Koroma
Kulawanea	Lisk
Margai	Minah
Momoh	Neare
Sillah	Soalla
	Swarray
Tejan	Touray (Touré)

Wurie

Yema

Personal Names from Sierra Leone:

Masculine

Abu

Alieu

Aya

Fode

Haroun

Momodu

Saidu

Sanusi

Tejan

Thorlu

Ahmad

Alpha

Foday

Hafsatu

Mohammed

Sahusi

Sama

Siaka

Thaimu

Feminine:

Jumoke

Sriyani

Mabinty

Tenneh

West Central West Africa: Guinea Coast & Burkina Faso 2300 AD, Voltaic Zone

The Guinea Coast of 2300 is probably best conceived as a federation of states rather than a unitary entity, so diverse is its populations and histories. The Guinea Coast includes the larger portions of the circa 2000 nations of Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and the western portions of Benin, the southern and eastern portions of the last being held by Nigeria. The northern tiers of each of these nations were absorbed by Burkina Faso and Mali. The north-western tier of this area contains the edge of the Mandé zone, while the south-Western coastal zone contains Atlantic peoples speaking languages very distantly related to Wolof. The heartland is dominated by Baulé-Akan language speaking peoples, while to the eastern edge is dominated by Éwé, a close relative of Akan, and in the Benin area, by Fon. This area is mixed Muslim and Christian.

Burkina Faso 2300 is a fairly expanded nation, but remains essentially the same as that of 2000, and is centered around the lands of the ancient pre-colonial Mossi kingdoms. It has acquired some of its northern territory from old Niger and Mali. These populations are essentially Peul (Fulani) or Hausa, so their names may be derived either from the Mali list or from the northern Nigeria list. The western portions of Burkina belong ethnically to the Mandé zone. It also has acquired some southern territory from the Guinea Coast nations, much of which is either Mandé, in the west, or Voltaic relatives of Mossi in the East.

Compiled Names:

Benin:

Abdoulaye Bio Tchane
Adjovi Severin
Albert Tevoedjre
Bruno Amoussou
Daniel Tawema
Felix Dansou
Joseph Sourou Attin
Marina D'Almeida-Massougbodji
Nicéphore Soglo
Pascal Fatondji
Pierre Osho
Robert Dossou
Severin Adjovi
Yakoubou Assouma

(francophone orthography)

Adekedjon Akindes
Adrien Houngbédji
Antoine Idji Kolawole
Damien Zinsou Alahassa
Enock Lagniede
(Gnonlonfoun) Joseph
Marie-Elise Gbedo
Mathieu Kérékou
Pascal Chabi Kao
Pierre John Igue
Ramatou Baba-Moussa (fem)
Saka Saley
Sylvain Adekedjou Akindes

Burkina Faso:

Alassé Ouedraogo
Albert D. Millogo
Bana Ouandaogo
Banworo Seydou Sanou
Bongnessan Arsene Yé
Christophe Dabiré
Cyril Goungounga
Dím Naogo

(francophone orthography)

Alassane Sere
Alice Tiendrebeogo
Banagoulo Yaro
Bedouma Alain Yoda
Bruno Zidouemba
Conombo
Daouda Bayili
Din Salif Sawadago

Dolobsom Dao
Elie Compaoré
Elie Sarre
Frédéric Fernand Guirma
Haidou Ouédraogo
Hamidou Wibgha
Idrissa Zampalegre
Joseph Andre Tiendrebeogo
Joseph Ki-zerbo
Kader Cissé
Kango Ouedraogo
Louis Savadogo
Mahamoudou Ouedraogo
Marcel Kafando
Michel Bounkougou
Michel Koutaba
Norbert Zerbo
Phillipe Zida
Sali Sawadogo
Sangoulé Lamizana
Simon Compaoré
Tertius Zongo
Viviane Yolande Compaoré
Yero Boly

Cote d'Ivoire:

Adama Coulibaly
Aicha Koné
Albert Kacou Tiapani
Amara Essy
Charles Blé Goudé
Danielle Boni-Claverie (fem)
Dossongui Koné
Ernesto Djedje
Francis Wodie
Gnaore Djimi
Henri Konan Bédié
Jean Michel Moulod
Kacou Guikahue
Lambert Kouassi Konan
Laurent Dona Fologo

Edmond Koama.
Elie Ouedraogo
Emile Kabore
Gerard Kango Ouedraogo
Halidou Diallo
Hermann Yaméogo
Issiaka Drabo
Joseph Kabore
Juliette Bonkougou
Kadré Désiré Ouedraogo
Larba Yarga
Ludovic Alain Tou
Marc-Christian Kaboré
Mélégué Maurice Traoré
Michel Kafando
Moussa Boly
Ouamdégé Sanao
Ram Ouédraogo
Salif Diallo
Saye Zerbo
Soma Barro
Tomas Sankara
Wenceslas Ilboudo.
Youssef Ouedraogo

(francophone orthography)

Adou Kouadio
Akon Kouassi
Alpha Blondy
Bamba Idrissa,
Daniel Kablan Duncan
Djeny Kobina
Emile Constant Bombet
Faustin Kouamé
Gadji Celi
Guy Emmanuel Alain Gauzé
Jean Kouakou Brou
Jean-Claude Kouassi
Kouakou Brou
Lamine Mohamed Fadika
Laurent Gbagbo

Leon Konan Koffi
Marcel Dibona Koné
Mohamed Ouattara,
Niamien N'Goran
Nyanka Bell
Pierre Achi Atsain
Preisident Emile Brou
Safiatou Ba-N'daw (fem)
Sery Simplicie
Siguide Soumahoro
Tidrane Thiam
Vincent Bandama N'Gatta
Yves Abiet

Ghana:

A.B. Crentsil
Alhaji Amidu Suleimana
Amakye Dede
Asare Bekiako
Carlos Sekyi
Christine Amoako-Nuamah
Dade Krame
Daniel F. Annan
David Osei-Wusu
E.K.T. Donkor
Edward Salia
Ekwow Spio-Garbrah
Enoch T. Mensah
Esther Lily Nkansah
Fred Ohene Kena
George Acquaye
Gilbert Seidu Iddi
Huudu Yahaya
J.H. Owusu-Acheampong
James Victor Gbeho
John Abu
John Evans Atta Mills
Joshua Alabi
Kobena Koomson
Kofi Adu
Kojo Antwi

Leopoldine Coffie
Marcel Dibonan Koné
Moise Koumoue-Koffi
Norbert Anney Kablan
Paul Akoto Yau
Pierre Kipre
Raphaël Lakpé
Serge Kasi
Shran Haisy
Theophile Ahoua N'Doli
Timothee Ahoua N'Guetta
Youssoufou Bamba
Zadi Zaourou

(angophone orthography)

Alex Konadu
Alhaji Mohammed Mumuni
Amekye Dede
Baffour Kyei
Charles Agbenaza
Cletus Apul Avoka
Daniel Amponsah
Daniel Ohene-Agyekum
Donald Adabre
Eddie Lumba
EK Nyame
Emmaneul Tettey Mensah
Eric Agyeman
Eunice Brookman-Amissah
G. K. Agama
George Darko
Herrman Asafo-Agyie
Isaac Adjei-Mensah
Jack Botwe
Jewel Ackah
John Edward Afful
John Mahama
K. Gyasi
Kofi Adu
Kojo Antwi
Kojo Yankah

Koo Nimo
Kwabena Adjei
Kwame Asare
Kwashi Amevuvor
Michael Osapanin
Nana Ampadu
Nana Tuffour
Obed Asamoah
Obo Addy
Peter Ala Adjety
Richard Kwame Peprah
Sol Amarfio

Liberia

Brahima Kaba
Eddington Varmah
Elias Saleeby
François Massaquoi
J. Wessah McClaim
Lamine Kawa
Monie Captan
Philip Kammah
Thomas Woewiyu

Togo

Akoussoulelou Bodjona
Barry Moussa Barque
Dahuku Péré
Edem Kodjo
Elom Kouami DazieÉtienne Gnassingbé Eyadema
Fayadowa Nukotchi
Joseph Kokou Koffigoh
Koffi Adade
Koffivi Victor Ayassou
Komi Dotse Amoudokpo
Kwassi Klutse
Seyi Memene
Stanislas Baba
Tankpadja Lalle
Yao Agboyibor
Yao Messan Aho

Kwaa Mensah
Kwabena Oduro-Kwarteng
Kwamena Ahwoi
Michael Gizo
Mustapha Tettey Addy
Nana Budjie
Nii Okaidja Adamafio
Obo Addy
P. K. Donkos-Ayifl
Rex Gyamfi
Sarah Tagoe
Stephen Osita Osadebe

(anglophone orthography)

Daniel Chea
Edward Komo Sackor
Evelyne Kandakai
Hezekiah Bowen
Joe W. Mulbah
Maxwell Kaba
Nyudueh Morkonmana
Roland Massaquoi

(francophone orthography)

Atcha Tcha-Gouni Ati
Bitokotipou Yagninim
Dominique Dogbe
Edo Kodjo Maurille Agbobli
Gilchrist Olympio
Kissem Tchangai-Walla (fem)
Koffi Sama
Kokou Dake
Kouami Agbogboli Ihou
Roland Yao Kpostra
Solitoki Esso
Stanislas Somolu Baba
Tchamdja Andjo
Yao Agboyibor

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Family Names from Benin

Abdoulaye	Adekpedjon
Adekpedjou	Adjovi
Ahomadegbe	Akindes
Alahassa	Amoussou
Apithy	Assouma
Attin	Baba
Bio	Chabi
Dagbo	Dangbo
Dansou	Dohou
Dossou	Fatondji
Gbedo	Gnonlonfoun
Houngbédji	Idji
Igue	Kao
Kérékou	Kolawole
Kouandete	Kuetey
Lagniede	Maga
Massougbodji	Moussa
Osho	Saka
Saley	Severin
Soglo	Sourou
Tawema	Tchane
Tevoedjre	Trudo
Yakoubou	Zinsou

Personal Names from Benin

Abdoulaye	Adekpedjon
Adjovi	Agaja
Amadi	Assouma
Azomino	Baba
Chabi	Dossou
Edo-Bini	Ehioze
Enomwoyi (fem)	Erinmwinde (fem)
Fatondji	Gezo
Glélé	Idji
Igue	Ikusegham (fem)

Ikuseghan (fem)
Isoke (fem)
Migan
Nourbese (fem)
Omolara (fem)
Omusupe (fem)
Oranmiyan
Osayimwese
Ramatou (fem)
Saley
Soglo
Trudo
Yakoubou
Zinsou

Imarogbe
Izegbe (fem)
Moussa
Odé (unusex)
Omorose (fem)
Oni (fem)
Osakwe
Oséyé (fem)
Saka
Severin
Sourou
Urbi (fem)
Zinsa (fem)

Family Names from Burkina Faso

Alassane
Banagoulo
Barro
Bedouma
Bongnessan
Cissé
Conombo
Dao
Diallo
Dolobsom
Goungounga
Hamidou
Ilboudo.
Kaboré
Kafando
Ki-zerbo
Koutaba
Mahamoudou
Millogo
Naogo
Ouandaogo
Sanao
Sankara
Sarre
Sawadogo

Arsene
Banworo
Bayili
Boly
Bounkougou
Compaoré
Dabiré
Daouda
Dím
Drabo
Guirma
Idrissa
Issiaka
Kadré
Kango
Koama.
Lamizana
Mélégué
Moussa
Ouamdégé
Ouédrago
Sangoulé
Sanou
Savadogo
Sere

Soma
Tou
Wibgha
Yarga
Yé
Yoda
Zampalegre
Zida
Zongo

Tiendrebeogo
Traoré
Yaméogo
Yaro
Yero
Youssouf
Zerbo
Zidouemba

Personal Names from Burkina Faso

Ablassé
Arsene
Banagoulo
Bedouma
Conombo
Daouda
Din
Haidou
Hamidou
Issiaka
Kadré
Koama.
Larba
Mélégué
Ouamdégé
Sali (f)
Sanao
Sanou
Seydou
Yaro
Yero
Youssouf

Alassane
Bana
Banworo
Bongnessan
Dao
Dím
Dolobsom
Halidou
Idrissa
Kader
Kango
Lamizana
Mahamoudou
Moussa
Ram
Salif
Sangoulé
Saye
Soma
Yé (f)
Yoda

Family Names from Cote d'Ivoire

Abiet
Adama
Ahoua
Akoto
Atsain
Bamba

Achi
Adou
Akon
Amara
Ba
Bandama

Bédié
Blé
Boni-Claverie
Celi
Coulibaly
Dibona
Djedje
Djimi
Dossongui
Essy
Fologo
Gauzé
Gbagho
Goudé
Haïsy
Kablan
Kasi
Kobina
Konan
Kouadio
Kouamé
Koumoue-Koffi
Lakpé
Meite
N'daw
N'Gatta
N'Guetta
Nyanka
Siguide
Thiam
Tidrane
Wodie
Yau
Zadi
Zirignon

Bell
Bombet
Brou
Coffie
Dadie
Dibonan
Djeny
Dona
Douhou
Fadika
Gadji
Gbagbo
Gnaore
Guikahue
Idrissa,
Kacou
Kipre
Koffi
Koné
Kouakou
Kouassi
Kourouma
Lamine
Moulod
N'Doli
N'Goran
Ndri
Ouattara,
Soumahoro
Tiapani
Waota
Womplou
Youssoufou
Zaourou

Personal Names from Cote d'Ivoire

Achi
Adou
Ahoua
Akon

Adama
Ahoua
Aicha (f)
Akoto

Alpha
Bamba
Blé
Dadie
Dibonan
Djeny
Dona
Douhou
Gauzé
Gnaore
Haïsy
Kacou
Koffi
Koné
Kouamé
Kourouma
Meite
Moise
N'Doli
Niamien
Nyanka
Sery
Siguide
Thiam
Waota
Yau
Zadi

Family names from Ghana

Abu
Ackah
Adabre
Addy
Adjety
Adu
Adumensa
Afful
Afrifa
Agbeko
Agyekum
Agyemang

Amara
Bandama
Coffie
Dibona
Djedje
Djimi
Dossongui
Gadji
Gbagho
Goudé
Idrissa
Kacou
Konan
Kouakou
Koumoue
Lamine
Mohamed
Moulod
Ndri (f)
Norbert
Safiatou (fem)
Shran
Soumahoro
Tidrane
Womplou
Youssoufou
Zirignon

Acheampong
Acquaye
Adamafio
Adjei
Ado
Aduamah
Afenynu
Afrani
Agama
Agbenaza
Agyeman
Agyie

Ahwoi
Ak-Amenya
Akrobettoe
Alabi
Amevuvor
Amoako
Ampadu
Ankrah
Antwi
Apul
Asamoah
Assiful
Avoka
Awoonor
Ayim
Bawuah
Boateng
Budjie
Danquah
Dede
Donkos
Dubango
Gbedema
Gizo
Gyasi
Kena
Koomson
Kwarteng
Kyei
Mahama
Mensah
Mumuni
Nimo
Nkrumah
Nuamah
Odoom
Offei
Ohene
Omaboe
Osapanin
Owusu

Aidoo
Akoto
Akuffo
Amarfio
Amissah
Amodako
Amponsah
Annan
Appiah
Asafo
Asare
Atta
Awere
Ayifl
Bariagher
Bekiako
Botwe
Busia
Darko
Donkor
Douna
Fosuhehe
Gbeho
Gyamfi
Iddi
Konadu
Krame
Kwei
Lumba
Mayat
Moyoyo
Narh
Nkansah
Nsiah
Nyame
Oduro
Offrata
Okaidja
Osadebe
Osei
Peprah

Quatey
Sadami
Salia
Spio-Garbrah
Tagoe
Tuffuor
Yahaya
Yeboah

Sabah
Salawu
Sekyi
Suleimana
Tettey
Wusu
Yankah

Personal names from Ghana

Masculin

Abeeku
Abrafo
Addae
Adjoa
Adom
Adwin
Adwowa
Afram
Akosua
Akwete
Aloryi
Amma
Anim
Asare (m?)
Atsu
Badu
Bobo
Domevlo
Dzigbode
Essel
Fifi
Gyamfi
Hilla
Kodwo
Kojo
Kontar
Kuaku
Kumi
Kwaa (m?)
Kwadwo

Abenaa
Abrefa
Adeben
Adofa
Adusa
Adwoa
Adzo
Afua
Akua
Akwokwo
Ameke (m?)
Anane
Anum
Ata
Atu
Boakye
Dade (m?)
Donkor
Ebo
Essian
Fodjour
Hadgu
Jojo
Kofi
Komla
Koo (m?)
Kufuo
Kutu
Kwabena
Kwaku

Kwame
Kwashi
Kwesi
Lado
Mensah
Nkruma
Obo (m?)
Offin
Ohini
Oko
Pra
Sono
Tano
Tutu
Yafeu
Yesuto

Feminine

Aba
Abana
Abina
Afafa
Akpenamawu
Baako
Efia
Esinam
Gzifa
Kakra
Kessie
Kizzie
Kukua
Mawunyaga
Naki
Nkruma
Sisi
Tawia
Thema

Family Names from Togo

Adade
Agbogboli

Kwamena
Kwasi
Kyereti
Manu
Nii (m?)
Obed (m?)
Odon
Ohene
Okatakyie
Osei
Sol
Tanko
Tawia
Yaa
Yaw

Abam
Abena
Adowa
Agbenyaga
Atsukpi
Bolaji
Esi
Gyamfua
Hola
Kaya
Kessy
Kizzy
Kunto
Morowa
Nana
Nyana
Sroda
Tema
Xetsa

Agbobli
Agboyibor

Aho
Akoussoulelou
Amponsah
Ati
Baba
Barry
Bonsu
Dahuku
Dazie
Dotse
Eyadama
Fayadowa
Ihou
Kodjo
Koffigoh
Kokou
Kouami
Lalle
Messan
Nukotchi
Sama
Solitoki
Tankpadja
Tchamdja
Walla
Yao

Personal Names from Togo

Masculine

Adika
Agboyibor
Akoussoulelou
Atcha
Atsu
Baba
Bitokotipou
Coffie
Dake
Dotse
Elom
Eso

Akoto
Amoudokpo
Andjo
Ayassou
Barque
Bodjona
Dadjo
Dake
Dogbe
Eso
Eyadema
Gnassingbé
Klutse
Koffi
Koffivi
Komi
Kpostra
Memene
Moussa
Péré
Seyi
Somolu
Tcha-Gouni
Tchangai
Yagninim

Agbogboli
Aho
Andjo
Ati
Ayassou
Barry
Boevi
Dahuku
Dogbe
Edo
Enam
Fayadowa

Gnassingbé

Ihou

Koffi

Komi

Kouami

Kwakou

Lalle

Mawuli

Mensah

Moussa

Quaashie

Solitoki

Tankpadja

Tchamdja

Tse

Yao

Feminine

Ababuo

Afua

Akua

Do

Enyonyam

Lumusi

Nanyamka

Yé

Gyasi

Kodjo

Kokou

Kossi

Kpodo

Kwassi

Lumo

Memene

Messan

Péré

Seyi

Somolu

Tcha-Gouni

Teko

Yagninim

Yawo

Afryea

Akosua

Ama

Dofi

Kissem

Mawusi

Yaa

Eastern West Africa: Northern Nigeria, Kanuri, Berbera and Chad; Nilo-Saharan & Chadic Zone; Southern Nigeria & Biafra, the Voltiac to Bantu transition.

The area of Nigeria 2300 is particularly complex to describe, as the border changes are the most extensive of the West Africa region and the original leading nation, Nigeria, among the least culturally homogenous. I have split Nigerian names, very roughly, into northern and southern sections. Because Northern names are dominated by Hausa-Fulani names, two ethnic groups who have heavily intermarried and also dominate the area of much of Berbera and Kanuri, I suggest using these names for those nations also. In that spirit, I include in this section names from Chad which are of similar derivation. This region is heavily Muslim and the names traditions reflect that, with names derived from Arabic predominating. For Southern names, I have given them in three formats, first undifferentiated southern names, then names split between Yoruba, who dominate the south west and Ibo, who dominate the south east, that is Biafra. They have long shared names and so there is much overlap. In fact, the division itself, as the North-South division, should not be taken too seriously.

For Nigeria 2300 proper, while the rough division between a Hausa-Fulani North and a Yoruban and "other" south persists, several hundred years of history have drastically simplified and reconciled the two regions. Nonetheless, for the South, there exists a strong Christian minority which utilizes European origin names. Yoruba of all religions also tend to like to give 'traditional' Yoruban personal names, although Muslim Yoruba, a slight majority of the Yoruban population, also use Islamic names.

Northern Nigerian, Niger and Chadian Names: The Fula, Chadic & Saharan zone.

As noted, this region, comprising of the northern tier of Nigeria, as well as Berbera, Kanuri and Chad, is dominated by Muslim ethnic groups such as the Hausa and Fulani and closely allied peoples. It is suggested that names from any of these sources are useful for the entire region. For the compiled names, I have chosen to present them under their modern national affiliations. One will quickly note that the division between family and personal name is artificial here, and that many of the names are shared with Mali. This is no accident, the region has deep historical ties with Mali.

Compiled Names

Chad:

Abbas Koty
Abderrahmane Amir.
Adoum Goudja
Ahmat ag Haggar (Taureg)
Alabani Koré,
Bichara Digi
Djitanger Djibangar
Hassan Dingamadji
Jean Alingue Bawoyeu
Kedellah Younouss Hamid
Limane Mahamat
Mahamat Saleh Ahmat
Mahamat Saleh Annadif
Mahamat Hissein Mahamout

(francophone orthography)

Abderahim Breme Hamit
Abdoulaye Lamana
Agnes Allafi
Ahmat Lamine
Bichara Cherif Daoussa
David Houdeingar
Enoch Djondang
Ibrahim Miche
Joseph Béhidu,
Laokein Bardé
Lol Mohamed Shawa
Mahamat Nouri
Mahamat Hassan Ahmat
Mahamat Saleh Annadif

Mahamat Zene Al-Hadj Yaya
Mahamat Ali Hassane
Mbailao Djimalde
Mohktar Moussa
Moussa Dago
Nassour Guelengdouksia Ouaidou
Oumar Boukar Kadjallmi
Saleh Kebzabo
Sallah Abderahmane
Soubiane
Youssouf Togoïmi

Niger

Ali dan Bouzoua
Abdel-Hakim Arami
Abdou Moumouni
Abdoulaye Souley
Abdoulaziz Ladan
Abdramane Ousmane
Adamou Salaou
Aïchatou Foumakoye (fem)
Aïssa Abdoulaye Diallo (fem)
Aïssata Moumouni (fem)
Alassane Badamassi
Ali Seybou
Ali Amadou,
Amadou Kouran Daga
Andre Salifou
Baringaye Ahmed Akilou
Ben Wahab Aïchatou (fem)
Boubou Hama.
Boureïma H. Sambo
Brigi RaffiniChérif Chako
Daouda Mallam Wanké
Diori Hamani
Djibrila Hima Hamidou,
(Foumakoyé) Aïchatou (fem)
Hama Amadou
Hamid Algabid
Hanatou Baré (fem)
Hassana Alidou (fem)

Mahamat Saleh Abbas
Maldom Bada Abbas
Mohamed Déby
Moussa Medella
Nagoum Yamassoum
Omar Kadjalami
Pascal Yoadimnadji
Salibou Garba
Sekimbaye Bessane
Wadal Abdelkader Kamougué
Yves Dani Masnabaye

Abba Hassane (male)
Abdel-Nasser Baré
Abdoulaye Massalatchi
Abdoulaye Fadiga
Abdourauhamane Saidou
Adam Abdoulaye dan Maradi
Ahmad Farhat
Aïchatou Mindaoudou (fem)
Aïssata Issaka,
Akoli Daouel
Ali Seïni Gado
Ali Ag Dan-Kaoura (Taureg)
Ali Saad
Amadou Maïga
Bachir Mamane
Barka Wardougou
Boubacar Issa Abdourhamane,
Boukary Adjì
Boureïma Moumouni
Clémence Aïssatou (fem)
(Diallo) Amadou
Djibril Baré
Fodé Camara
Gnakude Berena
Hamid B. Tchernò
Hamidou Maïgari
Harouna Niandou
Hassana Ngame (fem)

Ibrahim Konaté
Ibrahim Baré Maïnassara
Ibrahim Hassan Mayaki
Ibrahima Guimba
Idé Niandou
Idi Omar Ango
Ismaël Tili Gaoh,
Issa Lamine
Issaka Souna
Issoufou Bachard
Kimba Moussa,
Koda Traore Aboubacar
Lale Barmou
Lawal Kader Mahamadou
Mahamadou Issoufou
Mahamane Mansour,
Mai Manga Boukar
Mamane Sambo Sidikou
Mamoudou Madougou
Mijitaba Hamissou
Mohamed Akotey
Moumouni Nouhou
Moumouni Adamou Djermakoyé
Moussa Tchangari
Moussa Moumouni Djermakoyé
Moustapha Tinao
Moutari Moussa
Oubandawaki Issoufou Ousmane
Oumarou Dankabo
Ousmane Ahmed Abani
Rayana Baré (fem)
Saidou Hangadoumbo
Salifou Madou Kezou
Sani Kaché Issa
Seïni Omar
Seyni Garba
Sidikou Issa
Souley Maïboulala
Soumana Zanguina,
Tandja Mamadou
Tidjani Salissou

Ibrahim Assane Mayaki
Ibrahim Koussou
Ibrahim Guimba
Idé Oumarou
Idi Ango Omar
Illo Almoustapha
Issa Kassoum,
Issa Moussa
Issoufou Aba Moussa
Kadi Kadi Hame (fem)
Kochi Maïna Moussa
Koroney Massani,
Laouali Mahamane Danda
Madougou Mamoudou
Mahamadou Danda
Mahamane Ousmane
Mamadou Jingaré
Mamoudou Gazibo
Mariama Sambo Abdoulaye (fem)
Mohamed Anako (Tuareg)
Mouhmoud Kounkourou
Moumouni Boureima
Mounkaïla Issa
Moussa Kaka
Moussa Oumarou
Moustapha Tahî,
Ngayam Lamalamou
Oumarou Boubé
Ouseina Alidou
Ousmane Mahamane
Rhissa Ag Boula (tuareg)
Saïdou Arji
Samira Baré: (fem)
Sani Mamane
Seyni Kountché,
Sidibé Seydou
Souley Abdoulaye
Souleymane Saïzé
Tahirou Albarka
Tassiou Aminou
Yacouba Nabassoua

Yahaya Baré
Zabeirou Amadou

Yahaya Tounkara

Nigeria

Abdenejid Majid
Abdulsalami Abubakar
Abubakar Tafawa Balewa
Ado Mohammed Gawuna
Bashir Idris
Buhari Babangida
Garba Ali Mohamed
Hassan Adamu
Ismaila Usman
Magaji Mande
Muhammadu Isa Muhammadu
Musa Yakubu
Rasheed Gbadamosi
Shehu Shagari
Usman dan Fodio

Abdullahi Ibrahim
Abubakar Ali
Adbul Karim Yahya
Alfa Wali
Bello Suleiman
Buhari Bala
Hamza Sakwa
Ibrahim A. Gambari
Laraba Gambo Abdullahi
Muhammadu Bello
Murtala Muhammed
Olusegun Obasanjo
Saka Sa'adu
Sulieman Musa
Yakubu Gowon

Family and Personal Names:

Note, as in western usage, it is not at all uncommon for someone to have a family name which is also a first names and vice versa. (e.g. Henry James) This is separate from a tradition of putting the family name in front of the personal name.

Family Names from Chad

Abbas
Abderahim
Abdoulaye
ag Haggat (Taureg)
Alabani
Allafi
Annadif
Bada
Bawoyeu
Bessane
Boukar
Cherif
Daoussa
Digui
Djammous
Djimalde

Abdelkader
Abderahmane
Adoum
Ahmat
Ali
Amir.
Ardoum
Bardé
Béhidy,
Bichara
Breme
Dago
Déby
Dingamadj
Djibangar
Djitanger

Djondang
Goudja
Habré
Hamit
Hassane
Houdeingar
Kabadi
Kadjallmi
Kebzabo
Koré,
Lamana
Laokein
Mahamat
Maldom
Masnabaye
Medella
Mohamed
Moussa
Nagoum
Nandjina
Nouri
Ouaidou
Oumar
Salibou
Sekimbaye
Soubiane
Togoïmi
Wadal
Yaya
Yorassem
Youssouf

Personal Names from Chad

Abbas
Abderahim
Abdoulaye
Adoum
Alabani
Amir.
Bichara
Brahim

Garba
Guelengdouksia
Hamid
Hassan
Hissein
Ibrahim
Kadjalami
Kamougué
Kedellah
Koty
Lamine
Limane
Mahamout
Malloum
Mbailao
Miche
Mohktar
Nadjima
Nahor
Nassour
Omar
Oueddai
Saleh
Sallah
Shawa
Terap
Tombalbaye
Yamassoum
Yoadimnadji
Younouss
Zene

Abdelkader
Abderahmane
Achta (fem)
Ahmat
Ali
Bessane
Boukar
Cherif

Djibangar
Goukhouni
Hamid
Haroun
Hassane
Hisséne
Idriss
Laokein
Lol
Mahamoud
Maldom
Mohamed
Moussa
Nassour
Nouri
Oumar
Salibou
Sekimbaye
Wadal
Younouss
Zene

Family Names from Niger

Aba
Abba
Abdel-Nasser
Abdoulaziz
Abdourhamane,
Aboubacar
Adji
Ag Dan-Kaoura (Taureg)
Aïssatou
Akotey
Albarka
Ali
Almoustapha
Aminou
Ango
Arji
Bachard
Badamassi

Djitanger
Goukouni
Hamit
Hassan
Hissein
Ibrahim
Kedellah
Limane
Mahamat
Mahamout
Mbailao
Mohktar
Nagoum
Ngarta
Omar
Saleh
Sallah
Soubiane
Yaya
Youssouf

Abani
Abdel-Hakim
Abdoulaye
Abdourauhamane
Abdramane
Adamou
Ag Boula (tuareg)
Ahmed
Akilou
Alassane
Algabid
Alidou
Amadou
Anako (Tuareg)
Arami
Assane
Bachir
Baré

Baringaye
Barmou
Berena
Boubé
Boukar
Boureïma
Camara
Chérif
dan Bouzoua
dan Kabo
Danda
Daouda
Diallo
Djermakoyé
Djibrila
Farhat
Foumakoyé
Gaoh,
Gazibo
Guimba
Hamani
Hamid
Hamissou
Harouna
Hassana (fem)
Hima
Ibrahima
Idi
Ismaël
Issaka
Jingaré
Kader
Kassoum,
Kimba
Koda
Koroney
Kountché,
Koussou
Lale
Lamine
Lawal

Barka
Ben Wahab
Boubacar
Boubou
Boukary
Brigi
Chako
Daga
dan Maradi
dan Kaoura
Danda
Daouel
Diori
Djibril
Fadiga
Fodé
Gado
Garba
Gnakude
Hama
Hame
Hamidou
Hangadoumbo
Hassan
Hassane
Ibrahim
Idé
Illo
Issa
Issoufou
Kaché
Kaka
Kezou
Kochi
Konaté
Kounkourou
Kouran
Ladan
Lamalamou
Laouali
Madou

Madougou
Mahamane
Maïboulala
Maïgari
Maïnassara
Mamadou
Mamoudou
Mansour,
Massani,
Mijitaba
Mohamed
Moumouni
Moussa
Nabassoua
Ngayam
Nouhou
Oubandawaki
Ouseina
Raffini
Saïdou
Salaou
Salissou
Sani
Seydou
Sidibé
Souley
Souleymane
Souna
Tahirou
Tassiou
Tcherno
Tili
Touunkara
Wanké
Yacouba
Zabeirou

Personal Names from Niger

Aba
Abdel-Hakim
Abdou

Mahamadou
Mai
Maïga
Maïna
Mallam
Mamane
Manga
Massalatchi
Mayaki
Mindaoudou
Mouhmoud
Mounkaïla
Moutari
Ngame
Niandou
Omar
Oumarou
Ousmane
Saad
Saïzé
Salifou
Sambo
Seïni
Seyni
Sidikou
Souley
Soumana
Tahi,
Tandja
Tchangari
Tidjani
Tinao
Traoré
Wardougou
Yahaya
Zanguina,

Abba (male)
Abdel-Nasser
Abdoulaye

Abdourauhamane
Abdramane
Adam
Ahmad
Aïchatou (fem)
Aïssata (fem)
Akoli
Ali
Amadou
Ango
Bachir
Barka
Boubacar
Boukar
Boureïma
Chérif
Diori
Djibrila
Fodé
Hama
Hamid
Hamissou
Harouna
Hassana (fem)
Ibrahim
Idé
Illo
Issa
Issoufou
Kader
Kimba
Koda
Kouran
Lamine
Lawal
Madougou
Mahamane
Mallam
Mamane
Manga
Mariama (fem)

Abdourhamane,
Aboubacar
Adamou
Ahmed
Aissa (fem)
Aïssatou (fem)
Alassane
Alidou
Aminou
Assane
Baringaye
Berena
Boubou
Boukary
Brigi
Daouda
Djibril
Farhat
Gnakude
Hamani
Hamidou
Hanatou (fem)
Hassan
Hassane
Ibrahima
Idi
Ismaël
Issaka
Kaché
Kadi (fem)
Kochi
Koroney
Lale
Laouali
Madou
Mahamadou
Mai
Mamadou
Mamoudou
Mansour,
Mijitaba

Mohamed
Moumouni
Moussa
Moutari
Omar
Oumarou
Ousmane
Rayana (fem)
Saïdou
Salissou
Samira (fem)
Seïni
Seyni
Souley
Soumana
Tandja
Tidjani
Yahaya

Mouhmoud
Mounkaïla
Moustapha
Ngayam
Oubandawaki
Ouseina
Raffini
Saad
Salifou
Sambo
Sani
Seydou
Sidikou
Souleymane
Tahirou
Tassiou
Yacouba
Zabeirou

Family Names from Nigeria (northern)

Abacha
Abdullahi
Abiola
Adamu
Ado
Aladefa
Ali
Aliyu
Anaba
Bada
Bala
Baraguina
Bazighe
Biobaku
Burja
dan Fodio
Dokiwari
Fashanu
Gambari
Garba
Gbadamosi

Abdenejid
Abdulsalami
Abubakar
AdbulKarim
Ajuwa
Alahbi
Aliu
Amadi
Babangida
Bakare
Balewa
Bashir
Bello
Buhari
Dako
Dikko
Dosou
Fodio
Gambo
Gawuna
Gowon

Habe
Hassan
Idris
Isa
Jimoh
Kanu
Laraba
Machem
Majid
Mohamed
Muhammadu
Murtala
Rufai
Sa'adu
Sakwa
Solaja
Tafawa
Usman
Yahya
Yegini

Hamza
Ibrahim
Iroha
Ismaila
Kano
Katusi
Lawal
Magaji
Mande
Mohammed
Muhammed
Musa
Rumfa
Saka
Shagari
Suleiman
Umaru
Wali
Yakubu
Zuraaba

Personal Names from Nigeria (northern)

Abdenejid
Abdulsalam
Abubakar
AdbulKarim
Ado
Alfa
Ali
Annakiya (fem)
Asura (fem)
Ayuba
Bashir
Bello
Buchi (fem)
Daren
Garba
Hasana (fem)
Ibrahim
Isa
Laraba

Abdullahi
Abdulsalami
Adamu
Adesina (fem)
Ahmadu
Alhaji
Aminu
Ashabi (fem)
Ayo
Azi
Bayadija
Bode
Buhari
Daura (fem)
Hamza
Hassan
Idris
Ismaila
Magaji

Majid	Mohamed
Mohammed	Moshood
Muhammadu	Muhammed
Muhammedu	Murtala
Musa	Ottah
Rago	Ramat
Rasheed	Saka
Sani	Seun
Shehu	Sokari (fem)
Suleiman	Tafawa
Taliki	Tanisha (fem)
Tarana (fem)	Tijjani
Tomi	Udeme
Umaru	Usman
Yahya	Yakubu

South Eastern West Africa: Southern Nigeria, Biafra; Voltic to Bantu transition

As noted, this region, comprising of the southern of Nigeria 2300, as well as Biafra, is extremely heterogenous, even in 2300. However, two large, related ethnic groups make up the vast majority of the population, the Yoruba and the Ibo (sometimes written Igbo). The Yoruba are almost evenly divided between Islamic and Christian religious influences, while the Ibo remain attached to ancient Christian and traditional religious influences, with few if any Muslims among them. It is suggested that names from any of these sources are useful for the entire southern region from Benin to Cameroun. For the compiled names, I have presented a mishmash of circa 2000 Nigerian names focused on southerners. One will quickly note that the division between family and personal name is artificial here, and that many of the names are shared across groups. Note also that the Christians tend to utilize European origin names. Yoruba of all religions also tend to like to give 'traditional' Yoruban personal names, although Muslim Yoruba, a slight majority of the Yoruban population, also use Islamic names.

Compiled Names of Public Figures

Southern Nigeria:

Adedapo Tejuoso	Abednego Mejedadi
Adewale Ayuba	Adeniran Adedeji (yor)
Akpan Wilson Etuk-Udo	Aguiyi-Ironsi
Bashir Ikare	Ambrose Fesse
Callistus Awoke	Buhari Bala
Chukwuemeka Odumegwu-Ojukwu	Canice Umenwaliri
Dele Taiwo	Debo Adeyemi
Edward Natty Eze	Ebenezer Obey
Fela Anikulapo Kuti	Emmanuel Udogu
Femi Kuti	Felix Ihenacho
Francis Ike (ibo)	Festus Porbeni
	Fred Ogunfiditimi (yor)

Gilbert Ogunfiditimi (yor)
 Haruna Ishola
 Ignatius C. Olisemeka
 Johan Madugu
 Ken Saro-Wiwa
 Laraba Gambo Abdullahi
 Nathaniel Biya
 Nnamdi Azikiwe
 Olusegun Obasanjo
 Onaolapo Soley (yor)
 Orlando Owoh
 Oyebade Lipede (yor)
 Patrick Yakowa
 Princess Oguneye
 Saka Sa'adu
 Samson Emeka Omeruah
 Segun Adewale
 Sonny Okosun
 Stephen Aiyeyimi
 Wasiu Ayinde Marshal
 Zacheaus Jatto (yor)

Godwin Ogbaga
 I.K. Dairo
 Ismaila Usman
 John Nwodo
 Kollington Ayinla
 Moses Amidiobi
 Nico Mbarga
 Olu Falae
 Olutayo Aro (yor)
 Onikepo Akande (fem)
 Osita Nwajah
 Patrick Aziza
 Paul Ogwuma
 Ras Kimono
 Sam Momah
 Samuel Olaiya Oni
 Sikiru Ayinde Barrister
 Stephen Osita Osadebe
 Sunny Ade
 Yakubu Gowon

Family and Personal Names:

Note, as in western usage, it is not at all uncommon for someone to have a family name which is also a first names and vice versa. (e.g. Henry James) This is separate from a tradition of putting the family name in front of the personal name. In a departure from my prior practice, I am listing this personal and family name section in three parts: general southern names, Yoruban names and Ibo names. Although the Yoruba and Ibo share many names, 2300AD sets them in two different states (Nigeria and Biafra). As I lack the expertise to judge mixing, and my sources differentiated between Yoruba and Igo, I reproduce what I found without further comment. I have left out typically Islamic first names useful for the Yoruba, judging that there is an adequate supply of them to be found under the Northern Nigeria section and in the rest of the West Africa guide.

General Family and Personal Names, Nigeria (southern)

Family Names

Abacha	Abiola
Ade	Adebola
Adebowale	Adedeji (yor)
Adekunde	Adeniken
Adepoju	Adeseun
Adewale	Adeyemi
Afolabi	Agbebi

Aguiyi-Ironsi
Ajayi
Ajunwa
Akabusi
Akinbiye
Akinsiku
Akpan
Aladefa
Aliu
Alozie
Amadi
Amokachi
Anaba
Anosike
Atede
Awoke
Ayinde
Ayuba
Azikwe
Babagida
Babangida
Babreyaro
Bakare
Balewa
Bazighe
Biobaku
Buhari
Chukwu
Dako
Dokiwari
Egbe
Ekah
Ekpeyong
Emeagwali
Emeka
Enyiazu
Erese
Etuk-Udo
Ezinwa
Fashanu
Fesse

Aiyeyimi
Ajikawo
Ajuwa
Akande
Akinremi
Akintola
Akpovi
Alahbi
Aliyu
Aluko
Amidiobi
Amueke
Anikulapo
Aro (yor)
Awazie
Awolowo
Ayinla
Azikiwe
Aziza
Babajaro
Babayaro
Bada
Bala
Baraguina
Beete (ogoni)
Biya
Chiom
Dairo
Dikko
Dosou
Eguavoen
Ekoku
Ekwensi
Emecheta
Enaharo
Enzinwa
Erogbogbo
Eze
Falae
Fawehinmi (ogoni)
Gambo

Gowon
Ikare
Ikeba
Iroha
Ishola
Jatto (yor)
Katusi
Kukah
Lawal
Machem
Mamoepa
Mejedadi
Momah
Mpeba
Nwajah
Nwodo
Obaretiri
Obasanjo
Obikwelu
Odumegwu-Ojukwu
Ofonagora
Ogundana
Ogunfiditimi (yor)
Ogwuma
Ojomoh
Okafor
Okocha
Okoite-Eboh
Okoye
Olaiya
Olisemeka
Oluremelekun
Oni
Onubogu
Onyali
Oparaku
Osagiobare
Otaimaga
Porbeni
Rufai
Shagari

Ihenacho
Ike (ibo)
Ikpeba
Isangedighe
Jaimimi
Jimoh
Kimono
Kuti
Lipede (yor)
Madugu
Mbarga
Mitee (ogoni)
Monye
Numa
Nwapa
Obaraku
Obasanjo
Obey
Obleajula
Offiah
Ogbaga
Oguneye
Ogunkoya
Ojokolu
Ojugbana
Okara
Okogha
Okosun
Okpara
Oliseh
Olukojo
Omeruah
Onibiyo
Onwueme
Opara
Osadebe
Osita
Owoh
Rotimi
Saro-wiwa (ogoni)
Shakpoke

Shonibare
Soleye (yor)
Taiwo
Tombiri
Ubah
Uche
Uduak
Umenwaliri
Yakowa
Zuraaba

Solaja
Soyinka
Tejuoso
Tutuola
Ubogu
Udogu
Umanankwe
Vozor (ogoni)
Yegini

Personal Names, southern Nigerian general

Masculin

Abednego
Adeniran (yor)
Adewale
Ajibayo
Akpan
Aren
Ayinde
Ayuba
Azikiwe
Bassey (efik)
Bem (tiv)
Boseda (tiv)
Chikae
Chukwuemeka
Deji
Edet (efik)
Effiom (efik)
Eronsele
Fela
Gani (ogoni)
Gbaingbain
Hogan (efik)
Imomotimi
Itang
Kale (ogoni)
Koofrey (efik)
Maja
Mejedadi

Adedapo
Adesanya
Adeyemi
Akinade
Anikulapo
Ariyon
Ayo
Azi
Babina (ogoni)
Behm (tiv)
Bode
Chidi
Chimela
Debo
Dele
Efan
Ekon
Essien (efik)
Finidi
Gbadamosi
Gowon (tiv)
Ibeonukara
Iniko (efik)
Jero
Kayin
Ledum (ogoni)
Matiu
Mobi

Morenike
Nduka
Nwan
Obafemi
Odumeguru
Ogun
Ogunsheye
Olu
Olutayo (yor)
Osita
Owusu
Ramat
Seun
Tafawa
Tejuoso
Udeme
Wole

Feminine

Akim
Ashabi
Buchi
Chioma
Effiwat
Fayola
Funmilola
Ime
Iverem
Nonye
Onikepo
Sokari
Taiwo

Moshood
Nnamdi
Nwankwo
Odion
Ogukeye
Ogunsanawo
Olapade
Olusegun
Onaolapo (yor)
Ottah
Oyebade (yor)
Segun
Sikiru
Taiwo
Tomi
Wasiu
Yinka

Adesina
Aret
Bola
Chima
Ebiere
Falelat
Funmilayo
Hembadoon
Iniko
Nkechi
Olabisi
Onye
Tachiko
Titi

Ibo Family and Personal Names (Biafra 2300, Southern Nigeria 2300)

An endearing feature of Ibo names is the large number of unisex names, thus do not take the repetition to be an error.

Ibo Personal Names

Masculine

Ajofia
Amadi

Agu
Akukalia
Amalinze

Amazu
Anene
Aneto
Beluchi
Chi-Chi
Chidi
Chidiebere
Chigozie
Chika
Chinelo
Chinou
Chinwe
Chinwendu
Chinwenma
Chu
Chukwu:
Chukwuemeka
Chukwunonso
Cinese
Dumaka
Ebelegbulam
Eberegbulam
Egonwanne
Ekenedilichukwu
Ekwensu
Emefo
Enyi.
Ezeani
Ezeudu
Ibe
Ifeanyi
Ify
Ikemefuna
Ilom
Isioma
Jaja
Kamalu
Kayin
Kene
Kenechukwu
Machi

Amikwu
Anenechukwu
Aniweta
Chi
Chiagoziem
Chidiebele
Chidimma
Chijioke
Chike
Chinonso
Chinua
Chinweike
Chinwemma
Chioke
Chuka
Chukwudi
Chukwuka
Chuma
Diji
Ebele
Ebere.
Eby
Ekene
Ekenedilinna
Ekwueme
Emeka.
Enyinnaya
Ezeji
Gozie.
Idigo
Ifeanyichukwu
Igwelo
Ikezue
Iniko
Iweka
Jelani
Kashka
Ken
Kenechi
Kenenna
Madu

Maduka
Ndu.
Ndubuisi
Ndulu
Ngo.
Ngozichukwuka
Nneka
Nwabudike
Nwakibie
Nwankwo
Nwofia
Nworie
N'namdi
Obi
Obierika
Obinna
Odili
Oduche
Ofoedu
Ogbuefi
Oji
Okagbue
Okechukwu
Okey.
Okone
Okoye
Okudo
Onwoachi
Onwumbiko
Onyekachi
Onyinye.
Orji
Ozo.
Tobechukwu
Uchechi
Udo
Ukegbu
Unoka
Uzowulu

Mazi
Ndubueze
Ndukaku
Ndulue
Ngozi
Nnamdi
Nonso.
Nwafor
Nwamaka
Nweke
Nwora
Nwoye
Obasi
Obiako
Obike
Obiora
Odion
Odukwe
Ogbonna
Ogonnaya
Okafo
Okechuku
Okeke
Okoli
Okonkwo
Okpara
Olaudah
Onwuma
Onyeka
Onyi
Onyinyechukwuka
Otakagu
Ozoemena
Tochukwu
Uchendu
Ugonna
Unachukwu
Uyanwa
Zebenjo

Feminine

Ada	Ada
Adaeze	Adama
Adamma	Adanna
Adaobi	Aina
Akueke	Akueni
Ala, Ale	Amadi
Anasi	Anenechukwu (Abrev: Anny, or Anene)
Ani	Anuli
Chiagoziem (Abvev: Chi, Chi-Chi, Gozie)	Chidera (Abrev: Chi, Chi-Chi, Dera)
Chidiebele (Abrev.: Chidi, Ebere)	Chidiebere
Chidimma	Chidinma
Chielo	Chigozie
Chika	Chika
Chinaka	Chinara
Chinasaekpele (Abrev: Chinasa, Chi, Chi-Chi)	Chinasaekpere
Chinenye	Chinuaekpere (Abrev: Chinua)
Chinue	Chinwe
Chinweike	Chinwemma
Chinwendu (Abrev: Chinwe, Chi, Chi-Chi)	Chinwenma
Chinyere	Chioma
Chukwuka	Ebelegbulam (Abrev: Ebere, Ebele, Eby)
Eberegbulam	Ekenedilichukwu
Ekenedilinna (Abrev: Ekene)	Ekwefi
Ezelagbo	Ezinma
Ifama	Ifeanyichukwu (Abrev.: Ify, Ifeanyi)
Ifeoma	Ifeyinwa
Iheoma	Ijeoma
Iniko	Isioma
Iverem	Kambiri
Lotachukwu	Lotanna
Mgbafo	Mgbafor
Mgbeke	Mgbogo
Mgbonkwo	Mgborie
Ndidiamaka (Abrev.: Ndidi, Ndy)	Ngozi
Ngozichukwuka (Abrev.: Ngozi, Ngo)	Njide
Nkechi	Nkechiyerem (Abrev: Nne)
Nneka	Nwakaego (Abrev.: Ego, Nwaka)
Nwamaka (Abrev.: Amaka)	Nwayieke
Obiageli (Abrev: Oby)	Obianuju (Abrev: Obi, Oby)
Obioma	Ogechikanma (Abrev: Ogechi, Oge)

Ogechukwukanma

Okeke

Onaedo

Onyinyechukwuka (Abrev: Onyi, Onyinye)

Tochukwu

Udenkwo

Ure

Uruahia

Urunwa

Ojiugo

Ola

Onyekachi (Abrev: Onyeka)

Ozoemena (Abrev.: Ozo)

Uchenna

Ulu

Urenna

Urunna

Family Names

(also see the southern general list, and take note of the compiled names list for examples, note the large overlap between 'personal' and 'family' names)

Achebe

Amadiora

Azikiwe

Ezeugo

Kiaga

Ogwugwu

Udo

Agbala

Ani

Chukwu

Idemili

Mezu

Ojukwu

Yoruba Family and Personal Names (Southern Nigeria 2300, Biafra)

As in the case of Ibo names, a very large number of names are borne by either gender, this list may even understate this.

Yoruban Personal Names

Masculine

Abayomi

Abejide

Abidemi

Abiola

Ade

Adedayo

Aderonke

Adewole

Adigun

Adisa

Aina

Ajani

Ajoke

Akano

Abegide

Abi

Abiodun

Adan

Adebayo

Adejola

Adesola

Adeyemi

Adio

Adunbi

Aiyetoro

Ajayi

Akanni

Akin

Akinkuotu
Akinlana
Akinsanya
Akinwole
Akono
Alafin
Ayinde
Ayodele
Babatunde
Bejide
Dada
Efasehun
Etaoku
Eweji
Gbodi
Ifasen
Ige
Iyapo
Jideh
Kayin
Kehinde
Kosoko
Nika
Obayana
Ogun
Ojo
Oko
Oladele
Olajuwon
Olaniyan
Olatunyi
Olu
Olufemi
Olujimi
Olumiji
Oluwa
Omotunde
Oni
Onu
Otunla
Salako

Akinlabi
Akins
Akintunde
Akinyemi
Alade
Awogbemi
Ayo
Babafemi
Bande
Bande
Bolaji
Dadi
Erioku
Ewegbemi
Foluke
Idowu
Ifeoma
Ilori
Jide,
Jumoke
Kayode
Kehinde
Mongo
Obataiye
Ogbegun
Ogunfiditimi
Oke
Ola
Olafemi
Olamina
Olatunde
Olorun
Olubayo
Olugbala
Olumide
Olushola
Oluyemi
Ona
Ono
Orishabiyi
Oyedeji
Shangobunni

Shangokoya

Soja

Talabi

Tunde

Shangoyomi

Taiwo

Tobi

Yemi

Feminine names

Abagbe

Abebi

Abeke

Abi

Abiona

Adebola

Adedoyin

Adeola

Adesina

Adimbola

Aina

Ajoke

Akano

Alake

Ayobami

Ayodele

Ayoka

Ayomi

Baderinwa

Bayo

Bolanile

Dada

Ebun

Fayola

Femie

Femmie

Folade

Folayan

Gbodi

Ifeoma

Ige

Kehinde

Monifa

Oba

Oke

Abayomi

Abeje

Abeni

Abidemi

Adebi

Adedagbo

Adeleke

Adesimbo

Adeyemi

Aduke

Aiyetoro

Akanke

Alaba

Asabi

Ayobunmi

Ayofemi

Ayoluwa

Ayoola

Bami

Bejide

Bunmi

Dayo

Fabayo

Femi,

Femmi

Fola

Folami

Foluke

Idowu

Ifetayo

Jumoke

Kokumo

Nayo

Ogbegun

Olabisi

Olakuotu
Olubayo
Olufunmilayo
Oluremi
Salako
Taiwo
Titilayo
Yemi

Olaniyi
Olufemi
Olujimi
Oni
Shangoyomi
Talabi
Yejude