

**Kibaki vows to fight corruption**  
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Nairobi - Kenya's new president, Mwai Kibaki, pledged on Sunday to set up a leaner, more inclusive government and to tackle corruption vigorously as soon as his team starts work.

Announcing election results on Sunday afternoon, the electoral commission said: "The electoral commission... declares Mwai Kibaki the elected president of Kenya".

Kibaki won an overwhelming victory in Friday's presidential polls, while the opposition alliance he leads, the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC), won a comfortable parliamentary majority.

"I want to assure you that the government we will have will be a government of national unity," Kibaki told a news conference, explaining that NARC represented all communities in Kenya.

"We have already been elected. The matter of forming a new government has nothing to do with the government there in the past," he said.

"Those in place are tired, they are finished," he said. He added that Kanu would not have a place in his government, and that there was sufficient talent within NARC to govern properly.

"First and foremost, what we promised to Kenyans was to tackle corruption. Within weeks, as soon as parliament reconvenes, we shall be looking to re-establish an anti-corruption authority and give it powers to prosecute," Kibaki said.

Corruption affects almost every aspect of life in Kenya, from traffic police to the awarding of major government contracts. Tackling graft was the keynote of all campaigns in the run-up to the polls.

Kibaki also promised to "reduce the size of government. The government is much too large. There is a need for us to remove a lot of excess baggage. People are being paid salaries to do nothing", he said. - Sapa-AFP