



# UNITED NATIONS GHANA



## GHANA AND AFRICA HAVE LOST ONE OF THEIR FINEST LEADERS TRIBUTE TO H.E. FLIGHT LT. JERRY JOHN RAWLINGS BY UNITED NATIONS IN GHANA



In the death of His Excellency Ft. Lt. Jerry Rawlings, not only has Ghana lost a son, but Africa has lost a voice that spoke truth to power at national, continental and global leadership levels.

The late JJ Rawlings stood tall among African leaders who have advocated for an Africa that is self-sufficient, self-reliant, disciplined, democratic and vigilant.

In death, he will not be forgotten because his strong will and vision for an Africa that took care of its own, and for a world where multilateralism is pursued in the best interest of the most vulnerable encapsulates our shared vision for the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

His selfless service to humanity and ability to inspire and encourage a whole continent earned him the global recognition as an Eminent Person for the United Nations International Year of Volunteers in 2001. A year earlier he had received the Food and Agriculture Organization's 'AGRICOLA' medal for promoting agriculture in Ghana.

In Ghana and in Africa, he has contributed immensely to laying the foundations in the 4th Republic to deepening her democracy and building Ghana into the shining example it is today.

His footprints on the sands of consolidating peace, democracy, and development in Ghana, the sub-region and in Africa will guide us on the road towards sustainable development and good governance. In many ways, the late Ft.

Lt. Rawlings affirms for all of us a strong sense of responsibility for social justice, and for equality for the world's most vulnerable.

The best tribute we can pay this great son is to uphold and preserve his legacy of deepening an enduring democracy in Ghana and

his positive influence across the world. Until his death, JJ Rawlings remained committed to peace and stability within Africa and globally through his pursuit of a policy of good neighborliness along the country's common border and on the continent.

The world has lost an outspoken and strong leader. Africa has lost a brave son. Ghana has lost one of the finest. As we mourn this great son, it is also fitting that we live with and in his values, forging ahead towards a more sustainable and better world, where no one is left behind. As we look forward, we must be reminded of our commitment to ensure a world of equal opportunity for all; a world of peace and strong institutions; and a world where no one is left behind.

The Sustainable Development Goals is the pathway we all need to take. The Late President JJ Rawlings' believed in this vision. Together, let us build on his legacy and his positive influence across the world to continue to pursue a better world.

The United Nations family in Ghana and across the world sends its heartfelt condolences to his wife Nana Konadu Agyemang Rawlings, his children, family, Ghana and all who mourn his loss. May his soul rest in peace.

