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

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 building the foundations in the 4th Republic to deepening her democracy and building Ghana into the shining example it is today.

His footsteps 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 Fit.

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 neighboring 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.