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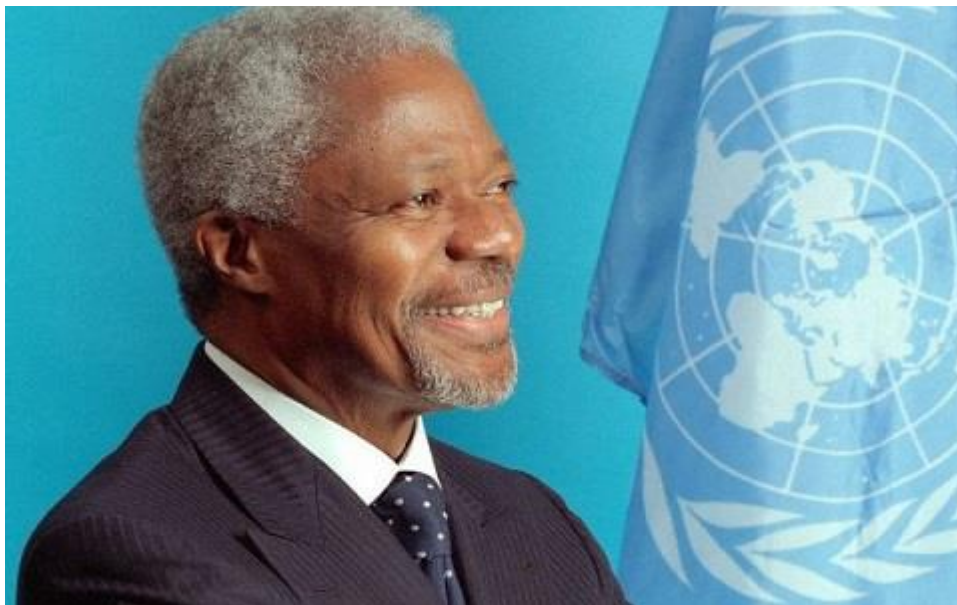
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# African Monitor pays tribute to Kofi Annan



African Monitor pays tribute to Kofi Annan, the first African to serve at the highest office of the United Nations as Secretary-General, from 1997 until 2006. During his two terms in that office, Kofi Annan was known as a great humanitarian. He oversaw the ushering in of the Millennium Development Goals that sought to eradicate poverty; and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.

Fondly remembering the legacy of this great leader, Archbishop Ndungane, Founder of African Monitor stated, "his legacy as a global champion for poverty eradication and peace will be remembered for decades to come. He was a selfless leader, committed to the betterment of others."

Archbishop Ndungane also noted Kofi Annan's great support for African Monitor's work, and indeed his great love for Africa.

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“He gave us hope and pride as Africans. I saw him as a man with a great passion for Africa; and a strong belief that Africa can achieve prosperity. His work as one of The Elders, and within the Africa Progress Panel attests to this.”

He further said the world needs more leaders like him – leaders who care more about doing good for others.

Ndungane said civil society, including African Monitor has to keep the legacy of Annan alive by continuing to pursue the monitoring of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an important global instrument to promote development, equality, justice, sustainability and good governance. Annan believed that the Sustainable Development Goals are a compelling vision with ambitious goals, and that governments of all countries must play a critical role to implement them. He also believed that fulfilling these ambitions requires an unprecedented effort by all sectors in society.

As an organisation that champions accelerated delivery of a people-centred and action-focused sustainable development agenda in Africa, African Monitor recognises Kofi Annan's outstanding and remarkable efforts to building a fairer and peaceful world.

African Monitor offers its deepest condolences to his wife and family. He will be sorely missed and greatly celebrated.

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