

Ambassador E. Courtenay Rattray

Ambassador E. Courtenay Rattray is the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, a post to which he was appointed on 1st June 2013. Prior to this appointment, he served as Jamaica's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, from December 2008 until May 2013.

Ambassador Rattray has chaired several UN intergovernmental negotiating processes and high-level meetings, including on financing for sustainable development, non-communicable diseases, implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the reform of the UN Security Council.

He currently co-chairs with the Ambassador of Canada, a UN Group of Friends comprised of 60 Ambassadors that works with the private sector to mobilize the trillions in capital required to implement the SDGs.

He is also a co-chair of the UN Group of Friends of Children, which works closely with UNICEF to advance the interests and well-being of children around the world.

Ambassador Rattray was also the chair of the UN's Permanent Memorial Committee, which spearheaded efforts to erect a memorial at the UN in 2015 to the victims of the transatlantic slave trade.

Ambassador Rattray holds a BA in International Studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College, a MSc. in International Business from South Bank University in London, and a MA (Global Master of Arts Program) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Boston, where he gave the Commencement Address to the Graduating Class of 2015. He has also been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater, West Virginia Wesleyan College at which he gave the Commencement Address in May 2017.