



# Have your say on the next UN Secretary-General

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The United Nations is about to choose its new leader.

For 70 years, these appointments have been secretive and dominated by powerful countries. But this time things are different. This time, people around the world have fought hard for a more open and inclusive selection process under the banner of the 1 for 7 Billion campaign.

For the first time in history, candidates for UN Secretary-General can be scrutinised and questioned by citizens, not just countries. Together, we've fought for this opportunity.

Starting in April, candidates for the role of Secretary-General will be taking part in public town halls and debates, and we want you to tell us what they should be asked. Working with journalists, we've come up with some starting questions, and give you the chance to suggest your own.

**Rank the questions below - from most to least important. Your votes will be used to prioritize the questions that candidates are asked.**

How will you represent the hopes and needs of the world's 7 billion citizens, and not just UN member states?	1
A number of countries have taken to military intervention without the consent of the Security Council. Is this ever acceptable, and why?	2
Since the creation of the UN, war between countries has dramatically decreased, but we continue to see massive conflict within countries. How can the UN Secretary-General address this?	3
Last year, the UN helped unite the world to secure an agreement in Paris to combat climate change and transitions to 100% clean energy. How will you ensure the Paris agreement is implemented?	4
Last September world leaders signed up to the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development, aiming to end extreme poverty, stop climate change and tackle inequality by 2030. What will you do to ensure that these Sustainable Development Goals don't end up as empty promises?	5

When the UN was formed, the world looked very different. Today we can talk on video chat with someone thousands of miles away, travel in hours across oceans, and hold in our hands a digital copy of millions of books at once. How does the UN need to change to adapt to the 21st century and an increasingly connected, digital world?

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Climate change is fuelling more extreme weather events. These droughts, floods, and record storms are major contributors to hunger, and today some 800 million people - 1 in 9 on the planet - will go to bed hungry. What will you do as Secretary-General to improve global preparedness for these events?

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We are in the midst of the greatest refugee crisis in the UN's history. What one thing would you do to improve the UN's response?

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The UN Security Council reflects the power structures of 70 years ago not today, leading many to question if it is fit for purpose as it struggles to respond to situations like Syria. What changes are needed for the Council to work better?

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Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai has been a passionate campaigner for education, especially for girls, after surviving a Taliban attack on her and fellow students. Malala recently called for all children to receive 12 years of free, quality education - what would you do to help achieve this?

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Many of the member states you are asking to vote for you have poor records on gender equality, and every Secretary-General to date has been a man. In response, some people are calling for a female or a feminist Secretary-General. What will you do as Secretary-General to empower women and get states to improve their performance?

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Experts say that protecting 30% of our oceans in marine reserves is necessary to ensure a healthy future for our oceans. What can the UN do to facilitate this level of protection, particularly in international waters?

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