Appointment of the Secretary-General

Selected Online Resources

Appointment Process

Ask DAG! (Dag Hammarskjöld Library - Frequently Asked Questions about the UN)

How is the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed?
How is the Secretary-General of the United Nations chosen?
http://ask.un.org/faq/97048

President of the 75th Session of the General Assembly: Selection and Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

- Letter from the President of the General Assembly on the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General, containing communications from the incumbent (11 January 2021): https://www.un.org/pga/75/2021/01/11/secretary-general-appointment/
Official Documents


- **A/75/912** (8 June 2021): Letter dated 8 June 2021 from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly: [http://undocs.org/A/75/912](http://undocs.org/A/75/912) Reports that the Security Council, at its 8789th meeting, held in private on 8 June 2021, adopted by acclamation resolution 2580 (2021) which recommends to the General Assembly that António Guterres be appointed Secretary-General of the UN for a 2nd term of office from 1 Jan. 2022 to 31 Dec. 2026.

- **A/75/902** (1 June 2021): Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the 75th session: appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations: letter dated 1 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly: [http://undocs.org/A/75/902](http://undocs.org/A/75/902)


  Invites Member States to present candidates for the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General of the UN.


  Informs that António Guterres stands ready to serve a 2nd term as Secretary-General.


  para 32-44: Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

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Non-UN Sources

- **1 for 7 Billion**
  2021 selection process underway with incumbent standing for a second term [http://www.1for7billion.org/](http://www.1for7billion.org/)

President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly: Procedure of Selecting and Appointing the next UN Secretary-General
https://www.un.org/pga/71/sg/
The letters submitted by Member States for presenting candidates for the position of the next United Nations Secretary-General are published here and videos on the selection progress can be viewed.

UN Pulse (Dag Hammarskjöld Library)
United Nations Secretary-General: Did You Know?
Did you know a new Secretary-General will be appointed in 2016?
https://tmblr.co/ZE4p7x23rYYfD

United Nations Blog - Selecting the United Nations Secretary-General (7 January 2016)
http://blogs.un.org/blog/2016/01/07/selecting-the-united-nations-secretary-general/
explains the appointment process by discussing the questions how the Secretary-General is selected, who were the previous Secretaries-General and who will be the next Secretary-General; also lists fun facts and links to further information

UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS)
Civil society: Propose questions for UN Secretary-General Candidates
The President of the General Assembly (PGA) is organizing informal dialogues between UN Member States and SG candidates starting in April 2016. The Office of the PGA has requested UN-NGLS to facilitate a process with civil society to provide questions that can be asked to candidates during these dialogues.

Official Documents

- **A/71/531** (7 October 2016): Letter dated 6 October 2016 from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly: http://undocs.org/A/71/531
  Reports that the Security Council, at its 7782nd meeting, held in private on 6 Oct. 2016, adopted by acclamation resolution 2311 (2016) which recommends to the General Assembly that António Guterres be appointed Secretary-General of the UN for a term of office from 1 Jan. 2017 to 31 Dec. 2021.
on recommendation that António Guterres be appointed Secretary-General of the UN for a term of office from 1 Jan. 2017 to 31 Dec. 2021
  Invites Member States to present candidates for the selection and appointment of the next Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- see also "Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council, 2016–2017: Procedure for the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General": https://bit.ly/3k9Hr1u
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- António Guterres, the next United Nations Secretary-General (Photo Story): http://bit.ly/2e1hFCK
- INTERVIEW: Selection of next UN Secretary-General has been game-changing process, says outgoing General Assembly President (8 September 2016): http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=54877
- For first time in history, selection of next UN Secretary-General will include input from all Member States (15 December 2015): http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52831

Non-UN Sources

- Security Council Report: Appointment of the Secretary-General
  http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/appointment-of-the-secretary-general/
  “What’s in Blue – Insights on the work of the Security Council” and special research reports

- 1 for 7 Billion: 2016 Candidates and Straw Polls
  http://www.1for7billion.org/2016-candidates
  A global campaign supported by organisations and individuals from all corners of the globe committed to getting the best UN Secretary-General.

- Peace Palace Library – Library Blog
  Vacancy: Secretary-General of the United Nations