Future UN Development System (FUNDS) 2016 Survey
Selecting the Next UN Secretary-General

Results
General results

Results by gender

Results by UN affiliation
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- Very effective
- Effective
- Neither effective nor ineffective
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- No opinion

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Q2: What are the most important personal qualities of a UN Secretary-General (choose up to three)?

- Political independence, integrity and courage
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Q3: What are the most relevant past experiences for a future UN Secretary-General (choose up to three)?

- Experience of multicultural environment
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Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q4: What should be the most urgent areas of concern for the next UN Secretary-General (choose up to three)?

- Peace & security: conflict-prone states
- Sustainable development & goals
- Internal UN reform
- Human rights
- Humanitarian activities

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q5: What is the ideal length of term for a Secretary-General (choose one)?

- Two terms of five years each (as at present) - 51
- Single term of six or seven years - 49

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q6: What is most important to include in the process of selection (choose up to four)?

- Encouragement of candidates of both genders
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- Agreed job description for the Secretary-General
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Q7: Do you have one or more preferred candidates?

- Yes: 23
- No: 77

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Q7: Preferred candidates – top 10

1. Angela Merkel (19)
2. Helen Clark (17)
3. Michelle Bachelet (12)
4. Antonio Guterres (11)
5. Irina Bokova (7)
6. Kristalina Georgieva (6)
7. Vesna Pusić (6)
8. Alicia Bárcena (5)
9. Danilo Türk (4)
10. Amina Muhammad (3)

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q8: My gender is

- 65 Male
- 35 Female

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q9: Please specify your country of origin

- United States: 70 respondents
- India: 60 respondents
- United Kingdom: 60 respondents
- Germany: 50 respondents
- Canada: 25 respondents
- Switzerland: 20 respondents
- Brazil: 15 respondents
- France: 15 respondents
- Mexico: 15 respondents
- Colombia: 15 respondents

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q10: Please specify your current occupation

- Academia: 25%
- Private sector: 21%
- Non-governmental organization: 18%
- UN organization or agency: 17%
- National Government/public sector: 14%
- International public organization (non-UN): 5%

Source: UN FUNDS survey 2016; Dalberg Research Analysis
Q11: Have you ever worked in or for the United Nations

- Yes: 61
- No: 39

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Share of respondents (%)

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Q7: Do you have one or more preferred candidates?

- **Female:***
  - 77% do not have a preferred candidate.
  - 23% have a preferred candidate.

- **Male:***
  - 76% do not have a preferred candidate.
  - 24% have a preferred candidate.

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- No UN affiliation
  - No, does not have a preferred candidate: 82%
  - Yes, does have a preferred candidate: 18%

- UN affiliation
  - No, does not have a preferred candidate: 72%
  - Yes, does have a preferred candidate: 28%

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