

Your question for the UN Secretary-General candidates is short-listed! Please send us a video of you asking the question by Monday!

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Dear Uwem OTU,

Congratulations - your question for the candidates for United Nations Secretary-General has been short-listed for the Global Townhall with them taking place at UN Headquarters on 12 July 2016!

It was selected by a Committee of 22 civil society representatives from around the world to be on a short-list of questions for the event from among those submitted.

From the short-listed questions, the President of the UN General Assembly (UN PGA) Mr. Mogens Lykkesøft will choose some to be asked during the event. The questions are a short-list for the UN PGA to choose from, so we cannot guarantee that yours will be directly asked to the candidates, but it will receive significant attention in at least on social media.

We ask you to send us a video of yourself asking the question that you submitted as soon as possible and by Monday, 11 July.

Please follow these instructions in full:

- 1) Please introduce yourself with your name and organization (if applicable) and where you are from.
- 2) Please say the question exactly as you submitted it:
"How do you intend to deepen international development cooperation to the rural constituents?"
- 3) Maximum length of your video: 30 seconds per language - Please try to include English as one. So if you (or you + friends) can ask your question in multiple languages, please do, and you may use up to 30 seconds for each language that you include. The purpose of including multiple languages would be to make the question you submitted above understandable to more people, not to ask additional questions.
- 4) Please send us the written transcript of exactly what you say in each language that you use.
- 5) Please try to say the question from memory so the audience can connect better with you. Or if you need to read it, do so from a card held right above or right beside the camera, so your eyes can be looking into the camera as much as possible.
- 6) Film your video in a place that conveys a sense of your life, your community, or the subject of your question.
- 7) It is VERY important for you to film it in a quiet place with good lighting, so that we can see you and hear you well. Please do not film yourself with a window behind you so that you are backlit. Make sure the source of light in your environment is in front of you.
- 8) Filming with a phone or a simple camera is fine, but if you use these, please be sure to have the person filming stand close to you and ensure there is no background noise so the audio recording will be very clear.
- 9) If you use a phone to film the video, please ensure you hold it horizontally and not vertically.
- 9) Please send us the highest resolution video file possible.
- 10) Please send as soon as possible so we have time to get back in touch with you if there are any technical issues with your file.

Please send us your phone number and Skype ID when you send your video in case we need to reach you quickly.

How to send the video to us:

The service WeTransfer allows you to send files for free up to 2GB.

If you are filming your question with a smart phone, download their free app and you can send directly from your phone: <https://www.wetransfer.com/mobile>

You can send via computer at <https://www.wetransfer.com/>

WeTransfer will ask you to enter an email address to send the file to; Please enter either:
askSGcandidates@un-ngls.org

OR the email address I am writing you from now - alzner@un.org

If you have any trouble with WeTransfer, let us know and we will provide another option.

Let us know if you can be in New York on 12 July for the event.

Unfortunately travel funding is not available from the UN to support your trip, but if you can make it anyway, please let us know.

You can review all of the information about the process to select civil society questions for the UN SG candidates here: <https://unngls.org/UNSGcandidates>

Scroll to the bottom of the page and there is a link to view all of the questions submitted so far.

You may learn more about the procedure for selecting and appointing the UN Secretary-General here:
<http://www.un.org/pga/70/sg/>

Please let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to assist.

We look forward to receiving your video - please send as soon as possible and no later than the end of the day NY time on Monday, 11 July, and sooner if possible!

Thank you and congratulations again!

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