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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PRIORITIES FOR 2012-2017

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was unanimously re-elected by the General Assembly to serve a second term from January 2012 to December 2017. His top priorities: mobilize world leaders around a set of global challenges, from climate change and economic upheaval to increasing pressures, such as the food, energy and water crises. Learn more on the Secretary-General: www.un.org/sg/



During his first tenure, one of his major initiatives was using diplomatic efforts to bring the climate change agenda to the forefront. Secretary-General Ban has continued to draw attention to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). He also saw the creation of UN Women, a new agency that consolidates the United Nations' work on women's empowerment, and sought to strengthen UN peace efforts through the New Horizons peacekeeping initiative and Civilian Capacity Review.

Learn more on:

MDGs: www.un.org/millenniumgoals

UN Women: www.unwomen.org

UN Peacekeeping Operations: www.un.org/en/peacekeeping

Mr. Ban has further embraced his role as bridge-builder, to give voice to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, and to strengthen the Organization itself, stating that his priority as Secretary-General is "a stronger United Nations for a better world". "The spirit and vision that infused world leaders in 1945 inspire me every day," he said.

SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN'S FIVE ACTIONS FOR HIS SECOND TERM AGENDA:

Sustainable Development: accelerate progress on the Millennium Development Goals to keep the world on track to meet its poverty reduction targets, implement a global strategy for women's and children's health; forge a consensus around a post-2015 sustainable development framework; and mobilize the UN System to support global, regional and national strategies to address energy services, food and nutrition security, as well as access to safe drinking water, among others.

The Importance of Prevention: support the development and implementation of national disaster risk reduction plans; prioritize early warning and early action systems through his good offices, mediation, crisis response and peacebuilding to help prevent violent conflicts; advance a preventative approach to human rights and help countries identify social safety nets that lead to economic growth and employment.

Building UN Partners: construct an enhanced partnership for peacekeeping by collaborating with regional organizations and ensure peacekeepers have the necessary capacities to meet the demand of complex operations; build a more accountable and robust humanitarian system by strengthening aid transparency and expanding support for funding mechanisms and emergency preparedness; revitalize global disarmament and a non-proliferation agenda; scale-up counter-terrorism efforts; and address the heightened threat of organized crime, piracy and drug-trafficking.

Supporting Nations in Transition: increase UN capacity in the rule of law, peacebuilding, electoral assistance, national reconciliation, anti-corruption

measures, power-sharing arrangements and democratic practices; advocate for accountability by strengthening the international criminal justice system and national judiciaries.

Working with Women and Young People: strengthen the campaign to end violence against women; promote women's political participation worldwide; develop an action agenda for ensuring the full-participation of women in economic and social recovery; and address the needs of young people by creating programmes that focus on employment, entrepreneurship, political inclusion, citizenship and protection of rights.

Learn more:
www.un.org/sg/priorities/index.shtml

In his remarks delivered to the General Assembly in September 2011, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized the United Nations is uniquely positioned to promote action on these themes because it can facilitate dialogue to arrive at solutions, mobilize new constituencies to work with governments and with international organizations to address these global problems, and legitimize processes for international cooperation.

Learn more: www.un.org

*[Photo: Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon interviewed by the UN News Centre and UN Radio journalists about his first term as Secretary-General and his priorities for his second term.
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