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Why I'm seeking to lead the United Nations, and what a reformed, relevant UN could mean for people everywhere. Reform is no longer optional. It is an imperative. [#UNS](#)

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The UN cannot be a diplomatic ivory tower. On @BBCWorld's The Interview, I discussed my candidacy for Secretary-General and how the UN must connect global decisions to the communities it serves.

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I recently sat down with [MSN](#) for an interview to talk about my vision for the United Nations, and why I am seeking to serve as its next Secretary-General.

The question at the heart of this race is simple: will the UN matter in the lives of ordinary people in the years ahead? I believe it can, but only if we are willing to change how it works. Reform is no longer an optional choice. It is an imperative.

What does that mean to me:

- An organization that is efficient, effective and responsive, not a diplomatic ivory tower.
- Restoring the moral authority of the office of Secretary-General.
- Putting conflict mediation and the protection of women and children at the center of our work.

I hope you will watch the full conversation and share your thoughts.  
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The United Nations cannot be a diplomatic ivory tower.

I joined [BBC World Services The Interview](#) to talk about my candidacy for Secretary-General and a question I believe will define the next decade of the UN: how do we connect the decisions made in New York and Geneva to the lives of people in the villages, cities and conflict zones the UN exists to serve?

Reform is not only about trimming budgets or reorganizing departments. It is about bringing the Organization closer to the people who depend on it, and making sure its work is measured by what changes on the ground. [#UNReform](#) [#UN80](#) [#UnitedNations](#)

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