CANDIDATE FOR UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL, 2026

Ambassador Olara Otunnu

Consensus Builder & Innovative Leader



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Olara Otunnu, Uganda's candidate for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations, has issued a statement following today's straw-poll in the Security Council:

"I am pleased to convey my appreciation to all members of the Security Council for their continued engagement in this important process. Today's outcome signals continued movement forward for me. I welcome further engagement with members of the Security Council and General Assembly.

As a candidate I bring the following assets: decades of broad and deep leadership experience covering all three UN pillars - - peace and security, development, and human rights; extensive experience of forging consensus; a track-record of proposing innovative solutions in situations of crisis and deadlock; and demonstrable resolve and tenacity to see through agreed measures.

I would deliver to the UN leadership a critical combination of deep institutional knowledge and an independent outside perspective."