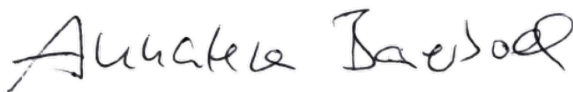


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Excellency,

Further to the Joint Letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council on the process for the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General dated 25 November 2025 (document A/80/544-S/2025/765), and in line with General Assembly resolution 79/327, we have the honour to jointly inform Member States that the Republic of Burundi has presented the nomination of Mr. Macky Sall as candidate for the position of Secretary-General. We have the further honour to forward the communication and documents received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Burundi to the United Nations dated 2 March 2026 in this respect.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock  
President of the General Assembly



H.E. Mr. Michael G. Waltz  
President of the Security Council



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Excellencies,

I am pleased to refer to your letter dated 25 November 2025 regarding the process of selecting and appointing the next Secretary-General of the United Nations, and have the honor to inform you that my government, current Chair of the African Union, nominates His Excellency Macky Sall, former President of the Republic of Senegal, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In this regard, please find attached the vision statement and Curriculum Vitae of the candidate. It should also be noted that the activities related to the selection process will be financed by personal and public resources.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurance of my highest consideration.

H.E. Ambassador Zephyrin Maniratanga

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Burundi



**H.E. Ms. Annalena Baerbock**

President of the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
United Nations General Assembly

**H.E. Mr. Michael G. Waltz**

President of the United Nations Security Council for the month of March 2026

# **My Vision as a Candidate for the Position of Secretary-General of the United Nations**

Rebuilding multilateralism for a better world

*By Macky Sall*

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## **Global context**

The world today is facing a profound crisis, marked by the persistence and escalation of conflicts, the emergence of new and multi-faceted threats, and a particularly difficult economic environment, exacerbated by the debt burden weighing on many developing countries.

The United Nations, whose role is to maintain peace and security and to promote development, is itself facing growing distrust, reduced effectiveness, and an unprecedented risk of weakening, even though its potential remains immense.

In this context of profound uncertainty, I am convinced that the United Nations remains the indispensable universal framework for dialogue and collective action in pursuit of coordinated solutions to our shared challenges.

But to continue upholding the ideals that inspired its creation, to better meet the expectations of Member States, and to address the challenges of the 21st century, the Organization must be reformed, streamlined, and modernized.

## **Strategic vision**

In my view, today's crisis is not cyclical. It is systemic and exceptional in its scale. Addressing it requires proven leadership and a substantial agenda—focusing our efforts on what we can do together, how we can do it, and the means required to deliver it.

It is in this spirit that I submit my candidacy to the Member States, with humility and a strong sense of responsibility, fully aware of the demands and qualities required for the office of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I am encouraged to do so by four decades of public service, including twelve years as President of the Republic of Senegal.

I am also strengthened by the experience of dialogue and consultation acquired as Chairperson of the African Union, as Chair of NEPAD, and through my engagement in wide-ranging regional and global partnerships.

My vision is grounded in this long experience of public affairs—from the grassroots to the highest level of the State—as well as in active engagement at subregional, regional, and global levels, through an approach based on listening, dialogue, and pragmatism.

My strategic objective is to work closely with Member States to help restore confidence in multilateralism—by safeguarding its unity, its capacity to act, its moral authority, its credibility, and its effectiveness.

I want to help make the United Nations a revitalized strategic platform anchored in its founding missions and adapted to the realities of both the present and the future—capable of rebuilding trust among Member States, preventing crises, contributing to conflict resolution, promoting sustainable development, and protecting vulnerable populations, guided by the Sustainable Development Goals and the strategic framework of the Pact for the Future.

My vision rests on three core pillars:

- Forging an integrated vision of peace, security, development, and shared prosperity
- Renewing and revitalizing multilateralism
- Strengthening United Nations governance

## **I. Forging an integrated vision of peace, security, development, and shared prosperity**

Peace, security, and development remain intrinsically linked and mutually reinforcing. I believe the foundation for integrated global prosperity relies on a peace-first agenda, focused on understanding, de-escalation, and neutral support for cooperation among Member States.

I intend to promote a solidarity-based, trust-driven approach to crisis management, coupled with sustained efforts in prevention and the strengthening of early-warning initiatives and mechanisms.

These steps must be complemented by sustained and constructive dialogue between the Secretary-General and the Security Council—the guarantor of the collective security system—stronger field monitoring, and closer coordination with regional organizations and mechanisms aimed at reducing emerging tensions.

It is also important to ensure better synergy between peace operations, the work of development agencies, and humanitarian actors.

My objective is also to streamline field interventions, avoid duplication, and increase the overall impact of our actions, with particular attention to structurally fragile countries.

Moreover, peace and security cannot be sustained over time when the foundations of development are undermined by poverty, inequality, exclusion, and climate vulnerability.

Multilateral solidarity, like official development assistance, deserves recognition for all it has helped achieve to date, even if new efforts are required to ensure debt sustainability.

Likewise, we all know that development financing needs far exceed the capacity of both bilateral and multilateral official assistance.

That is why I am committed to promoting greater investment and trade in order to foster partnerships that drive growth and shared prosperity.

## **II. Renewing and revitalizing multilateralism**

In the face of fragmentation risks driven by an increasingly multipolar world, I am convinced that revitalized multilateralism remains the best framework for consultation and action in addressing global challenges.

Some of these challenges—particularly those related to peace, security, development, and migration—are longstanding, but today they manifest themselves in more complex and pressing ways.

Others are relatively new, such as cross-border health threats and the rapid advance of technologies, of which Artificial Intelligence is the latest manifestation.

I also hold the deep conviction that combating violence against women and girls, advancing their empowerment, and supporting young people must remain at the heart of the international agenda.

All these challenges deserve to be addressed through a reinvented and re-adapted multilateral framework. I will strive to serve as a Secretary-General who facilitates dialogue and builds bridges among all stakeholders, in particular Member States, civil society, and the private sector.

The revitalization of multilateralism must also involve Security Council reform. I will work toward a realistic and consensus-based reform that strengthens its representativeness and legitimacy, while preserving its capacity for action and effectiveness.

If Member States place their trust in me, I will work to build sustained and balanced dialogue with the permanent members of the Council, helping to further guarantee the legitimacy and effectiveness of United Nations action.

There is also an urgent need to reinvigorate and revitalize the General Assembly, streamline its agenda, and strengthen the coordinating role of the Economic and Social Council in operational development activities. I will actively support Member States in advancing these efforts.

Likewise, closer collaboration between the United Nations and regional organizations and mechanisms must be strengthened, particularly in conflict prevention and resolution, whose exorbitant costs today impose a heavy burden on the Organization.

In short, in the face of global challenges such as peace, security, the environment, global health, emerging technologies, migration, debt, and development financing, the United Nations must reclaim its original vocation as the central platform for strategic consultation—capable of delivering collective, credible, and effective responses—working in partnership with the Bretton Woods institutions, other international financial institutions, and non-state partners.

### **III. Strengthening United Nations governance**

Strengthening the Organization’s governance is essential to sustaining trust between Member States and the United Nations Secretariat.

In public affairs, I have always advocated a pragmatic approach focused on action and results. As a former Head of State, I understand Member States’ concern for the optimal use of the Organization’s human and financial resources.

Building on reforms already underway, three key imperatives will guide my approach to governance: streamline, simplify, optimize.

I will promote transparent management to ensure a Secretariat that is effective, efficient, and accountable—one whose functioning is grounded in streamlined structures and mandates, coherent action, and better use of resources.

This also requires more predictable and sustainable financing, as well as the modernization of working methods, particularly through greater use of innovation, digital technologies, and performance evaluation.

In the same spirit, I will support reform efforts aimed at improving United Nations field action to avoid duplication and strengthen coordination among agencies, funds, and programmes, so that the Organization becomes more agile and better adapted to realities on the ground.

### **Conclusion**

Concretely, I propose leadership grounded in:

- Experience and pragmatism
- Respect for the sovereignty of States
- Predictable, disciplined, and results-oriented management

Trust is built through consistency, fairness, and efficiency.

I seek to help shape a United Nations that:

- Ensures peace and security
- Uses its resources wisely
- Delivers results that governments can defend before their citizens

This is how the United Nations will remain relevant.

This is how it will earn greater trust.

And this is how it will once again function to the satisfaction of its Member States and the peoples of the world.

Now is the time to act with clarity, courage, and discipline—to do better with less and realize the Organization’s full potential.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Macky Sall', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

**Macky Sall**

# Curriculum Vitae of H.E. Macky Sall

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Former President of the Republic of Senegal (2012–2024), Macky Sall was born on 11 December 1961 in Fatick, Senegal. He is married and the father of three children.

His journey reflects a life shaped by simplicity, hard work, and merit. Coming from a modest family background, he grew up in an environment marked by sociocultural and religious diversity, where solidarity, respect for others, and the value of work formed the foundations of everyday life.

A geological engineer trained through rigorous theoretical and practical study, Macky Sall has developed throughout his career a strong culture of analysis and solution-oriented leadership. His methodical and pragmatic approach to complex challenges is a major asset for assuming high office in contexts shaped by political, cultural, and civilizational diversity.

A reform-minded statesman with four decades of experience in public affairs management, he served two constitutional terms as the 4th President of Senegal, marked by significant achievements, notably in the areas of economic and social transformation, infrastructure, energy, agriculture, health, education, and vocational training.

Globally recognized for his commitment to the dialogue of cultures and civilizations, and for his action in support of peace and security, he has received numerous national and academic distinctions that reflect his spirit of openness and commitment to human fraternity.

## KEY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- **President of Senegal (2012–2024)** – Completed two constitutional terms, leading transformative reforms in energy, infrastructure, and economic and social modernization.
- **Chair of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee (2013–2019)** – Guided Africa’s strategic development agenda.
- **Chairperson of the African Union (2022–2023)** – Led continental priorities in peace, security, and development; secured Africa’s admission as a member of the G20.
- **Chair of ECOWAS (2015–2016)** – Advanced regional stability and economic cooperation.
- **Special Envoy, Paris Pact for People and the Planet (2024)** – Promoted reforms of global financing mechanisms following the Paris Summit of June 2023.
- **Current Chair, Global Center on Adaptation** – Steering global efforts to strengthen climate resilience.

## NATIONAL OFFICES

- **President of the National Assembly** (June 2007 – November 2008)
- **Prime Minister of Senegal** (April 2004 – June 2007)

- **Minister of State, Minister of the Interior and Local Government** (August 2003 – April 2004)
- **Minister of State, Minister of Mines, Energy and Water** (May 2001 – August 2003)
- **Mayor of the City of Fatick** (April 2002 – March 2012)
- **Chief Executive Officer, National Petroleum Corporation of Senegal (PETROSEN)** (December 2000 – May 2001)

## HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

- **National distinctions from the following countries:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Benin, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, France, The Gambia, Luxembourg, Kingdom of Morocco, Mauritania, Namibia, and Portugal
- **Honorary Doctorates (Doctor Honoris Causa):** University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin), Pukyong National University (Republic of Korea), Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (France), Swiss UMEF University (Switzerland)
- **Honorary Member, National Academy of Sciences and Technology of Senegal**
- **Member, French Academy of Overseas Sciences**
- **Gold Medal, French Academy of Agriculture**
- **Saint George Medal for Peace (Germany)**
- **Grand Cross, International Order of Academic Palms of CAMES**
- **Grand Cross, Order of the Pleiade, Order of Francophonie and Dialogue of Cultures**

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Geological and Geophysical Engineer – Institute of Earth Sciences, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar
- Advanced training at the École Nationale Supérieure du Pétrole et des Moteurs, French Petroleum Institute (France)

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Le Sénégal au cœur*, Le Cherche Midi, 2019
- *L'Afrique au cœur*, also published in English under the title *Leading from the Heart*, Odile Jacob, 2025