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# SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER: KEY FINDINGS OF UN75 SURVEY AND DIALOGUES

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**More than 1.5 million people in 195 countries shared their short- and long-term priorities, their ideas for action and their calls for a more inclusive, transparent UN to lead the response to pressing global challenges**

In January 2020, Secretary-General António Guterres launched the yearlong UN75 initiative as an opportunity for the United Nations to listen to the people it serves. Through surveys and dialogues, more than 1.5 million people from all 193 United Nations Member States shared their hopes and fears for the future, and discussed how all actors, including the UN, can work together better to address the global challenges we face.

Through the UN75 initiative, the UN has sought to understand what are the issues citizens around the world perceive as most pressing. Key findings from the UN75 survey and dialogues include:

**As COVID-19 reversed progress in human development and widened inequalities, many prioritized access to basic services and support to the hardest hit places and communities in the short-term**

- Amid a striking shortfall in



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**While they expect access to health services to improve over the next 25 years, respondents in all regions identified climate change and environmental issues as the number one long-term global challenge**

- 'More environmental protection' is the number one long-term priority for respondents, globally, ranking in the top three priorities across all regions.
- The highest percentages of respondents who chose 'Climate change and the environment' as a top threat were in Latin America and the Caribbean (73%), while the lowest was in Sub-Saharan Africa (37%).

**Other longer-term priorities vary according to income levels, but include rising concern with employment opportunities, respect for human rights and reducing conflict**

- While respondents in UNDP's category of higher human development countries tended to give



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- Moral leadership.
- A reformed, more representative and more agile UN Security Council.
- A revised Charter that includes today's most pressing global challenges, like climate change.
- Continued management and leadership reforms, including more inclusive hiring practices, more accountability and more transparency.
- An inclusive and participatory UN system, with improved understanding of the work of the UN among citizens around the world, and which shows more care for the needs of ordinary people.
- Improved implementation, monitoring and evaluation of UN programmes globally, to more effectively solve international problems.