

International UN Day Calendar

Since the early days of the United Nations system, the UN has established a set of Days and Weeks (as listed below), Years and Decades to help focus the world on the issues in which the UN has an interest and commitment. The UN calls on Member States and other organizations to mark these days in ways which reflect their priorities.

Sometimes the promotion of a specific day is led by a specific UN agency or programme, for example the World Health Organization (WHO) leads World Health Day and World No-Tobacco Day, UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) leads World Water Day and International Literacy Day, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) leads World Environment Day etc.

Some UN agencies also have their own international days (e.g. WHO's World TB Day and UNESCO's World Philosophy Day), established and promoted by the agency but not designated by the UN General Assembly for the full UN system. While equivalent in purpose, the following list does not include agency-specified days.

27 January	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
20 February	World Day of Social Justice
21 February	International Mother Language Day
8 March	International Women's Day
21-27 March	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 March	World Water Day
23 March	World Meteorological Day
25 March	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members
25 March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day
4 April	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
7 April	World Health Day

23 April	World Book and Copyright Day
3 May	World Press Freedom Day
8-9 May	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War
15 May	International Day of Families
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity
25-31 May	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
29 May	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
31 May	World No-Tobacco Day
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 June	World Environment Day
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
20 June	World Refugee Day
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day
26 June	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
26 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
4 July	International Day of Cooperatives
11 July	World Population Day
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12 August	International Youth Day
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
8 September	International Literacy Day
15 September	International Day of Democracy
16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21 September	International Day of Peace

24 September	World Maritime Day
1 October	International Day of Older Persons
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence
4-10 October	World Space Week
5 October	World Habitat Day
5 October	World Teacher's Day
9 October	World Post Day
10 October	World Mental Health Day
14 October	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
15 October	International Day of Rural Women
16 October	World Food Day
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24-30 October	Disarmament Week
24 October	United Nations Day
24 October	World Development Information Day
6 November	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
14 November	World Diabetes Day
15 November	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
16 November	International Day for Tolerance
20 November	Africa Industrialization Day
20 November	Universal Children's Day
21 November	World Television Day
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
29 November	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
1 December	World AIDS Day
2 December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

3 December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5 December	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
7 December	International Civil Aviation Day
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day
10 December	Human Rights Day
11 December	International Mountain Day
18 December	International Migrants Day
19 December	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
20 December	International Human Solidarity Day