

# International Days



The United Nations General Assembly designates a number of "International Days" to mark important aspects of human life and history (the comprehensive list of all days celebrated by the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies is available here: [International Days](#).) Each international day offers many actors the opportunity to organize activities related to the theme of the day. Organizations and offices of the United Nations system, and most importantly, governments, civil society, the public and private sectors, schools, universities and, more generally, citizens, make an international day a springboard for awareness-raising actions.

United Nations Specialized Agencies, including UNESCO, can also proclaim World Days. In this case, the proclamation of international days depends on their governing bodies and internal regulations only.

UNESCO thus celebrates UN International Days related to its fields of competence, in addition to the other World Days, proclaimed by the Organization's governing bodies or other institutions.

The list of official messages by the Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of International Days with which UNESCO is associated is available [here](#).

## International Days observed at UNESCO

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### JANUARY

#### 14 January

- World Logic Day [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/74)

#### 24 January

- International Day of Education (☞ [A/RES/73/25](#))
- World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/94)

#### 27 January

- International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (☞ 34 C/61; [A/RES/60/7](#)) - UN website

### FEBRUARY

#### 11 February

- International Day of Women and Girls in Science (☞ [A/70/474/Add.2](#)) - UN website

#### 13 February

- World Radio Day (☞ 36 C/63; [A/67/62](#))

#### 21 February

- International Mother Language Day (☞ 30 C/62; [A/RES/56/262](#)) - UN website

### MARCH

#### 4 March

- World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/64)

#### 8 March

- International Women's Day (☞ 20 C/13.2) - UN website

#### 14 March

- International Day of Mathematics [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/27)

#### 20 March

- International Francophonie Day (☞ [Message from the Director-General](#))

#### 21 March

- World Poetry Day (☞ 30 C/29) - UN website
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (☞ 14 C/11; [A/RES/2142 \(XXI\)](#)) - UN website
- International Day of Nowruz (☞ 184 EX/SR.1-9; [A/RES/64/253](#)) - UN website

#### 22 March

- World Water Day (☞ 141 EX/22; [A/RES/47/193](#)) - UN website

### APRIL

#### 6 April

- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (☞ 37 C/60; [A/RES/67/296](#))

#### 15 April

- World Art Day [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/65)

#### 23 April

- World Book and Copyright Day (☞ 28 C/3.18) - UN website

#### 30 April

- International Jazz Day (☞ 36 C/39)

### MAY

#### 3 May

- World Press Freedom Day (☞ 26 C/4.3) - UN website

#### 5 May

- African World Heritage Day (☞ 38 C/68)
- World Portuguese Language Day [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/75)

#### 16 May

- International Day of Light (☞ 39 C/40)
- International Day of Living Together in Peace (☞ [A/RES/72/130](#))

#### 21 May

- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (☞ 166 EX/37; [A/RES/67/249](#)) - UN website

#### 22 May

- International Day for Biological Diversity (☞ 146 EX/32; [A/RES/49/119](#)) - UN website

### JUNE

#### 5 June

- World Environment Day (☞ 112 EX/15; [A/RES/2994 \(XXVII\)](#)) - UN website

#### 8 June

- World Oceans Day (☞ 181 EX/4; [A/RES/63/111](#)) - UN website

#### 17 June

- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (☞ [A/RES/49/115](#)) - UN website

### JULY

#### 18 July

- Nelson Mandela International Day (☞ [A/RES/64/13](#)) - UN website

#### 26 July

- International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (☞ 38 C/66)

### AUGUST

#### 9 August

- International Day of the World's Indigenous People (☞ 146 EX/32; [A/RES/49/214](#)) - UN website

#### 12 August

- International Youth Day (☞ 159 EX/28; [A/RES/54/120](#)) - UN website

#### 23 August

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (☞ 29 C/40)

### SEPTEMBER

#### 8 September

- International Literacy Day (☞ 14 C/1.441)

#### 15 September

- International Day of Democracy (☞ [A/RES/62/7](#)) - UN website

#### 20 September

- International Day of University Sport (☞ 38 C/44)

#### 21 September

- International Day of Peace (☞ 114 EX/24; [A/RES/36/67](#); [A/RES/55/282](#)) - UN website

#### 28 September

- International Day for the Universal Access to Information (☞ 38 C/70)

### OCTOBER

#### 5 October

- World Teachers' Day (☞ 27 C/INF.7)

#### 11 October

- International Day of the Girl Child (☞ [A/RES/66/170](#))

#### 13 October

- International Day for Disaster Reduction (☞ 134 EX/15; [A/RES/44/236](#); [A/RES/64/200](#)) - UN website

#### 17 October

- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (☞ [A/RES/47/196](#)) - UN website

#### 24 October

- United Nations Day (☞ [A/RES/168 \(II\)](#); [A/RES/2782 \(XXVI\)](#)) - UN website

#### 27 October

- World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (☞ 33 C/53) - UN website

### NOVEMBER

#### First Thursday

- International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/78)

#### 2 November

- International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists [NEW](#) (☞ [A/RES/68/163](#))

#### 5 November

- World Day of Romani Language (☞ 38 C/65)
- World Tsunami Awareness Day (☞ [A/RES/70/203](#)) - UN Website

#### 10 November

- World Science Day for Peace and Development (☞ 31 C/20) - UN website

#### Third Thursday in November

- World Philosophy Day (☞ 33 C/37) - UN website

#### 16 November

- International Day for Tolerance (☞ 28 C/5.61; [A/RES/51/95](#)) - UN website

#### 18 November

- International Day of Islamic Art [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/26)

#### 25 November

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (☞ 159 EX/28; [A/RES/54/134](#)) - UN website

#### 26 November

- World Olive Tree Day [NEW](#) (☞ 40 C/66)

#### 29 November

- International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (☞ 114 EX/24; [A/RES/32/40B](#)) - UN website

### DECEMBER

#### 1 December

- World AIDS Day (☞ 130 EX/INF.3) - UN website

#### 3 December

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (☞ [A/RES/47/3](#)) - UN website

#### 10 December

- Human Rights Day (☞ 3 C/14.8; [A/RES/423 \(V\)](#)) - UN website

#### 18 December

- International Migrants Day (☞ 161 EX/37; [A/RES/55/93](#)) - UN website

#### 18 December

- World Arabic Language Day (☞ 190 EX/Decision 48)

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