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Past Special Observances and Events

2007:

- ▶ [World Population Day](#) (11 July)
- ▶ [International Day of Cooperatives](#) (7 July)
- ▶ [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [United Nations Public Service Day](#) (23 June)
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- ▶ [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#) (21 May)
- ▶ [World Telecommunication and Information Society Day](#) (17 May)
- ▶ [International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
- ▶ [Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War](#) (8-9 May)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [United Nations Global Road Safety Week](#) (23-29 April)
- ▶ [Education for All Global Action Week](#) (23-27 April)
- ▶ [World Book and Copyright Day](#) (23 April)
- ▶ [World Health Day](#) (7 April)
- ▶ [International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action](#) (4 April)
- ▶ [International Day for the Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade](#) (26 March)
- ▶ [World Tuberculosis Day](#) (24 March)
- ▶ [World Meteorological Day](#) (23 March)
- ▶ [World Water Day](#) (22 March)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
- ▶ [International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
- ▶ [International Mother Language Day](#) (21 February)
- ▶ [International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust](#) (27 January)

2006:

- ▶ [International Human Solidarity Day](#) (20 December)
- ▶ [United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation](#) (19 December)
- ▶ [International Migrants Day](#) (18 December)
- ▶ [Tribute to Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Administration of the oath of office to Secretary-General Designate Ban Ki-Moon - Webcast of the ceremony](#) (14 December 2006)

- ▶ [International Mountain Day](#) (11 December)
- ▶ [Human Rights Day](#) (10 December)
- ▶ [International Anti-Corruption Day](#) (9 December)
- ▶ [International Civil Aviation Day](#) (7 December)
- ▶ [International Volunteer Day](#) (5 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
- ▶ [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#) (2 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#) (29 November)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) (25 November)
- ▶ [Universal Children's Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [Africa Industrialization Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#) (19 November)
- ▶ [International Day for Tolerance](#) (16 November)
- ▶ [International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict](#) (6 November)
- ▶ [United Nations Day](#) (24 October)
- ▶ [Disarmament Week](#) (24-30 October)
- ▶ [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
- ▶ ["Unlearning Intolerance" seminar series: "Cartooning for Peace: The Responsibility of Political Cartoonists?"](#) (UN Headquarters, New York, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)
- ▶ [World Food Day](#) (16 October)
- ▶ [International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction](#) (11 October)
- ▶ [World Mental Health Day](#) (10 October)
- ▶ [World Post Day](#) (9 October)
- ▶ [World Teachers' Day](#) (5 October)
- ▶ [World Space Week](#) (4-10 October)
- ▶ [World Habitat Day](#) (2 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
- ▶ [World Maritime Day](#) (28 September)
- ▶ [International Day of Peace](#) (21 September)
- ▶ [International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) (16 September)
- ▶ [International Literacy Day](#) (8 September)
- ▶ [International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition](#) (23 August)
- ▶ [Observance of the Third Anniversary of the bombing of the UN Offices in Baghdad](#) (18 August)
- ▶ ["The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child"](#) (Online discussion, 14 August-8 September 2006)
- ▶ [International Youth Day](#) (12 August)
- ▶ [International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#) (9 August)
- ▶ [World Population Day](#) (11 July)
- ▶ [International Day of Cooperatives](#) (1 July)
- ▶ [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [United Nations Public Service Day](#) (23 June)
- ▶ [World Refugee Day](#) (20 June)
- ▶ [World Day to Combat Desertification](#) (17 June)
- ▶ [World Day Against Child Labour](#) (12 June)
- ▶ [World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
- ▶ [World No-Tobacco Day](#) (31 May)

- ▶ [International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers](#) (29 May)
- ▶ [International Day for Biological Diversity](#) (22 May)
- ▶ [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#) (21 May)
- ▶ [World Information Society Day](#) - [previously: World Telecommunication Day] (17 May)
- ▶ [International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [Remembrance Day for Victims of Chemical Warfare](#) (29 April)
- ▶ [World Intellectual Property Day](#) (26 April)
- ▶ [Africa Malaria Day](#) (25 April)
- ▶ [Education for All Week](#) (24-30 April)
- ▶ [World Book and Copyright Day](#) (23 April)
- ▶ [World Health Day](#) (7 April)
- ▶ [International Year of Sport and Physical Education Event with the UN Secretary-General](#) (3 April, 4:00-6:00 pm, ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ New York)
- ▶ **Secretary-General's Public Lecture series by Prof. Chinua Achebe and Prof. Paul Muldoon on "The Use of Language in War and Peace"** - Archived videos in [English](#) and in the [original languages](#) (28 March, 1:30-2:45 pm, ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ New York)
- ▶ [International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members](#) (25 March)
- ▶ [World TB Day](#) (24 March)
- ▶ [World Meteorological Day](#) (23 March)
- ▶ [World Water Day](#) (22 March)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
- ▶ [International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
- ▶ [International Mother Language Day](#) (21 February)
- ▶ [Dag Hammarskjöld Centenary - Lectures and Conversations Series: The International Civil Servant : Then and Now, Theory and Practice](#) (2 February)
- ▶ [International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust](#) (27 January)

2005:

- ▶ [United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation](#) (19 December)
- ▶ [International Migrants Day](#) (18 December)
- ▶ [International Mountain Day](#) (11 December)
- ▶ [Human Rights Day](#) (10 December)
- ▶ [International Anti-Corruption Day](#) (9 December)
- ▶ [International Civil Aviation Day](#) (7 December)
- ▶ [International Volunteer Day](#) (5 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
- ▶ [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#) (2 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#) (29 November)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) (25 November)
- ▶ [Universal Children's Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [Africa Industrialization Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [World Philosophy Day](#) (17 November)
- ▶ [UNESCO's 60th Anniversary](#) (16 November)
- ▶ [International Day for Tolerance](#) (16 November)
- ▶ [International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict](#) (6 November)
- ▶ [United Nations Day - Celebrating 60 years](#) (24 October)
- ▶ [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
- ▶ [World Food Day](#) (16 October)
- ▶ [International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction](#) (12 October)

- ▶ [World Mental Health Day](#) (10 October)
- ▶ [World Post Day](#) (9 October)
- ▶ [World Teachers' Day](#) (5 October)
- ▶ [World Space Week: Discovery and Imagination](#) (4-10 October)
- ▶ [World Habitat Day](#) (3 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
- ▶ [World Maritime Day](#) (29 September)
- ▶ [International Day of Peace](#) (21 September)
- ▶ [International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) (16 September)
- ▶ [International Literacy Day](#) (8 September)
- ▶ [International Youth Day](#) (12 August)
- ▶ [International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#) (9 August)
- ▶ [World Population Day](#) (11 July)
- ▶ **[60th Anniversary of the San Francisco Conference](#)** (26 June)
- ▶ [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [United Nations Public Service Day](#) (23 June)
- ▶ [World Refugee Day](#) (20 June)
- ▶ [World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought](#) (17 June)
- ▶ [World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
- ▶ [World No-Tobacco Day](#) (31 May)
- ▶ [International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers](#) (29 May)
- ▶ [Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories](#) (beginning on 25 May)
- ▶ [Africa Day](#) (25 May)
- ▶ [International Day for Biological Diversity](#) (22 May)
- ▶ [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#) (21 May)
- ▶ [World Telecommunication Day](#) (17 May)
- ▶ [International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
- ▶ **[60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the UN 60th Anniversary - Concert](#)** (7 May)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [World Book and Copyright Day](#) (23 April)
- ▶ [World Health Day](#) (7 April)
- ▶ [Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members](#) (28 March)
- ▶ [World TB Day](#) (24 March)
- ▶ [World Meteorological Day](#) (23 March)
- ▶ [World Day for Water](#) (22 March)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
- ▶ [International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
- ▶ [International Mother Language Day](#) (21 February)
- ▶ **[Dag Hammarskjöld Centenary Lectures and Conversations Series](#)**
(4 April, 25 July, 6 September, 18 November, and 2 December 2005)
- ▶ **[International Year of Microcredit - 2005](#)**
- ▶ **[International Year of Sport and Physical Education - 2005](#)**
- ▶ **[International Year of Physics - 2005](#)**

2004:

- ▶ [United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation](#) (20 December)
- ▶ [International Migrants Day](#) (18 December)
- ▶ [International Mountain Day](#) (11 December)
- ▶ [Human Rights Day](#) (10 December)
- ▶ [International Civil Aviation Day](#) (7 December)
- ▶ [International Volunteer Day](#) (5 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
- ▶ [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#) (2 December)

[World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)
[International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#) (29 November)
[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) (25 November)
[Universal Children's Day](#) (20 November)
[International Day of Tolerance](#) (16 November)
[International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict](#) (6 November)
[Disarmament Week](#) (24-30 October)
[United Nations Day](#) (24 October)
[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
[World Food Day](#) (16 October)
[International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction](#) (13 October)
[World Post Day](#) (9 October)
[World Teachers' Day](#) (5 October)
[World Habitat Day](#) (4 October)
[World Space Week](#) (4-10 October)
[International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
[World Maritime Day](#) (last week of September)
[International Day of Peace](#) (21 September)
[International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) (16 September)
[International Literacy Day](#) (8 September)
[International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition](#) (23 August)
[Observance of the First Anniversary of the Baghdad Tragedy](#) (19 August)
[International Youth Day](#) (12 August)
[International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#) (9 August)
[World Population Day](#) (11 July)
[International Day of Cooperatives](#) (3 July)
[International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
[International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#) (26 June)
[United Nations Public Service Day](#) (23 June)
[World Refugee Day](#) (20 June)
[World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought](#) (17 June)
[World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
[World No-Tobacco Day](#) (31 May)
[International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers](#) (29 May)
[Africa Day](#) (25 May)
[Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories](#) (beginning on 25 May)
[International Day for Biological Diversity](#) (22 May)
[World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#) (21 May)
[World Telecommunication Day](#) (17 May)
[International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
[World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
[World Day for Safety and Health at Work](#) (28 April)
[World Book and Copyright Day](#) (23 April)
[World Health Day](#) (7 April)
[International Day of the Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda](#) (7 April)
[Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members](#) (25 March)
[World Meteorological Day](#) (23 March)
[World Water Day](#) (22 March)
[\[Secretary-General's message\]](#) [\[News Article: Annan creates new Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation\]](#)
[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
[International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
[International Mother Language Day](#) (21 February)
[International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and Its Abolition - 2004](#)
[International Year of Rice - 2004](#)
[International Decade of the World's Indigenous People - 1995-2004](#)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education - 1995-2004

2003:

[Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination](#) (1993-2003)
[International Migrants Day](#) (18 December)
[Human Rights Day](#) (10 December)
[International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development](#) (5 December)
[International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
[International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#) (2 December)
[World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)
[International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](#) (29 November)
[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) (25 November)
[World Television Day](#) (21 November)
[Africa Industrialization Day](#) (20 November)
[Universal Children's Day](#) (20 November)
[International Day for Tolerance](#) (16 November)
[International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict](#) (6 November)
[United Nations Day](#) (24 October)
[Disarmament Week](#) (24-30 October)
[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
[World Food Day](#) (16 October)
[World Mental Health Day](#) (10 October)
[World Post Day](#) (9 October)
[International Day for Disaster Reduction](#) (8 October)
[World Habitat Day](#) (6 October)
[World Teachers' Day](#) (5 October)
[World Space Week](#) (4-10 October)
[Rotary International Day at the United Nations](#) (4 October)
[International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
[International Day of Peace](#) (21 September)
[International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer](#) (16 September)
[International Literacy Day](#) (8 September)
[International Youth Day](#) (12 August)
[International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#) (9 August)
[World Population Day](#) (11 July)
[International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
[UN Public Service Day](#) (23 June)
[World Refugee Day](#) (20 June)
[World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought](#) (17 June)
[World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
[International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers](#) (29 May)
[World Telecommunication Day](#) (17 May)
[International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
[World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
[World Book and Copyright Day](#) (23 April)
[World Health Day](#) (7 April)
[International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members](#) (25 March)
[World Meteorological Day](#) (23 March)
[World Water Day](#) (22 March)
[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
[International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
[International Mother Language Day](#) (21 February)
Year of Kyrgyz Statehood - 2003

International Year of Freshwater - 2003**2002:**

- ▶ [Human Rights Day](#) (10 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
- ▶ [International Day for the Abolition of Slavery](#) (2 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day](#) (1 December, observed at UNHQ on 26 November)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) (25 November)
- ▶ [Universal Children's Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [Africa Industrialization Day](#) (20 November)
- ▶ [International Day of Tolerance](#) (16 November)
- ▶ [United Nations Day](#) (24 October)
- ▶ [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
- ▶ [World Food Day](#) (16 October)
- ▶ [International Day for Disaster Reduction](#) (9 October)
- ▶ [World Post Day](#) (9 October)
- ▶ [World Habitat Day](#) (7 October)
- ▶ [World Space Week](#) (4-10 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Peace](#) (21 September)
- ▶ [55th DPI/NGO Annual Conference](#) (9-11 September)
- ▶ [International Literacy Day](#) (8 September)
- ▶ [World-class football teams to meet in match to benefit global fight against HIV/AIDS](#) (8 August)
(Giants Stadium, New Jersey, USA)
- ▶ [Celebrity Advocacy for the New Millennium](#) (18-19 June)
Meeting of Messengers of Peace and Goodwill Ambassadors
- ▶ [World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
- ▶ [Meeting of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) (13 May)
Historic first meeting 13 - 24 May
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [Ceremony marking expected establishment of International Criminal Court](#) (11 April)
- ▶ [International Women's Day](#) (8 March)
Afghan Women Today: Realities and Opportunities
- ▶ [Caring communities for the 21st century: Imagining the Possible "Age of Connectivity"](#)
(14 February)
- ▶ [The Media and Sustainable Development](#) - Round Table (6 February)
- ▶ **International Year of Mountains - 2002**
- ▶ **International Year of Ecotourism - 2002**

2001:

- ▶ [World AIDS Day 2001](#) (1 December)
- ▶ [United Nations Day](#) (24 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
- ▶ [World Environment Day](#) (5 June)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [International Women's Day 2001](#) (8 March)
- ▶ [Third Annual Caring Communities for the 21st Century: Imagining the Possible "Age of Connectivity"](#) (14 February)
- ▶ **United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations - 2001**
- ▶ **International Year of Volunteers - 2001**

2000:

- ▶ [Human Rights Day 2000](#) (10 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day 2000](#) (1 December)

- ▶ [United Nations Television Forum](#) (16-17 November)
- ▶ [International Day for Tolerance](#) (16 November)
- ▶ [Webcast of Security Council meeting: "Women and peace and security"](#) (24-25 October)
- ▶ [Messengers of Peace and Goodwill Ambassadors at the United Nations](#) (23 October)
- ▶ [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
- ▶ [International Youth Day](#) (12 August)
- ▶ [ECOSOC 2000 Substantive Session](#) (5 July - 1 August)
- ▶  [Rebroadcast of the High Level Segment - "Development of information technology in a knowledge-based global economy"](#) (5-7 July)
- ▶ [Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries](#) (24-28 July 2000)
- ▶ [Global Compact high-level meeting, New York](#) (26 July)
- ▶  [Webcast](#)
- ▶ [The World's Women 2000: *Trends and Statistics*](#)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (21 March)
- ▶ [International Day of Women](#) (8 March)
- ▶ [UN Workshop on Energy Efficiency, Global Competitiveness & Deregulation](#) (1-2 February)
- ▶ [Educator's Day at the United Nations](#) (17 January)

1999:

- ▶ [Human Rights Day 1999](#)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day 1999](#)
- ▶ [United Nations World Television Forum 1999](#) (18-19 November)
- ▶ [Active Aging: Promoting Prevention and Rehabilitation](#) (18 November)
- ▶ [International Day of Peace](#) (14 September)
- ▶ [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [World No Tobacco Day](#) (31 May)
- ▶ [International Day of Families](#) (15 May)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (3 May)
- ▶ [Caring communities for the 21st century: Villages and Cities for All Generations, sponsored by UNCHS and ICC](#) (10-11 February)
- ▶ [Science and Technology in Africa: a commitment for the 21st century](#) (9 February)

1998:

- ▶ [Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) (10-11 December)
- ▶ [International Day of Disabled Persons](#) (3 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)
- ▶ [The Fourth Session of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties \[COP4\]](#) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2-13 November)
- ▶ [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)
- ▶ [50 years of United Nations Peacekeeping](#) (6 October)
- ▶ [Press Release](#) (5 October)
- ▶ [World Habitat Day](#) (5 October)
- ▶ [International Day of Older Persons](#) (1 October)
- ▶ [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#) (26 June)
- ▶ [United Nations Centre for Human Settlements \(Habitat\) Round Table Discussion: "Implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the Local Level"](#) (15 May)
- ▶ [World Press Freedom Day](#) (4 May)

1997:

- ▶ [Human Rights Day Observance](#) (8-10 December)
- ▶ [World AIDS Day](#) (1 December)

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