

INTERNATIONAL DAYS, WEEKS, YEARS AND DECADES DECLARED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

UN DAYS AND WEEKS

March 8	International Women's Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 21-28	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
March 22	World Water Day
March 23	World Meteorological Day
April 7	World Health Day
May 3	World Press Freedom Day
May 15	International Day of Families
May 17	World Telecommunications Day
May 31	World No-Tobacco Day
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5	World Environment Day
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
July 11	World Population Day
September 8	International Literacy Day
Third Tuesday of September	International Day of Peace (Opening of the General Assembly)
During Last Week of September	World Maritime Day
October 1	International Day of the Elderly
First Monday of October	World Habitat Day
October 9	World Post Day
Second Wednesday of October	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
October 16	World Food Day
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
October 24	United Nations Day
October 24-30	Disarmament Week
Week of November 11	International Week of Science and Peace
November 20 (varies)	Universal Children's Day
November 20	Africa Industrialization Day
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
December 1	World AIDS Day
December 3	International Day of Disabled Persons
December 5	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
December 10	Human Rights Day

UN DECADES AND YEARS

We are currently in the midst of 13 ongoing internationally declared decades. There are five designated years on the calendar, as well as an anniversary Year.

1985-1994	Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific
1988-1997	World Decade for Cultural Development
1990-1999	United Nations Decade of International Law
1990-2000	International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism
1991-2000	Fourth United Nations Development Decade
1991-2000	Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa
1991-2000	United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse
1990s	United Nations Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction
1990s	Third Disarmament Decade
1993-2002	Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa
1993-2002	Asian and Pacific Decade for Disabled Persons
1993-2003	Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
1994-2003	International Decade for the World's Indigenous People
1994	International Year of the Family
	International Year of Sport and Olympic Ideals
1995	50th Anniversary of the United Nations
	United Nations Year for Tolerance
1996	International Year for the Eradication of Poverty
1999	International Year of Older Persons