

# United Nations Observances

## INTERNATIONAL DECADES

**1993-2003** -- Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

**1994-2004** -- International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

**1995-2004** -- United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

**1997-2006** -- United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

**2001-2010** -- Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa

**2001-2010** -- Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

**2001-2010** -- International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World

**2003-2012** -- United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All

**2005-2014** -- United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

## INTERNATIONAL YEARS

**2003** -- International Year of Freshwater

**2003** -- Year of Kyrgyz Statehood

**2004** -- International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and Its Abolition

**2004** -- International Year of Rice

**2005** -- International Year of Microcredit

## INTERNATIONAL DAYS AND WEEKS

**21 February** -- International Mother Language Day

**8 March** -- United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace

**21 March** -- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**21 March** -- Beginning of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

**22 March** -- World Day for Water

**23 March** -- World Meteorological Day

**7 April** -- World Health Day

**23 April** -- World Book and Copyright Day

**3 May** -- World Press Freedom Day

**15 May** -- International Day of Families

**17 May** -- World Telecommunication Day

**21 May** -- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

**22 May** -- International Day for Biological Diversity

**25 May** -- Beginning of the 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** -- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

**26 June** -- International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

**5 July** -- International Day of Cooperatives (first Saturday of July)

**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

**16 September** -- International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

**21 September** -- International Day of Peace

**September** -- World Maritime Day (during last week of September)

**1 October** -- International Day of Older Persons

**4-10 October** -- World Space Week

**5 October** -- World Teachers' Day

**6 October** -- World Habitat Day (first Monday of October)

**8 October** -- International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (second Wednesday of October)

**9 October** -- World Post Day

**10 October** -- World Mental Health Day

**16 October** -- World Food Day

**17 October** -- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

**24 October** -- United Nations Day

**24 October** -- World Development Information Day

**24-30 October** -- Disarmament Week

**6 November** -- International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

**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 Disabled Persons

**5 December** -- International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

**7 December** -- International Civil Aviation Day

**10 December** -- Human Rights Day

**18 December** -- International Migrants Day

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