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António Guterres addresses the General Assembly after taking the oath as the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) is the independent and quasi-judicial body monitoring and promoting the implementation of the United Nations drug control conventions. INCB works towards ensuring the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing diversion to illicit traffic and abuse. The Board monitors national controls over precursor chemicals used in the illicit manufacturing of drugs and assists Governments in preventing the diversion of precursors.

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The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is responsible for promoting international cooperation in the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space as well as the use of space technologies for economic, social and cultural development. The Office also serves as the secretariat for the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

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The IAEA, comprising 168 Member States, works to support the safe and secure development of nuclear technology and to verify the peaceful use of nuclear materials. Director General Yukiya Amano has led the agency since December 2009.

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UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

UNIDO is the specialized agency of the United Nations, which promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The Organization works to accelerate economic growth to bring prosperity to all while safeguarding the environment. UNIDO's mandate is fully aligned with the global development agenda especially Sustainable Development Goal 9, which underlines the central role of industrialization.

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The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty bans all nuclear explosions – underground, underwater, in the atmosphere and in space. CTBTO promotes the Treaty and is establishing a global verification regime with 337 monitoring sites to ensure that no nuclear explosion goes undetected. The monitoring data are also used for non-verification purposes such as tsunami warnings and global radiation monitoring. The Executive Secretary is Lassina Zerbo.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

The United Nations migration agency is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all, and international cooperation on migration issues. It also provides humanitarian assistance to migrants in need. The Regional Office in Vienna supports IOM offices in South-Eastern Europe including Turkey, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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UNSCEAR reports on levels and effects of exposure to ionizing radiation to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the general public. The reports provide the scientific basis for evaluating radiation risks and are used by governments and others for establishing protection measures.

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UNRoD's mandate is to record, in documentary form, the damage caused to all natural and legal persons as a result of the construction of the Wall by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem. By June 2016, more than 55,833 claims had been collected and the Board of UNRoD has reviewed and decided on 22,536 claims for inclusion in the Register.

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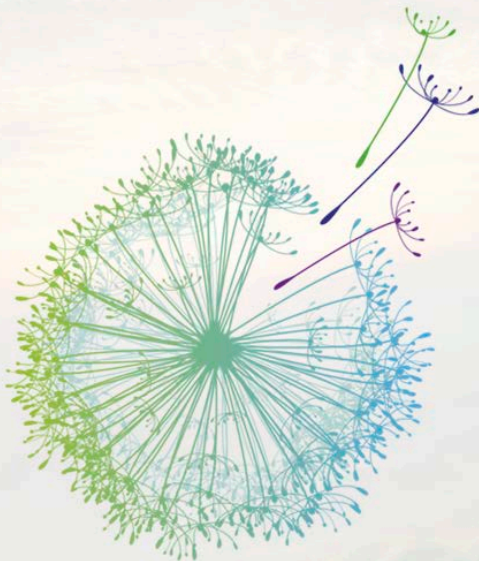


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2017
**INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
FOR DEVELOPMENT**

January 2017

2

United Nations holiday: in lieu of
1 January (New Year's Day)

13

UNPA: stamp issue – Chinese Lunar
Calendar – Year of the Rooster

27

International Day of Commemoration in
Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

30 January-10 February

Committee on the Peaceful Uses of
Outer Space, Scientific and Technical
Subcommittee, 54th session, Vienna
(UNOOSA)

February 2017

1

Press Breakfast on 2017 priorities and
key events of the Vienna-based United
Nations organizations and agencies

1-7

World Interfaith Harmony Week

3

UNPA: stamp issue – Flag Series

4

World Cancer Day (WHO)

6

International Day of Zero Tolerance to
Female Genital Mutilation (WHO)

11

International Day of Women and Girls
in Science

13

World Radio Day (UNESCO)

20

World Day of Social Justice

21

International Mother Language Day
(UNESCO)

March 2017

1

European Union Agency for
Fundamental Rights 10 year
Symposium, Vienna (FRA)
Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)

2

Launch of the International Narcotics
Control Board Annual Report and
Precursors Report

3

World Wildlife Day

6-10

Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)

8

International Women's Day

13-17

Commission on Narcotic Drugs,
60th session, Vienna (UNODC)

20

International Day of Happiness
UNPA: stamp issue – International
Day of Happiness (The Smurfs)

21

International Day for the Elimination
of Racial Discrimination
International Day of Nowruz
World Poetry Day (UNESCO)
World Down Syndrome Day
International Day of Forests

22

World Water Day

23

World Meteorological Day (WMO)
UNPA: stamp issue - International
Dance

24

World Tuberculosis Day (WHO)
International Day for the Right to the
Truth concerning Gross Human Rights
Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

25

International Day of Remembrance of
the Victims of Slavery and the
Transatlantic Slave Trade
International Day of Solidarity with
Detained and Missing Staff Members

27 March-7 April

Committee of the Peaceful Uses of
Outer Space: Legal Subcommittee,
56th session, Vienna (UNOOSA)



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April 2017

2

World Autism Awareness Day

4

International Day for Mine Awareness
and Assistance in Mine Action

6

International Day of Sport for
Development and Peace

7

International Day of Reflection on the
Genocide in Rwanda

World Health Day (WHO)

12

International Day of Human Space
Flight

14

United Nations holiday: Good Friday

17

United Nations holiday: Easter Monday

22

International Mother Earth Day

23

World Book and Copyright Day
(UNESCO)

24-30

World Immunization Week (WHO)

25

World Malaria Day (WHO)

26

World Intellectual Property Day (WIPO)

28

World Day for Safety and Health at Work
(ILO)

29

Day of Remembrance for all Victims of
Chemical Warfare

30

International Jazz Day (UNESCO)



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May 2017

1

United Nations holiday: May Day

3

World Press Freedom Day

4

UNODA Vienna Round Table, Vienna
(UNODA) (tbc)

8-9

Time of Remembrance and
Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their
Lives During the Second World War

9-10

World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)

11

UNPA: stamp issue – Endangered
Species (CITES)

15

International Day of Families

17

World Telecommunication and
Information Society Day (ITU)

21

World Day for Cultural Diversity for
Dialogue and Development

22

International Day for Biological Diversity

22-26

Commission on Crime Prevention and
Criminal Justice, 26th session, Vienna
(UNODC)

23

International Day to End Obstetric
Fistula

29

International Day of United Nations
Peacekeepers

29 May – 2 June

UNSCEAR, 64th Session, Vienna
(UNSCEAR)

31

World No-Tobacco Day (WHO)



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June 2017

1

Global Day of Parents

4

International Day of Innocent Children
Victims of Aggression

5

United Nations holiday: Whit Monday

World Environment Day (UNEP)

UNPA: stamp issue – World
Environment Day / 45th Anniversary
of UNEP

7-16

Committee on the Peaceful Uses of
Outer Space, 60th session, Vienna
(UNOOSA)

8

World Oceans Day

12

World Day Against Child Labour (ILO)

12-16

Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)

13

International Albinism Awareness Day

14

World Blood Donor Day (WHO)

15

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

16

International Day of Family
Remittances

17

World Day to Combat Desertification
and Drought

19

International Day for the Elimination
of Sexual Violence in Conflict

20

World Refugee Day

21

International Day of Yoga

UNPA: stamp issue – International
Day of Yoga

22

UNODA Conversation Series, Vienna
(UNODA) (tbc)

23

United Nations Public Service Day

International Widows' Day

25

Day of the Seafarer (IMO)

26

United Nations holiday: Eid al-Fitr

International Day Against Drug Abuse
and Illicit Trafficking

Launch of the 2017 World Drug Report

United Nations International Day in
Support of Victims of Torture

26-30

Science and Technology Conference,
Vienna (CTBTO)

27-30

Industrial Development Board, 45th
session, Vienna (UNIDO)

29

Danube Day

30

International Asteroid Day

July 2017

1

International Day of Cooperatives

3-21

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, 50th session, Vienna (UNCITRAL)

4-6

Congress on Modernizing International Trade Law to Support Innovation and Sustainable Development, Vienna (UNCITRAL)

11

World Population Day

15

World Youth Skills Day

18

Nelson Mandela International Day

28

World Hepatitis Day (WHO)

30

International Day of Friendship
World Day against Trafficking in Persons

August 2017

3

UNPA: stamp issue – World Heritage (UNESCO) – Silk Road

9

Genbaku No Hi (Atomic Bomb Awareness Day Event) (UNODA)
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

12

International Youth Day

19

World Humanitarian Day

23

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition (UNESCO)

29

International Day against Nuclear Tests

30

International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

September 2017

1

United Nations holiday: in lieu of
2 September (Eid al-Adha)

5

International Day of Charity

8

International Literacy Day (UNESCO)

11-15

Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)

12

United Nations Day for South-South
Cooperation

15

International Day of Democracy

16

International Day for the Preservation of
the Ozone Layer

18-22

General Conference, Vienna (IAEA)

19-20

Scientific Forum, Vienna (IAEA)

21

International Day of Peace

UNPA: stamp issue – International
Day of Peace (What are you doing
for peace?)

25

Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)

26

International Day for the Total
Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

27

World Tourism Day (UNWTO)



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October 2017

1
International Day of Older Persons

2
International Day of Non-Violence
World Habitat Day

4-10
World Space Week

5
World Teachers' Day (UNESCO)

9
World Post Day

10
World Mental Health Day (WHO)

11
International Day of the Girl Child

13
International Day for Disaster
Reduction

15
International Day of Rural Women

16
World Food Day (FAO)
UNPA: stamp issue – World Food Day
(United Nations Food Garden Project)

17
International Day for the Eradication of
Poverty

20
World Statistics Day

24
United Nations Day
World Development Information Day

24-30
Disarmament Week

26
United Nations holiday: Austrian
National Day

27
World Day for Audiovisual Heritage
(UNESCO)

UNPA: stamp issue – The Universal
Declaration of Human Rights
Translation passed 500th Mark

31
World Cities Day



November 2017

2

International Day to End Impunity
for Crimes against Journalists

5

World Tsunami Awareness Day

6

International Day for Preventing the
Exploitation of the Environment in
War and Armed Conflict

6-10

Conference of the States Parties to
the United Nations Convention
against Corruption, 7th session,
Vienna (UNODC)

6-12

International Week of Science and
Peace

10

World Science Day for Peace and
Development

14

World Diabetes Day

16

International Day for Tolerance
World Philosophy Day (UNESCO)

19

World Toilet Day
World Day of Remembrance for
Road Traffic Victims

20

Africa Industrialization Day
Universal Children's Day

20-24

Board of Governors (incl. Technical
Assistance and Cooperation
Committee), Vienna (IAEA)

21

World Television Day

25

International Day for the Elimination
of Violence against Women

**27 November-
1 December**

General Conference, 17th session,
Vienna (UNIDO)

29

International Day of Solidarity with
the Palestinian People

December 2016

1

World AIDS Day

2

International Day for the Abolition
of Slavery

3

International Day of Persons with
Disabilities

5

International Volunteer Day for
Economic and Social Development
World Soil Day (FAO)

7

International Civil Aviation Day (ICAO)

9

International Anti-Corruption Day
International Day of Commemoration
and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime
of Genocide and of the Prevention of
this Crime

10

Human Rights Day

11

International Mountain Day

18

International Migrants Day

20

International Human Solidarity Day

25

Nations holiday: Christmas Day

26

Nations holiday: St. Stephen's Day



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Banking services: The two branches of Bank Austria with ATM machines outside are on the first floor of the C-Building (C0113) and on the ground floor of the D-Building. Both are open 9 a.m.–3 p.m., and until 5.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Catering services: The **VIC Cafeteria**, on the ground floor, is open 7.30 a.m.–10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.–2.30 p.m. (Coffee Corner: 8 a.m.–3.30 p.m.). The **VIC Restaurant**, also on the ground floor of the F-Building, is open 11.30 a.m.–2.30 p.m. Table reservations can be made on the internal extension 4877 (between 10.00 a.m.–3.30 p.m.). The **Coffee Bar** on the seventh floor of the C-Building is open from 9 a.m.–4.30 p.m. The **Coffee Bars** on the second and fourth floors of the C-Building are open during conferences. The **Coffee Bar** on the ground floor of the **M-Building** is open 9 a.m.–4.30 p.m. The **Bar/Cocktail Lounge**, on the ground floor of the F-Building is open Mon-Thurs 11.30 a.m.–8 p.m. (7 p.m. in summer), Fri 11.30 a.m.–9 p.m. (8 p.m. in summer)

The **dry-cleaning service**, on the ground floor of the G-Building, is open 11.30 a.m.–3 p.m.

International newspapers, magazines and books are available from the newspaper stand on the ground floor of the Rotunda, which is open 6 a.m.–6 p.m.

The **pharmacy**, on the seventh floor of the F-Building, sells over-the-counter and prescription drugs and is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Internal extension: 21599.

The **Post Office**, on the first floor of the C-Building (C0101), is open 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Travel agent: American Express Travel is located on the ground floor near the Rotunda and is open 8.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m.

The Vienna Service Office in the Rotunda provides information about living in Austria. It is open Monday to Thursday, 8.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. Internal extension: 4234

Visitors Centre at Gate 1

A hairdressing salon, various gift counters and United Nations postage stamps for sale are available at the Visitors Centre at Gate 1.

The Visitors Service offers guided tours of the VIC for individuals (without prior booking) Monday to Friday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Groups of 10 or more can pre-book tours at additional times on weekdays. Tours take about one hour and are offered in more than 12 different languages, subject to the availability of guides.

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To reach the VIC by public transport,

take the U1 underground line (U-Bahn) to Kaisermühlen-Vienna International Centre.

Other useful internal telephone numbers

Directory inquiries: **IAEA:** 91
CTBTO: 94
UNIDO: 3111
UNOV: 93

Emergency: 99

Lost and found: 3903 (FOE 18)

Medical emergencies: 22222 (8.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m.)



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