Ghada Waly, newly appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), who also serves as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), addressing the opening of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 12 October 2020 at the Vienna International Centre.

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1. United Nations holiday: New Year’s Day
4. World Braille Day
22. Launch of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (UNODC) tbc
24. International Day of Education
27. International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

FEBRUARY
1–7. World Interfaith Harmony Week
1–12. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, 58th session, Vienna (UNOOSA)
4. World Cancer Day
6. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (WHO)
10. World Pulses Day
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)

50th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971

MARCH

1. Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)
1–5. Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)
3. World Wildlife Day
8. International Women’s Day
20. International Day of Happiness

French Language Day

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
21–27. Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

**Week of 22 March**
Launch of the Annual Report of the International Narcotics Board, Vienna (INCB)

22. World Water Day

23. World Meteorological Day (WMO)

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

30. Sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

**APRIL**

2. United Nations holiday: Good Friday

World Autism Awareness Day

4. International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

5. United Nations holiday: Easter Monday

International Day of Conscience
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, 60th anniversary of human space flight**

12–16. **Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 64th session, Vienna (UNODC) (tent.)**

12–23. **Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: Legal Subcommittee, 60th session, Vienna (UNOOSA)**

14. **World Chagas Disease Day (WHO)**

20. **Chinese Language Day**

21. **World Creativity and Innovation Day**

22. **International Mother Earth Day**

   International Girls in ICT Day (ITU)

23. **World Book and Copyright Day (UNESCO)**

   English Language Day

   Spanish Language Day

24–30. **World Immunization Week (WHO)**

24. **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace**

25. **World Malaria Day (WHO)**

   International Delegate’s Day

26. **International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day**

   World Intellectual Property Day (WIPO)
26–30. Seventh International Academy of Astronautics Planetary Defence Conference, Vienna (OOSA)

28. World Day for Safety and Health at Work (ILO)

30. International Jazz Day (UNESCO)

MAY

2. World Tuna Day

3. United Nations holiday: in lieu of 1 May (May Day)

World Press Freedom Day

4–6. Board of Governors Programme and Budget Committee, Vienna (IAEA)

6–12. United Nations Global Road Safety Week

7. “Vesak”, the Day of the Full Moon

Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Vienna (UNODC)

8. World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)

8–9. Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War

13. United Nations holiday: Eid al-Fitr

15. International Day of Families

16. International Day of Living Together in Peace

International Day of Light (UNESCO)
17. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (ITU)


20. World Bee Day

21. International Tea Day

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

22. International Day for Biological Diversity

23. International Day to End Obstetric Fistula

25–31. Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

29. International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

31. World No-Tobacco Day (WHO)

JUNE

1. Global Day of Parents

2–4. Special Session of the General Assembly against Corruption, New York (UNODC)

2–11. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), 64th session, Vienna (UNOOSA)

3. World Bicycle Day

4. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

5. World Environment Day (UNEP)

International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
6. Russian Language Day
7. World Food Safety Day
7–11. Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)
8. World Oceans Day
12. World Day Against Child Labour (ILO)
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
18. Sustainable Gastronomy Day
19. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
20. World Refugee Day
21. International Day of Yoga
International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice
23. United Nations Public Service Day
International Widows’ Day
25. Day of the Seafarer (IMO)
26. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
Launch of the 2021 World Drug Report (UNODC)
United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
27. Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day
29. International Day of the Tropics
28 June–16 July
United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, 54th session, Vienna (UNCITRAL)
30. International Asteroid Day
International Day of Parliamentarism

JULY
3. International Day of Cooperatives
11. World Population Day
12–15. Industrial Development Board, 49th session, Vienna (UNIDO) (tent.)
15. World Youth Skills Day
18. Nelson Mandela International Day
World Chess Day
28. World Hepatitis Day (WHO)
30. International Day of Friendship
World Day against Trafficking in Persons

AUGUST
1–7. World Breastfeeding Week
12. International Youth Day
19. World Humanitarian Day
21. International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
22. International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
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

5. International Day of Charity
7. International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
8. International Literacy Day (UNESCO)
9. International Day to Protect Education from Attack
10. World Suicide Prevention Day
12. United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
13–17. Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)
15. International Day of Democracy
16. International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17. World Patient Safety Day
18. International Equal Pay Day
20–24. General Conference, 65th session, Vienna (IAEA)
21. High-level debate, General Assembly 76th session, New York
   International Day of Peace
23. International Day of Sign Languages
26. International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
27. Board of Governors, Vienna (IAEA)
   World Tourism Day (UNWTO)
28. International Day for Universal Access to Information (UNESCO)
29. International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
30. International Translation Day
   World Maritime Day

OCTOBER
1. International Day of Older Persons

1 October–31 March 2022
   Expo2020, with UN Pavilion (Dubai)
2. International Day of Non-Violence

4–10. World Space Week
4. World Habitat Day
5. World Teachers’ Day (UNESCO)
9. World Post Day
   World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)
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)
17. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24. United Nations Day
   World Development Information Day
24–30. Disarmament Week
27. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (UNESCO)
31. World Cities Day

**NOVEMBER**
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
8–12. Conference of the State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 9th session (UNODC) (tent.)
9–15. International Week of Science and Peace
10. World Science Day for Peace and Development (UNESCO)
13–19. World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WHO)
14. World Diabetes Day
15–19. Board of Governors including Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee, Vienna (IAEA)
16. International Day for Tolerance
18. World Philosophy Day (UNESCO)
19. World Toilet Day
20. Africa Industrialization Day
21. World Television Day
25. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
29. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

29 November–3 December
General Conference, 19th session, (UNIDO)
30. Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare (OPCW)

DECEMBER
1. World AIDS Day
2. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3. International Day of Persons with Disabilities
4. International Day of Banks
5. International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
6. World Soil Day (FAO)
7. International Civil Aviation Day (ICAO)
8. International Anti-Corruption Day
9. 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
12. International Day of Neutrality
18. International Migrants Day
19. Arabic Language Day
20. International Human Solidarity Day
27. United Nations holiday: in lieu of 25 December (Christmas Day)
Young participants from 27 Austrian and German high schools during their final day of “Modell UNO Wien” on 28 February 2020 at Vienna International Centre. ©UNIS Vienna
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