



United Nations Department of Public Information 2018 COMMUNICATIONS GUIDANCE

As we enter 2018, we are pleased to share with you the Department of Public Information (DPI) Communications Guidance. The accompanying one-page guidance note sets out the core communications themes and messages for the year while pointing to key markers in 2019 and 2020. The 2018 Communications “at-a-glance” is bolstered by this broad overview of issues, themes and events around which communications strategies and activities will be developed over the next year, in close partnership with all UN system entities and with a strong focus on connecting the global agenda with local populations through both DPI field offices and UN Country Teams. A calendar for the year can be found at the end of the Guidance.

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PEACE AND SECURITY

In 2018, the demands on the international community to prevent conflicts from escalating and spreading, and to assist nations in crisis will continue to require a concerted and coordinated response. From Syria to Yemen, from South Sudan to the Sahel, Afghanistan and elsewhere, only political solutions can bring about peace.

At the end of 2017 conflicts resulted in the UN and its humanitarian partners responding to “Level 3” (most severe, large scale) emergencies in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and the DRC. Global anxieties about nuclear weapons are also at the highest level since the end of the Cold War and there is an urgent need to prevent proliferation and promote disarmament.

We will need to communicate effectively in 2018 about the Secretary-General’s continued reform of the peace and security architecture. This reform will ensure the UN is stronger in prevention, more agile in mediation, and more effective and cost-effective in peacekeeping operations. A first step was taken in 2017 with the establishment of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism.

In 2018, it is likely to include the proposed Department of Peace Operations and a Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. These two new departments will replace the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Political Affairs, with the Peacebuilding Support Office combined with one of the two entities.

We will also need to continue to call for effective international cooperation to protect people on the move, be these refugees or migrants. With the new global compacts, we will advocate that the benefits of movement should be most widely distributed and that the human rights of all properly protected.

DPI will also work closely with UN system entities to activate the updated crisis communication Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) when necessary to ensure effective, coherent and timely communications and public information in times of developing or ongoing crisis providing direction to United Nations Communication Groups (UNCGs), both in the field and at Headquarters on actions to take during such times.

PEACEKEEPING

As United Nations peacekeeping marks its 70th anniversary in 2018, it remains one of the most effective tools available in helping war-torn countries reach political solutions and sustainable peace. As the mission in Liberia draws down, the legacy of peacekeeping to help address long-standing conflict and build peace is a significant reminder of the role peacekeeping can play.

However, given the rapidly evolving and highly complex environments in many areas where they are deployed,

peacekeeping seeks new ways of planning, sourcing and conducting UN peace operations to make them faster, more effective and both responsive and accountable to the needs of the people they serve.

Key priorities for the 2018 period will focus on: bolstering capacities to support effective political solutions; ensuring critical uniformed and civilian capabilities for mandate delivery in complex and dangerous environments; protecting civilians and implementing human rights-related mandates; ensuring responsible

engagement with host countries and bolster the “do no harm” principle; more effective field-focus; forging and strengthening regional and sub-regional as well as political and operational partnerships.

In 2018, DPI in cooperation with DPKO-DFS will launch a global campaign on the “value of peacekeeping”. This would highlight the contributions, achievements and sacrifices of peacekeepers deployed in difficult missions around the world. For DPI this will include the use of human interest stories and increased use of multi-media and social media.

The International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May) will be a key moment to communicate and amplify the

courage and commitment of our peacekeepers and pay respect to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

DPI will continue to provide advice on strategic communications for UN peacekeeping, ensuring we build and maintain support for one of the UN’s most visible and important brands. We will support the departmental priorities of DPKO-DFS and upcoming reform of the UN peace and security architecture. Explaining mission mandates to media and external parties will continue to be a priority.

KEY DATES 2018

29 MAY	International Day of UN Peacekeepers
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PREVENTION

The Secretary-General has put prevention at the top of his agenda. His proposed reforms include restructuring the Organization’s peace and security architecture to improve how the UN prevents conflict and helps countries overcome strife and build lasting peace. The proposed reform will be formally taken up by Member States in the first quarter of 2018. In the lead up to and

following those discussions, DPI will highlight the UN’s work on conflict prevention and “sustaining peace”, focusing on efforts to make the peace and security pillar more coherent, nimble and effective as well as align it more closely with the Organization’s development and human rights work.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (SEA)

Sexual exploitation and abuse committed by UN personnel continues to be a systemwide problem. In 2017, DPI robustly promoted a series of initiatives launched by the Secretary-General to address this scourge which focused on accountability and transparency. This included: the appointment of a Victims Rights Advocate; the establishment of a “Circle of Leadership,” which consists of Heads of State or Government who demonstrated their commitment to strengthen measures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse, and; the creation of a Voluntary Compact between the UN and Member

States which includes specific commitments to combat and prevent sexual exploitation and abuse.

Looking forward, DPI will continue to update, improve and expand its recently launched system- wide website on the subject: <https://www.un.org/preventing-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/>. For 2018, the website will add a regular updated chart of allegations against UN personnel systemwide, in addition to the quarterly updates now available. DPI will promote the Secretary-General’s annual report on sexual exploitation and abuse

which will likely be released in early March. Meanwhile, DPI is developing in cooperation with DPKO, the UN System Staff College and other UN entities a training course for senior field-based officials on communicating on sexual exploitation and abuse. Furthermore, DPI will continue to strengthen internal communications on UN efforts to address sexual exploitation and abuse

utilizing iSeek and similar platforms across the system.

KEY DATES 2018

MARCH (TBC)

Secretary-General's Report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

CRISES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Colombia: The United Nations continues its strong support to the peace process in Colombia. An observer mission was established by the Security Council in 2016 at the request of the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia- People's Army (FARC-EP). In 2017, this gave way to a second, smaller, operation mandated to verify the commitments in the peace agreement regarding the reintegration of the FARC into civilian life and the establishment of security in the former conflict zones. That mission was further expanded in late 2017 to include the monitoring and verification of a ceasefire between the Government of Colombia and the National Liberation Army (ELN), the second largest armed group in the country. DPI will focus communications efforts on garnering support and understanding for the mandate of this peace operation and any further UN efforts, in agreement with the parties mentioned above, to consolidate a comprehensive peace in Colombia.

Libya: The United Nations continues to facilitate a political process in Libya aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the crisis. On the margins of the UN General Assembly, SRSR Salamé presented an action plan for the immediate resumption of the Libyan political process on the basis of extensive consultations with Libyan actors across the country. The action plan charts a course to bring the transition to an end within the framework of the Libyan Political Agreement. DPI will continue to assist

DPA and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to highlight the UN's efforts in that regard.

Middle East: The absence of political progress continues to undermine prospects for a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, 50 years after the Israeli occupation began and 70 years after General Assembly Resolution 181 proposed a partition of the land. DPI communications priority, working alongside the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), will be to promote the UN's efforts in restoring confidence and hope in the viability of a two-state solution and final status issues.

Yemen: The UN Special Envoy for Yemen and his Office will continue efforts to promote a negotiated political settlement to end the conflict. In this regard, mediation efforts will focus on the details and sequencing of security and political elements of an eventual comprehensive peace agreement, as well as the development of a roadmap towards finalizing the constitution-making process and holding general elections. The Office will also expand efforts to promote inclusive participation in the peace process, with an emphasis on women, youth and civil society. Our communication efforts in 2018, working alongside political and humanitarian partners, aims to attract greater global attention to this conflict. The UN will launch a new humanitarian appeal, reflecting a worsening humanitarian and socio-economic situation,

with the UN estimating that nearly 21 million people are in need of emergency aid or protection. Yemen is the world's largest food insecurity crisis (17 million food insecure of which 6.8 million "one step away from famine") and affected by the largest ever cholera outbreak

Syria: The conflict in Syria is entering its seventh year. Amid a tenuous de-escalation, there is a window of opportunity for progress on the political track. This depends on whether the Syrians can be motivated to find common ground, otherwise, the risk is continued mass displacement, terrorism and regional destabilization. DPI's communications priorities are two-fold: firstly, to underscore the primacy of mediation efforts led by the UN Special Envoy for Syria for a political transition in accordance with resolution 2254 (2015) and the Geneva Communiqué; secondly, to increase advocacy for humanitarian access, protection of civilians and accountability.

Iraq: The United Nations, through the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), continues to assist the Government and people of Iraq in addressing ongoing challenges of security, political dialogue, human rights and economic development. Our communications priorities will include a continued focus on the political developments, such as relations between the federal Government and the Kurdistan Regional Government, the planned elections, national reconciliation, gender equality and support for the most vulnerable communities, including through the stabilization of areas liberated from ISIL and the voluntary and dignified return of internally displaced persons.

South Sudan: Amidst a stalled peace process and divisions within the region and the Security Council, the conflict in South Sudan is entering its fifth year. UNMISS will continue to focus on delivering on its political and protection-of-civilians mandate to create a safe environment. Communication efforts will be critical to drawing attention to the escalating humanitarian and

protection crisis in the country and to build momentum in support of the South Sudan political process while promoting UNMISS as an impartial and credible part of the solution.

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): The Security Council placed two strategic priorities at the core of MONUSCO's mandate: support for the implementation of the 31 December 2016 political agreement to pave the way for credible elections and the protection of civilians and human rights. In 2018, our communication efforts will focus on creating a better understanding of the Mission's efforts and readjustments, and maintain international support for the Mission.

Mali: UN Security Council resolution 2364 maintained the implementation of the peace agreement and the restoration of State authority at the centre of MINUSMA's mandate, including support to the gradual redeployment of reconstituted Malian Defense and Security Forces. In the future, it is possible that the Mission will be requested to expand its support to the latter to include targeted support to Malian armed forces units operating as part of the G5 Sahel Joint Force. Presidential and legislative elections will be held in the summer and the fall of 2018. Beyond raising awareness about the Mission's mandate and achievements our communications efforts will focus on supporting the SRSG's good offices in support of the peace and electoral process.

Central African Republic: Following the deterioration of the security situation in 2017, the UN Security Council renewed the Mission's mandate in mid-November 2017 by a year, with three key priorities at its core, namely advancing the political and dialogue process, the protection of civilians and facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance. In parallel, MINUSCA will streamline and adjust other mandated tasks to adapt to the evolving situation. In 2018, our communication efforts will focus on maintaining international support for CAR.

PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND COUNTERING TERRORISM

The Secretary-General considers counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism to be one of the highest priorities of the UN to address a growing threat to international peace and security. 2017 saw the creation of a new UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) which - under a mandate from the General Assembly and led by an Under-Secretary-General - is charged with coordinating UN efforts in this area and, more specifically, with promoting implementation of the 2006 United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The end of 2017 also saw the appointment of a new Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Executive Director and the renewal by the Security Council of the mandate of the CTED, which supports the work of the Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

The major planned activities of the UNOCT in 2018 include the Summit of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies called by the Secretary-General, as well as the sixth biennial review by the General Assembly of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, both planned for June.

Innovative areas addressed in the work programs of the CTC and CTED will focus on preventing the exploitation

of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) by terrorists, promoting a gender-based approach to Counter-Terrorism (CT) and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), and countering terrorist narratives.

The UN's communications efforts will continue to raise awareness about the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the activities of the Organization in assisting Member States to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism. Communications will prioritize positive narratives by promoting global communication campaigns on the themes of tolerance, human rights and non-violence. In doing so, DPI will work in close collaboration with the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).

KEY DATES 2018

20-21 JUNE	Summit of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies
JUNE (TBC)	Sixth biennial review by the General Assembly of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Supporting victims of terrorism

The Secretary-General has stressed the need to raise the voices of victims of terrorism and to safeguard their rights as part of his priorities in preventing violent extremism. The UN office of Counter-Terrorism works to build solidarity with victims of terrorism worldwide. In 2018, we will continue to amplify the voices of victims through digital and social media platforms and to provide information and resources to victims through the UN Victims of Terrorism Support Portal. Also in 2018, we will observe for the first time the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism which was proclaimed by the General Assembly in

October 2017. The day will aim to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

KEY DATES 2018

21 AUGUST	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism
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GLOBAL COMPACTS FOR MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

The movements of refugees and migrants across borders remains high on many domestic and regional agendas and continues to make headlines in the international media. The UN continues to support the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted by Member States at the High-Level Summit in September 2016. As part of the declaration, the General Assembly decided to develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and a global compact on refugees.

The global compact for migration will be the first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the UN, to cover all dimensions of international migration. The global compact is an opportunity to improve the governance on migration, to address the challenges associated with today's migration, and to strengthen the contribution of migrants and migration to sustainable development.

In 2018, our communications will support the Secretary-General's Special Representative for International Migration and the intergovernmental process to produce the Global Compact for Migration. This includes the launch of the Secretary-General's report at the start of 2018. Advocacy efforts, including a DPI produced documentary, will continue through to December 2018 when the inter-governmental conference on international migration will be held in Morocco with a view to adopting the global compact.

Like the Global Compact for Migration, the Global Compact on Refugees will require a process of cooperation and consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders. UNHCR will take the lead in developing the Global Compact on Refugees, which envisages two complementary parts made up of: 1) The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) as agreed to by Member States in the New York Declaration; and 2) a Programme of Action underpinning the Framework that sets out actions that can be taken by both Member States and other relevant stakeholders to ensure its full implementation.

By February 2018 UNHCR will prepare a draft of the Global Compact on Refugees and formal consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders will commence. Following consultations, the Global Compact on Refugees will be presented in the High Commissioner's 2018 Annual Report to the General Assembly.

KEY DATES 2018

MID-JANUARY (TBC)	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Migration
10-11 DECEMBER	Inter-governmental Conference to adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

With over 100 million in need in almost 40 countries at the end of 2017, UN communication efforts will continue to raise the visibility of UN System response to emergencies and global advocacy. Last year, DPI was associated with and helped amplify through its platforms and networks OCHA's annual flagship "World Humanitarian Day" campaign". In 2018, we will work with OCHA to elevate the profile of humanitarian workers

and operations as well as advocate for the protection of civilians in conflict, and coordinate through the UNCG in support of Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators on common messaging and outreach.

KEY DATES 2018

19 AUGUST	World Humanitarian Day
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DISARMAMENT, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL

In 2018, the United Nations will continue to work towards a world free of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction. We will continue to promote arms regulation for the prevention of irresponsible arms transfers and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons. Our communication efforts will help raise public awareness and understanding of these issues by promoting the Organization's key events and observances. This includes in April 2018 the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation

of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and in June 2018 the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in All its Aspects. The NPT is regarded as the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime. The PoA on SALW is meant to counter the illicit flows of small arms and light weapons which undermine security and the rule of law, and are often a factor behind the forced displacement of civilians and human rights violations.

KEY DATES 2018			
22 JANUARY-30 MARCH	Conference on Disarmament begins its 2018 session	14 MAY-29 JUNE	Conference on Disarmament - Second part
19 -23 MARCH	Preparatory Committee for the Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects	18-29 JUNE	Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects
2-20 APRIL	United Nations Disarmament Commission	30 JULY- 14 SEPTEMBER	Conference on Disarmament - Third part
23 APRIL-4 MAY	Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	29 AUGUST	International Day against Nuclear Tests
14-16 MAY (TBC)	United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to review the progress made in this regard	26 SEPTEMBER	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

ORGANIZED CRIME AND DRUG TRAFFICKING

Our communications activities will continue to support the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on their major events. This includes the 61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the 27th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. We will also support awareness-raising activities on International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the World Day against Trafficking in Persons and International Anti-Corruption Day and flagship key reports, such as the World Drug Report, the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons and the Global Study on Homicide.

DPI will also work closely with the Vienna-based Secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) to promote its annual report on the implementation of the international drug control conventions.

KEY DATES 2018

MARCH (TBC)	Launch of the annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)
12-16 MARCH	Commission on Narcotics Drugs

KEY DATES 2018

APRIL	Launch of the Global Study on Smuggling of Migrants
9-11 APRIL	Launch of the Global Integrity Network
14-18 MAY	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
26 JUNE	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and launch of the World Drug Report
26 JUNE (TBC)	Launch of the 2017 World Drug Report
30 JULY	World Day against Trafficking in Persons
9 DECEMBER	International Anti-Corruption Day
DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of the 2018 Report on Trafficking in Persons
DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of the Global Study on Homicide

WOMEN AND PEACE AND SECURITY

Women and girls continue to bear the brunt of conflict and much still needs to be done on the women and peace and security agenda. The Secretary-General's latest report on the subject (document [S/2017/861](#)) described plans to achieve gender parity in the UN, noting that only 3 per cent of peacekeepers were women. Reform of the peace and security architecture would emphasize gender expertise, along with monitoring mechanisms targeting women's marginalization. In 2018, DPI will work with DPKO and DFS to promote the work done by women peacekeepers, build momentum for substantially

increasing their participation and support a campaign by the Department of Field Support for attracting more female civilian peacekeepers

KEY DATES 2018

OCTOBER	Report of the Secretary-General on Women and Peace and Security
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HUMAN RIGHTS

Promoting respect for human rights, as one of the core purposes of the United Nations and as an essential tool for preventing conflict and advancing sustainable

development, will remain a priority focus of our communications work throughout 2018.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

DPI is working closely with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and other internal and external partners and stakeholders to promote the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The year-long campaign launched by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 10 December 2017, aims to promote knowledge and understanding of basic human rights, engage people in standing up for human rights, and reflect on the state of human rights today.

A visual identity for the campaign is available in six languages, a campaign website managed by OHCHR (<http://www.standup4humanrights.org>) serves as central information and engagement hub, and outreach material is posted on Trello throughout the year, leading up to the 70th anniversary on 10 December 2018, Human Rights Day.

As the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides an ideal vehicle for communicating the enduring principles of equality, justice and human dignity to a global audience.

A participatory UN video project (www.un.org/en/udhr-video) asks people around the world to record themselves reading an article of the Declaration in their native language and share their video on social media. Selected videos become part of a multilingual educational UN platform (www.un.org/en/udhr-video/collection).

In addition to thematic discussions throughout the year to reflect on the state of human rights and challenges ahead, a number of International Days will be used to promote the campaign, among them the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March), the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (26 June), Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July), the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (9 August), and the International Day of Democracy (15 September).

Next year also marks the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, which recognizes the role and guarantees the rights of those who promote and protect human rights, and the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which led to the establishment of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. A high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly is expected to be held in September 2018 to mark the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders and give impetus to its promotion in all regions. The 25th anniversary of OHCHR is expected to be celebrated with events in Vienna and Geneva in June.

The UN Human Rights Prize, an honorary award given every five years to individuals and organizations in recognition of outstanding achievement in human rights, is expected to be awarded in New York on 10 December 2018. It was instituted by United Nations General Assembly resolution 2217 in 1966 and awarded for

the first time on the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1968.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is also a cornerstone of Human Rights up Front, a Secretary-General initiative that cuts across the Organization's three pillars to bring the UN System together in a way that is mutually supportive, furthers prevention, and

prioritizes human rights. In the spirit of Human Rights up Front, the Secretary-General asked UN staff to recommit to a culture based on a shared purpose inspired by the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The work of the Human Rights Council and its Special Procedures, including country visits by mandate holders, will also continue to be prominently promoted.

KEY DATES 2018	
26 FEBRUARY	37th Session of the Human Rights Council: Discussion to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
21 MARCH	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
25 JUNE	25th Anniversary of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
26 JUNE	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
18 JULY	Nelson Mandela International Day
9 AUGUST	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
15 SEPTEMBER	International Day of Democracy
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to mark the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders
30 SEPTEMBER	International Translation Day (in the context of UDHR, the most translated document in the world)
10 DECEMBER	Human Rights Day and UN Human Rights Prize

NELSON MANDELA CENTENARY

Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) in 2018 marks Mandela's 100th birthday and will promote his legacy on human rights, democracy and social justice.

We will collaborate with the Nelson Mandela Foundation which is leading the Centenary campaign focused on Mandela's values, encouraging people to "Find the Madiba in you" and #BeTheLegacy.

The Mandela Centenary can also be linked to the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, given that Mandela drew strength from the landmark document and strongly advocated for its implementation. On the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, he asked world leaders to "have the courage to ensure that, at last, we build a human world consistent with the provisions of that historic Declaration."

Mandela Day will stay focused on public service activities, as per Mandela’s wish.

KEY DATES 2018	
18 JULY	Nelson Mandela International Day

GENOCIDE / RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

The theme of this year’s International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January) and outreach programme will be “Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility.” This theme underscores the fundamental importance of remembering the victims of the Holocaust and the responsibility of all communities to educate youth on the lessons to be learned from this tragedy that are relevant to every community—the need for respect, dignity and human rights for all.

The International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda (7 April) is a key moment to highlight the need for the United Nations and Member States to better protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and to live up to the responsibility to protect. DPI will work with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda and other stakeholders as well as genocide survivors to organize events and activities in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the genocide.

2018 also marks the 70th anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 9 December 1948, the day before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The number of UN Member States that have ratified the convention currently stands at 147, and those who have not ratified yet will be encouraged to do so. The International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime (9 December) will commemorate the anniversary.

Similarly, 2018 also features the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC). The anniversary is an occasion to highlight the ICC’s important work in prosecuting and trying individuals accused of committing the most serious crimes of concern to the international community, namely the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression, and bringing dignity to their victims. A year-long communications campaign led by the ICC will put victims at the centre.

KEY DATES 2018	
27 JANUARY	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
7 APRIL	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
17 JULY	20th anniversary of the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court
9 DECEMBER	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime

COMBATING XENOPHOBIA, PROMOTING INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

“Together – Respect, Safety and Dignity for All” is the UN-led global campaign to counter xenophobia and discrimination of refugees and migrants. The campaign is designed for implementation at country and community level through a variety of tailored and context-specific activities all aimed at strengthening the social contract between host communities, and refugees and migrants. Partnership is the other defining feature of the Together Campaign, where in addition to the UN System, the UN Member States, civil society, the private sector, influencers and individuals are called to contribute.

Looking to 2018, a revised logo of the campaign and an accompanying engagement tool to personalize the logo will be issued. The multilingual hub together.un.org will continue to engage and mobilize virtually the general public and to offer a library of publicly available advocacy products and media assets. As in the past year, DPI's network of field offices will continue to be instrumental

in driving the campaign through local, human-centered stories and events.

KEY DATES 2018	
15-16 JANUARY	International Forum on Migration Statistics
20 JUNE	World Refugee Day
16 NOVEMBER	International Day of Tolerance
10 DECEMBER	Human Rights Day
10-11 DECEMBER	Inter-governmental Conference to adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
18 DECEMBER	International Migrants Day

PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Around 200 million people of African descent live in the Americas. Many millions more live in other parts of the world, outside of the African continent. Across the globe, people of African descent are amongst the poorest and most marginalized communities and continue to suffer inequality and disadvantage because of the legacy of slavery and colonialism.

The International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) paves the way for cooperation among States, international and regional organizations, and civil society to improve the human rights situation and well-being of people of African descent. Coordinated by OHCHR, the overall objective of the Decade is to promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for people of African descent, and to promote greater knowledge of and respect for

their diverse heritage, culture and contribution to the development of societies.

In collaboration with OHCHR, DPI has issued an updated booklet, in seven languages, providing an overview of the Decade, as well as a brochure and an exhibit. Multimedia material, including videos from Brazil, Cuba, India, Portugal and the United States are available on the website. New materials planned for 2018 include a booklet on the human rights situations of people of African descent and a publication on women of African descent. A number of public events in collaboration with OHCHR and/or external partners are also in the works.

The theme of this year's International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) and programme of

outreach, is “Remember Slavery: Triumphs and Struggles for Freedom and Equality.” This theme celebrates the gains of people of African descent from slavery to present while acknowledging the many struggles and challenges that have been overcome in the movement towards freedom and equality. It pays tribute to the men and women who have had the courage to resist, persist and advocate for their fundamental rights.

KEY DATES 2018

21 MARCH	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
25 MARCH	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
23 AUGUST	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER (TBC)	Presentation of the annual report by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER (TBC)	OHCHR Fellowship Programme for People of African Descent

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Under the System-Wide Action Plan on the rights of indigenous peoples, communications efforts continue to promote action for indigenous peoples’ rights, including through the inter-agency working group chaired by DPI.

The International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (9 August) as well as the 17th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues are opportunities for system-wide outreach at the local, regional and global levels, underscoring that indigenous peoples have the right to the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law.

This year’s Expert Group Meeting in January and Permanent Forum session in April will focus on

sustainable development in territories of indigenous peoples, highlighting issues related to commercial and industrial land uses and the exploitation of natural resources.

KEY DATES 2018

23-25 JANUARY	Expert Group Meeting on sustainable development in territories of indigenous peoples
16-27 APRIL	17th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
9 AUGUST	International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

QUESTION OF PALESTINE

In accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Department will continue to implement its special information programme on the question of Palestine, aiming to sensitize public opinion to the question of Palestine and Middle East peace efforts, including through the annual United Nations International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East and the Department's five-week annual training programme for Palestinian journalists. We will also continue to support and promote activities of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights.

DPI will work with the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and other partners and stakeholders on special events and other activities relating to Palestinian issues, including during the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November).

KEY DATES 2018

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JANUARY / FEBRUARY (TBC)	First meeting of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
MARCH (TBC)	Capacity-building Seminar regarding Sustainable Development Goals for Staff of the Government of the State of Palestine
MAY-JUNE (TBC)	DPI International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East
MAY (TBC)	International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER (TBC)	DPI Annual Training Programme for Palestinian Journalists
29 NOVEMBER	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

DECOLONIZATION

The Department will continue to disseminate information about decolonization in the context of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2011- 2020). DPI will highlight the need for immediate and full implementation of the 1960 United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The work of the Special Committee on Decolonization (also known as C-24), which is the intergovernmental body devoted to advancing the United Nations decolonization agenda, will remain at the centre of the Department's outreach activities with media, civil society and educational institutions. In line with its efforts aimed at raising public awareness of United Nations activities in the field of decolonization, DPI will continue to work in close consultation with the Decolonization Unit of the Department of Political Affairs, among other UN stakeholders towards this goal.

KEY DATES 2018

FEBRUARY (TBC)	Opening of the 2018 Session of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24)
25-31 MAY	International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self- Governing Territories
MAY-JUNE (TBC)	Regional Seminar on Decolonization
JUNE (TBC)	2018 Substantive Session of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24)
OCTOBER (TBC)	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) – Decolonization Segment

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals present the overarching framework for all of the Organization's work on development. They serve to galvanize communications, and the omniscient branding has proven to be an effective tool.

As the Secretary-General has noted, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers the most practical and effective pathway to address the causes of violent conflict, human rights abuses and environmental degradation. In terms of implementation, we are seeing an increase in activity and awareness toward achieving the Goals at the national level. Many countries have taken action over the last two years to put the SDGs at the centre of their development planning and many cities, regions, and businesses have also adopted the Goals to guide their progress. But more needs to be done.

To spur faster implementation and greater understanding, there is a need to deepen our promotion of the Goals. In the coming year, DPI will intensify its focus on the actions—

and benefits—for achieving each of the 17 SDGs. It will also demonstrate their interlinkages with UN priorities such as climate change, conflict prevention, gender empowerment and human rights. The Department will revitalize existing initiatives under its umbrella campaign “Sustainable Development Goals: 17 Ways to Transform Our World” with SDG Advocates, Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals, SDG Pioneers and other influencers continuing to play a critical role in further amplifying the call for action. DPI will also continue to build and strengthen partnerships, including in the advertising, media, mobile and publishing sectors, and is working with partners inside and outside of the UN, to revitalize the SDG Strategy Hub to advance advocacy and communications to accelerate action on the SDGs. DPI's field offices along with UN Country Teams will continue to play a key role in localizing the SDGs at the country-level. Individual actions are also important. A particular focus will also be taken on personal adoption of the Goals which also move us closer to achieving them.



Effective 1 January 2018, the United Nations is launching a revised design of Icon 10. The updated icon displays the equal sign surrounded by four arrows and is intended to be a compass for a place where everything is equal - more accurately reflecting and symbolizing the objective of Sustainable Development Goal 10, “Reduced Inequalities.”

The newly revised Icon #10 - along with all other icons - can be downloaded here: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/news/communications-material/>

Vector files are available upon request.

For questions, email: SDGpermissions@un.org

KEY DATES 2018

23-26 JANUARY	48th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum	23 MAY	ECOSOC Special meeting
6-9 MARCH	49th Session of the Statistical Commission	JULY (TBC)	The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2018
4 APRIL	ECOSOC Partnership Forum	9-13 JULY	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
23-26 APRIL	ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development	16-18 JULY	ECOSOC High-Level Segment
MAY (TBC)	World Economic Situation and Prospects Report as of mid-2018	SEPTEMBER (TBC)	Finance Summit
16-17 MAY	Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	SEPTEMBER (TBC)	World Economic and Social Survey 2018
21-22 MAY	High-level meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum	22-24 OCTOBER	UN World Data Forum
		3-14 DECEMBER	UN Climate Change Conference (COP 24)
		DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of World Economic Situation and Prospects Report 2019

CLIMATE CHANGE

The focus on climate change will intensify in 2018, as the world embarks on a process to determine how to accelerate climate action so that emissions will peak by 2020 and decline thereafter. The momentum and excitement from Paris remains strong, but recent reports show that there is still a significant gap between where we are and where we need to be. At COP24 in Katowice, Poland, countries will hold an important stocktaking session aimed at increasing the level of ambition. A conference in California will underscore the important role non-party stakeholders such as states, regions, cities and civil society hold in meeting the climate challenge, and the UN System will begin gearing up for a summit on climate change in 2019.

In 2019, the case must be made for accelerated and deeper ambition, with attention to the benefits and cost savings of taking action now. The IPCC will be issuing a special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.

Climate communications in 2018 will focus on the urgency for action, combined with the benefits of taking action now. With an emphasis on the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) —where energy is a main theme, through

the Summit in California, the General Assembly, and the COP in Katowice, Poland, communications will lay the foundation for the 2019 Summit, which will come at an important moment in the run-up to 2020 when

emissions will need to peak to limit the worst impacts of climate change. To frame our communications aims and efforts, a UN system-wide communications strategy will be launched in the new year.

KEY DATES 2018

31 JANUARY	Investor Summit on Climate Risk	7-11 MAY	13th Session of UN Forum on Forests
21 MARCH	International Day of Forests	19 JUNE	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2018
22 MARCH	Launch of the International Decade for Action-Water for Sustainable Development	AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	IPCC Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C
23 MARCH	World Meteorological Day	13 OCTOBER	International Day for Disaster Reduction
24 MARCH	Earth Hour	3-14 DECEMBER	COP 24

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Although progress has been made when it comes to education, reducing child marriages, and sexual and reproductive health, gender equality remains a worldwide challenge to fulfilling women's and girls' human rights and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These challenges will be addressed during the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women in March, focusing on women and girls in rural areas. Other opportunities to promote gender equality include International Women's Day, the International Day for the Girl Child, and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women in November which is continuing its global campaign against gender-based violence. Two reports prepared by UN Women will be launched in 2018: Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and Progress of the World's Women: Families in a Changing World. A significant communications effort will centre on the

Spotlight Initiative, a multi-year partnership between the UN and the EU aimed at eliminating violence against women and girls. The Initiative is working to move the issue of gender equality into the spotlight and highlight the need for targeted investments in women and girls to achieve sustainable development. In 2018, investments in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific and the Caribbean, will be deployed towards advancing significant improvements in the lives of women and girls.

KEY DATES 2018

LATE JANUARY (TBC)	Report launch: Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
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KEY DATES 2018

6 FEBRUARY	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	OCTOBER (TBC)	Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security
11 FEBRUARY	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	OCTOBER (TBC)	Report launch: Progress of the World's Women: Families in a Changing World (working title)
8 MARCH	International Women's Day	11 OCTOBER	International Day of the Girl Child
12-23 MARCH	62nd Commission on the Status of Women	15 OCTOBER	International Day of Rural Women
23 MAY	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	14-16 NOVEMBER	7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics
19 JUNE	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence on Conflict	25 NOVEMBER	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
23 JUNE	International Widows' Day		

FINANCING

Mobilizing financing for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement remains at the heart of discussions in 2018. The Secretary-General announced that he will convene a conference in September to review progress across key international platforms, and progress domestically by Member States. There will be a heavy focus on taxation, particularly their relation to efforts to achieve the SDGs, at a conference that will be organized by the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the early part of the year. Member States will also be following implementation efforts on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda very closely at the Financing for Development Forum in April and during another conference organized by ECOSOC in May. Communications will track these processes and will inform on progress and gaps.

KEY DATES 2018

14-16 FEBRUARY	First Global Conference of the Platform for Collaboration on Tax - Taxation and the Sustainable Development Goals
22 APRIL	SDG Investment Fair
23-26 APRIL	Financing for Development Forum
MAY	ECOSOC Special Meeting on Tax Cooperation
SEPTEMBER	SG Conference on Financing for Development

ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been described as “a blueprint for building an inclusive, sustainable fair globalization”. Achieving fair globalization or creating equal opportunities for all calls for a major transformation of our economies, and will require a shift in investment to sustainable development.

The World Economic Situation and Prospects Report, the UN flagship report on the state of the global economy, continues to convey the overarching message that robust and inclusive growth is a prerequisite for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

As the world economy strengthens, the Report’s analyses and forecasts offer policy makers greater scope to address some of the deep-rooted issues that continue to impede more rapid progress towards sustainable development: strengthening the environmental quality of economic growth, making economic growth more

inclusive, and tackling institutional deficiencies that hold back development.

KEY DATES 2018

23-26 JANUARY	World Economic Forum
20-22 APRIL	World Bank / IMF Spring Meetings
MAY (TBC)	Launch of the World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2018
12-14 OCTOBER	World Bank / IMF Fall Meetings
DECEMBER	World Economic Situation and Prospects Report launch

YOUTH

Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake was appointed as the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth in June 2017 and will prioritise making the UN more accessible to young people during her first full year in office. With her guidance, DPI will work to create communications strategies that use more youth-focused outreach tools such as social media and video to highlight the role of young people in achieving the SDGs.

A key moment kicking off the year will be the 2018 ECOSOC Youth Forum which will feature the role of young people in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity

in a changing world. Furthermore, 2018 will see the recognition of the second class of Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals and the advancement of the Not Too Young to Run campaign. DPI will continue to support the Common Future campaign to mobilise Generation Z to take action for the goals.

KEY DATES 2018

30-31 JANUARY	ECOSOC Youth Forum
15 JULY	World Youth Skills Day
12 AUGUST	International Youth Day

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

DPI's top communications priorities for 2018 will include raising public awareness of significant social, economic and political developments in Africa.

Africa's Development Agenda 2063

The Department will work in cooperation with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and others to publicize Africa's achievements and challenges in the context of the continent's Agenda 2063 and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

DPI will identify and provide strategic communication guidance on Africa's key priorities. Broad communication themes identified for 2018 include: the 2030 sustainable development agenda; Agenda 2063, which is the Africa Union's 50-year framework aimed at accelerating development, regional integration and unity in Africa; and the NEPAD Agency's priorities on economic development.

In cooperation with partners, the Department will also promote various reports on Africa, including the United Nations' flagship reports on Africa's development progress and challenges, the General Assembly's review of the implementation of the Secretary-General's report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of duration peace and development on the continent, the NEPAD Agency's annual reports on projects implementation, the ECA's flagship publication, "Economic Report on Africa," and other reports that may be issued by OSAA as well as expert group meetings.

Africa Renewal/Afrique Renouveau magazine, DPI's flagship publication on Africa in 2018, have special coverage of youth, gender, ending violence against women, agriculture, climate change, health, governance and education.

Africa Week

The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Economic

Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Office for the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) in 2010 started what has now become an annual week-long campaign in New York to raise awareness of Africa's priorities which include: infrastructure development, trade, aid, agriculture, addressing climate change, good governance, migration, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, education, food security, human rights, sustainable development, gender, food security and health. The timing of Africa Week was chosen to coincide with the General Assembly's annual debate on Africa and to ensure that the continent's development will continue to attract global attention and support in the coming years.

During the 2018 Africa Week, DPI will collaborate with its partners in organizing various events that will highlight the synergies between Agenda 2063, its First 10-Year Implementation Plan and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The series of events will include high-level panel discussions with senior officials and experts, roundtable discussions with the media and press conferences centering around specific themes.

KEY DATES 2018

29-31 JANUARY	African Union Summit
26-30 MARCH	Annual conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economy
3 MARCH	Africa Environment/Wangari Maathai Day
7 APRIL	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
25 MAY	Africa Day
JUNE (TBC)	African Union Summit
16 JUNE	Day of the African Child
18 JULY	Nelson Mandela International Day
22-26 OCTOBER	Africa Week
30 OCTOBER	Africa Food and Nutrition Security Day
18 NOVEMBER	African Statistics Day
20 NOVEMBER	Africa Industrialization Day

INTERNATIONAL DECADES

The Department of Public Information will continue to provide support to the various ongoing international decades:

International Decade for Action – Water for Sustainable Development (2018-2028):

The Decade will be launched on World Water Day (22 March 2018) and it will be observed until 21 March 2028.

Website: TBC

International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024):

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade>

United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (2014-2024):

<http://www.se4all.org/decade>

United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020):

<https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/>

Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2011-2020):

<http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/>

Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020):

<http://www.un.org/en/roadsafety/>

United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010-2020):

http://www.un.org/en/events/desertification_decade/

Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017):

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/resolutions/2008/poverty.pdf>

DPI SERVICES

News Platforms

DPI's integrated and multilingual news platforms, covering the six official languages as well as Kiswahili and Portuguese, provide daily coverage year-round of the work of the Organization and the Secretary-General. The news platforms feature audio, video, photo and text content, with coverage shared and coordinated across the languages. For more information contact: malor@un.org

Social Media

To aid in social media planning and posting efforts, guidance from DPI and from around the UN System is shared on a regular basis throughout the year and updated daily on the online information sharing “Trello” board: <https://trello.com/unitednationssocialmedia>. Guidance includes approved messages and hashtags, multilingual content, graphics and images and a daily calendar of events. Contact: orantes@un.org

Graphic Design and Branding Services

The Graphic Design Unit (GDU) in DPI provides creative solutions for a wide variety of public information campaigns and conferences throughout the Secretariat. Working in collaboration with clients, they create visuals such as logos, brand identities, posters, book covers, press kits, and more.

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2018 CALENDAR OF UN SYSTEM KEY EVENTS

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	LEAD
JANUARY			
15-16 JANUARY	International Forum on Migration Statistics	Paris	DESA, IOM, OECD
22 JANUARY – 30 MARCH	Conference on Disarmament begins its 2018 session	Geneva	UNODA
23-26 JANUARY	48th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum “Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World”	Davos, Switzerland	EOSG, OTHERS
23-25 JANUARY	Expert Group Meeting on “Sustainable development in territories of indigenous peoples”	New York	DESA/PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES
27 JANUARY	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	Worldwide	DPI
29 JANUARY – 7 FEBRUARY	56th Commission for Social Development	New York	DESA
30-31 JANUARY	ECOSOC Youth Forum	New York	DESA/DPI
JANUARY – FEBRUARY (TBC)	First meeting of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	New York	DPA
LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY (TBC)	Launch of Report: Gender and the SDGs (TBC)	New York	UN WOMEN
END OF JANUARY	Launch of centenary celebrations of former President Nelson Mandela	Johannesburg, South Africa	DPI (UNIC PRETORIA)
JANUARY (TBC)	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Migration	New York	SRSF FOR INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION/DPI
FEBRUARY			
1-7 FEBRUARY	World Interfaith Harmony Week		
4 FEBRUARY	World Cancer Day	Worldwide	WHO, DESA
6 FEBRUARY	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	Worldwide	UNFPA, UNICEF
11 FEBRUARY	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	New York	DESA
13 FEBRUARY	World Radio Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
14-16 FEBRUARY	1st Global Conference of the Platform for Collaboration on Tax	New York	DESA, WORLD BANK, IMF
20 FEBRUARY	World Day of Social Justice	Worldwide	DESA, ILO
21 FEBRUARY	International Mother Language Day	Worldwide	UNESCO

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	LEAD
26 FEBRUARY	37th Session of the Human Rights Council: Discussion to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Geneva	OHCHR
FEBRUARY (TBC)	Opening of the 2018 Session of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24)	New York	DPA
MARCH			
1 MARCH	Zero Discrimination Day	Worldwide	UNAIDS
2 MARCH	2016 International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) Annual Report and Precursors Report	Berlin	INCB
3 MARCH	African Environment Day /Wangari Maathai Day	Worldwide	UNEP
3 MARCH	World Wildlife Day	Worldwide	UNEP
6-9 MARCH	49th Session UN Statistical Commission	New York	DESA
8 MARCH	International Women's Day	Worldwide	UN WOMEN
12-23 MARCH	62nd Commission on the Status of Women: challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls	New York	UN WOMEN
12-16 MARCH	Commission on Narcotics Drugs	Vienna	UNODC
12-16 MARCH	Committee for Development Policy	New York	DESA
13-15 MARCH	World Economic Forum on Latin America	São Paulo, Brazil	
19-23 MARCH	Preparatory Committee for the Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects	New York	UNODA
20 MARCH	International Day of Happiness	Worldwide	
20 MARCH	French Language Day		
21 MARCH	World Down Syndrome Day	Worldwide	DESA
21 MARCH	International Day of Forests	Worldwide	UNFFS (DESA)
21 MARCH	International Day of Nowruz	Worldwide	UNESCO
21 MARCH	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Worldwide	OHCHR, DPI
21 MARCH	World Poetry Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
21-27 MARCH	Week of Solidarity with the People Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination	Worldwide	OHCHR
22 MARCH	World Water Day	Worldwide	UN-WATER

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	LEAD
22 MARCH	Launch of International Decade for Action – Water for Sustainable Development	Worldwide	UN-WATER
23 MARCH	World Meteorological Day	Worldwide	WMO
23-28 MARCH	Annual Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economy	Dakar, Senegal	ECA
24 MARCH	World TB Day	Worldwide	WHO
24 MARCH	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	Worldwide	OHCHR
24 MARCH	Earth Hour	Worldwide	WWF
25 MARCH	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	Worldwide	DPI
25 MARCH	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	Worldwide	
MARCH (TBC)	Launch of the World Youth Report	TBC	DESA
MARCH (TBC)	High-Level meeting on Lake Chad region		UNESCO
MARCH (TBC)	Launch of the annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)	TBC	UNODC
APRIL			
2 APRIL	World Autism Awareness Day	Worldwide	DPI, DESA
2-20 APRIL	United Nations Disarmament Commission	New York	UNODA
4 APRIL	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action	Worldwide	UNMAS
4 APRIL	ECOSOC Partnership Forum	New York	DESA
5 APRIL	ECOSOC Partnerships Forum	New York	DESA
6 APRIL	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Worldwide	DESA
7 APRIL	International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda	Worldwide	DPI
7 APRIL	World Health Day	Worldwide	WHO
9-11 APRIL	Launch of the Global Integrity Network	Vienna	UNODC
9-13 APRIL	51st Session of the Commission on Population and Development	New York	DESA
12 APRIL	International Day of Human Space Flights	Worldwide	UNOOSA
16-27 APRIL	17th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	New York	DESA, DPI
19-23 APRIL	Global Soil Week	Worldwide	
20 APRIL	Chinese Language Day	Worldwide	

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	LEAD
20-22 APRIL	World Bank – IMF Spring Meetings	Washington, D.C.	WB, IMF
21 APRIL	World Creativity and Innovation Day	Worldwide	
22 APRIL	International Mother Earth Day	Worldwide	DESA
22 APRIL	SDG Investment Fair	New York	DESA
23 APRIL	World Book and Copyright Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
23 APRIL	English Language Day	Worldwide	
23 APRIL	Spanish Language Day	Worldwide	
23-26 APRIL	3rd ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development	New York	DESA
23-27 APRIL	Committee of Experts on Public Administration, 17th session	New York	DESA
23 APRIL – 4 MAY	Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	Geneva	UNODA
24-30 APRIL	World Immunization Week	Worldwide	WHO
25 APRIL	World Malaria Day	Worldwide	WHO, RBM
26 APRIL	World Intellectual Property Day	Worldwide	WIPO
26 APRIL	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day		
28 APRIL	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Worldwide	
29 APRIL	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare	Worldwide	OPCW
30 APRIL	International Jazz Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
23-29 APRIL	World Immunization Week	Worldwide	UNICEF
30 APRIL	Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon	Worldwide	
APRIL (TBC)	State of World Population Report	New York	UNFPA
APRIL (TBC)	Launch of the Global Study on Smuggling of Migrants	Worldwide	
MAY			
1-3 MAY	ECOSOC Integration Segment	New York	DESA
3 MAY	World Press Freedom Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
3-5 MAY	World Economic Forum on Africa		WEF
4-10 MAY	UN Global Road Safety Week	Worldwide	WHO
5 MAY	International Day of the Midwife	Worldwide	UNFPA
7-11 MAY	13th Session of UN Forum on Forests	New York	DESA

2018	EVENT	LOCATION	LEAD
8-9 MAY	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War		
10 MAY	World Migratory Bird Day	Worldwide	UNEP
14-16 MAY (TBC)	United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament	New York	UNODA
14 MAY – 29 JUNE	Conference on Disarmament - Second Part	Geneva	UNODA
15 MAY	International Day of Families	Worldwide	DESA
17 MAY	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Worldwide	ITU
21 MAY	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	Worldwide	UNESCO
21-22 MAY	High-level meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum	New York	DESA
22 MAY	International Day for Biological Diversity	Worldwide	CBD
22-25 MAY	ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development	New York	DESA
23 MAY	ECOSOC Special meeting	New York	DESA
23 MAY	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	Worldwide	UNFPA
25 MAY	Africa Day		
25- 31 MAY	International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	Worldwide	DPA, DPI
29 MAY	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	Worldwide	(DPKO/DFS/DPI)
31 MAY	World No Tobacco Day	Worldwide	WHO
MAY (TBC)	DPI / NGO Conference	TBC	DPI
MAY (TBC)	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Vienna	UNODC
MAY (TBC)	World Urbanization Prospects	New York	DESA
MAY (TBC)	International Conference on the Question of Jerusalem	TBC	DPA
MAY (TBC)	Launch of the 2018 Global Study on Homicide	Vienna	UNODC
MAY (TBC)	State of the World's Mothers Report		
MAY (TBC)	World Health Assembly		
MAY (TBC)	Launch of the World Economic Situation and Prospects as of Mid-2018	New York / Worldwide	DESA
MAY - JUNE (TBC)	International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East	TBC	DPI

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MAY - JUNE (TBC)	Regional Seminar on Decolonization	TBC	DPA
JUNE			
1 JUNE	Global Day of Parents	Worldwide	
4-8 JUNE	Be the Change Week	New York	DPI
4 JUNE	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Worldwide	UNICEF
5 JUNE	World Environment Day	Worldwide	UNEP
5 JUNE (TBC)	UN Green Fair	New York	UNEP, UNICEF
5-6 JUNE	The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	New York	DESA
8 JUNE	World Oceans Day	Worldwide	DOALOS
12 JUNE	World Day against Child Labour	Worldwide	ILO
12-14 JUNE	11th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	New York	DESA
14 JUNE	World Blood Donor Day	Worldwide	WHO
15 JUNE	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Worldwide	
16 JUNE	Day of the African Child	Worldwide	
16 JUNE	International Day of Family Remittances		IFAD
17 JUNE	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Worldwide	UNODC
18 JUNE	Sustainable Gastronomy Day		FAO
18-29 JUNE	Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects	New York	UNODA
19 JUNE	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	Worldwide	OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT, DPI
19-21 JUNE	ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment	New York	DESA
20-21 JUNE	50th anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the 61st session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).	Vienna	

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20-21 JUNE	Summit of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies	New York	UNOCT
21 JUNE	International Day of Yoga	Worldwide	DPI
23 JUNE	International Widows' Day	Worldwide	UN WOMEN
23 JUNE	United Nations Public Service Day		DESA
23-24 JUNE	Peacebuilding Commission Annual Session and Peacebuilding Fund Annual Stakeholders Meeting	New York	DPA, DPI
25 JUNE	Day of the Seafarer	Worldwide	IMO
26 JUNE	United Nations Charter Day	Worldwide	
26 JUNE	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Worldwide	UNODC
26 JUNE (TBC)	Launch of World Drug Report	Worldwide	UNODC
26 JUNE	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	Worldwide	OHCHR
27 JUNE	Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day		ILO
29 JUNE	International Day of the Tropics		
30 JUNE	International Asteroid Day	Worldwide	UNOOSA
JUNE (TBC)	UN Population Award		UNFPA
JUNE (TBC)	Sixth biennial review by the General Assembly of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy	New York	UNOCT
JUNE (TBC)	African Union Summit		
JUNE (TBC)	2018 Substantive Session of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24)	New York	DPA
JULY			
7 JULY	International Day of Cooperatives	Worldwide	DESA, DPI
9-18 JULY	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development	New York	DESA
11 JULY	World Population Day	Worldwide	DESA, UNFPA
15 JULY	World Youth Skills Day	Worldwide	
16-19 JULY	ECOSOC High-level segment	New York	DESA
17 JULY	20th anniversary of the Rome Statue establishing the International Criminal Court	Hague	ICC
18 JULY	Nelson Mandela International Day	Worldwide	DPI
28 JULY	World Hepatitis Day	Worldwide	WHO
30 JULY	International Day of Friendship		
30 JULY	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	Worldwide	UNODC
31 JULY – 15 SEPTEMBER	Conference on Disarmament Third Part	Geneva	UNODA
JULY (TBC)	Launch of SDGs Report 2018	New York	DESA

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JULY (TBC)	ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting, under agenda item “Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations”	TBC	DPA, DESA
AUGUST			
1-7 AUGUST	World Breastfeeding Week		WHO
9 AUGUST	International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples	Worldwide	DESA, DPI
12 AUGUST	International Youth Day	Worldwide	DESA
19 AUGUST	World Humanitarian Day	Worldwide	OCHA, DPI
21 AUGUST	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute of the Victims of Terrorism	Worldwide	UNOCT, DPI
23 AUGUST	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	Worldwide	UNESCO
29 AUGUST	International Day against Nuclear Tests	Worldwide	UNODA
30 AUGUST	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	Worldwide	OHCHR
AUGUST / SEPTEMBER	Launch of the IPCC 1.5 degree Celsius Report	TBC	IPCC
SEPTEMBER			
5 SEPTEMBER	International Day of Charity	Worldwide	
8 SEPTEMBER	International Literacy Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
12 SEPTEMBER	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	Worldwide	
12-14 SEPTEMBER	Global Climate Action Summit	San Francisco	UNFCCC
13 SEPTEMBER	10th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Worldwide	DESA, DPI
15 SEPTEMBER	International Day of Democracy	Worldwide	DPA, DPI
16 SEPTEMBER	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	Worldwide	UNEP
18 SEPTEMBER	Opening of 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly	New York	PGA
21 SEPTEMBER	International Day of Peace	Worldwide	DPI
25 SEPTEMBER	Opening of the UN General Assembly General Debate	New York	PGA

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26 SEPTEMBER	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	Worldwide	UNODA
27 SEPTEMBER	World Tourism Day	Worldwide	WTO
27 SEPTEMBER	World Maritime Day	Worldwide	IMO
28 SEPTEMBER	World Rabies Day	Worldwide	WHO
28 SEPTEMBER	International Day for Universal Access to Information	Worldwide	UNESCO
28 SEPTEMBER - 2 NOVEMBER	General Assembly, First Committee, Seventy-Second session (New York)	New York	UNODA
30 SEPTEMBER	International Translation Day		
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to mark the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders	New York	OHCHR, DPI
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	World Economic and Social Survey 2018	New York	DESA
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	Social Good Summit	New York	
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	GPP Global Citizen Festival	New York	
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	Finance Summit	New York	ECOSOC
SEPTEMBER (TBC)	Global Compact for Migration	TBC	
LATE SEPTEMBER (TBC)	CTBT Article XIV Conference	New York	UNODA
OCTOBER			
1 OCTOBER	International Day of Older Persons	Worldwide	DESA
1 OCTOBER (FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER)	World Habitat Day	Worldwide	UN-HABITAT
2 OCTOBER	International Day of Non-Violence	Worldwide	
2-10 OCTOBER	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) – Decolonization Segment	New York	DPA
5 OCTOBER	World Teachers Day	Worldwide	UNESCO
9 OCTOBER	World Post Day	Worldwide	UPU
10 OCTOBER	World Mental Health Day	Worldwide	WHO
11 OCTOBER	International Day of the Girl Child	Worldwide	UNICEF
13 OCTOBER	International Day for Disaster Reduction	Worldwide	UNISDR
13-15 OCTOBER	World Bank - IMF Fall Meetings		WB, IMF
14 OCTOBER	Global Infrastructure Forum	Indonesia	DESA
15 OCTOBER	International Day of Rural Women	Worldwide	
15-19 OCTOBER	Africa Week	New York	NEPAD, DPI, OSAA

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16 OCTOBER	World Food Day	Worldwide	FAO
17 OCTOBER	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Worldwide	DESA
22-24 OCTOBER	UN World Data Forum	Dubai	DESA
24 OCTOBER	World Development Information Day		
24 OCTOBER	United Nations Day	Worldwide	DPI
24-30 OCTOBER	Disarmament Week		
27 OCTOBER	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	Worldwide	UNESCO
30 OCTOBER	Africa Food and Nutrition Security Day	Addis Ababa	AU
31 OCTOBER	World Cities Day	Worldwide	UN-HABITAT
OCTOBER (TBC)	Launch of the 2018 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons	Worldwide	UNODC
OCTOBER (TBC)	Launch of Report: Progress of the World's Women report on families (TBC)	New York	UN WOMEN
OCTOBER (TBC)	UNODC's 20th Anniversary	Vienna	UNODC
OCTOBER (TBC)	Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security	New York	DPKO/UN WOMEN
OCTOBER (TBC)	Launch of 2018 Report on Progress of the World's Women: Families in a changing world	New York	UN WOMEN
OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER (TBC)	Presentation of the annual report by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	New York	OHCHR
NOVEMBER			
2 NOVEMBER	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	Worldwide	UNESCO
3-15 NOVEMBER	Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP14)	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	CBD, UNEP
5 NOVEMBER	World Tsunami Awareness Day	Worldwide	UNISDR
6 NOVEMBER	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	Worldwide	
6-10 NOVEMBER	7th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption	Vienna	UNODC
6-12 NOVEMBER	International Week of Science and Peace		
10 NOVEMBER	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Worldwide	UNESCO
10-22 NOVEMBER	Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Egypt	CBD
14-16 NOVEMBER	7th Global Forum on Gender Statistics	TBC	DESA
16 NOVEMBER	International Day of Tolerance	Worldwide	UNESCO
15 NOVEMBER	World Philosophy Day	Worldwide	UNESCO

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18 NOVEMBER	African Statistics Day		AU
17 NOVEMBER	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Worldwide	WHO
19 NOVEMBER	World Toilet Day	Worldwide	UN-WATER, UNICEF
20 NOVEMBER	Africa Industrialization Day		UNIDO
20 NOVEMBER	Universal Children's Day	Worldwide	UNICEF
21 NOVEMBER	World Television Day		
25 NOVEMBER	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	Worldwide	UN WOMEN
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28 NOVEMBER	#GivingTuesday	Worldwide	DPI, UNF
29 NOVEMBER	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Worldwide	DPA, DPI
NOVEMBER (TBC)	State of the World's Children Report Launch	TBC	UNICEF
NOVEMBER -DECEMBER	OHCHR Fellowship Programme for People of African Descent	Geneva	OHCHR
NOVEMBER -DECEMBER	Annual DPI Training Programme for Palestinian Journalists	New York, Washington D.C.	DPI
DECEMBER			
1 DECEMBER	World AIDS Day	Worldwide	UNAIDS
2 DECEMBER	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Worldwide	ILO
3 DECEMBER	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Worldwide	DESA
3-14 DECEMBER	UN Climate Change Conference (COP 24)	Katowice, Poland	UNFCCC
5 DECEMBER	World Soil Day	Worldwide	FAO
5 DECEMBER	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	Worldwide	UNV
5-7 DECEMBER	Global Forum on Migration and Development	Marrakesh, Morocco	DESA
7 DECEMBER	International Civil Aviation Day	Worldwide	ICAO
9 DECEMBER	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime	Worldwide	OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER ON THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE, DPI
9 DECEMBER	International Anti-Corruption Day	Worldwide	UNODC
10 DECEMBER	Human Rights Day: 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Worldwide	OHCHR, DPI

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10-11 DECEMBER	Inter-governmental Conference to adopt a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	Morocco	SRSB FOR INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION/OPGA
11 DECEMBER	World Mountain Day	Worldwide	UNEP
12 DECEMBER	International Day of Neutrality		
18 DECEMBER	International Migrants Day	Worldwide	IOM, DESA, DPI
18 DECEMBER	Arabic Language Day		
20 DECEMBER	International Human Solidarity Day	Worldwide	DESA, UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY
DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of the 2018 Report on Trafficking in Persons	Worldwide	UNODC
DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of the Global Study on Homicide	Worldwide	UNODC
DECEMBER (TBC)	Global Forum on Migration and Development		DESA
DECEMBER (TBC)	Internet Governance Forum	TBC	DESA
DECEMBER (TBC)	Launch of World Economic Situation and Prospects Report 2019	TBC	DESA