THE WEEK AHEAD AT THE UNITED NATIONS:

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The Week Ahead is taking a break.

Happy New Year to all

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**2014: International years**

International Year of Family Farming <http://www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/>

International Year of Crystallography <http://www.iycr2014.org>

International Year of Small Island Developing States <http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/206>

International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People: *Press release GA/11460*: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/ga11460.doc.htm>

**International decades**

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

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/themes/leading-the-international-agenda/education-for-sustainable-development/>

2005-2014: Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People <http://undesadspd.org/IndigenousPeoples/SecondDecade.aspx>

2005-2015: International Decade for Action, "Water for Life" <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

2006-2016: Decade of Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Affected Regions (third decade after the Chernobyl disaster)

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

<http://undesadspd.org/Poverty/UNDecadefortheEradicationofPoverty/SecondUNDecadefortheEradicationofPoverty.aspx>

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

<http://unddd.unccd.int/>

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

2011-2020: United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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

2011-2020: Decade of Action for Road Safety <http://www.un.org/en/roadsafety/>

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

**Some Presidencies during 2014**

**Security Council**

January: Jordan

February: Lithuania

March: Luxembourg

April: Nigeria

May: Republic of Korea

June: Russian Federation

**G20**: Australia

**G8**: Russia

**OSCE:** Switzerland

**ASEAN:** Myanmar

**Group of 77**: Bolivia

**Council of Europe -** Committee of Ministers: Austria (till May 2014, followed by Azerbaijan).

**European Union**: Greece (till 30 June).

**Non-Aligned Movement**: Iran

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**JANUARY**

**Wednesday, 8 January**

**Athens**: Opening ceremony of the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The President of the European Council and the College of EU Commissioners will attend.

**Riga**: Ceremony for Latvia's accession to the euro area.

**Monday, 13 January**

**Geneva:** Committee on the Rights of the Child (till 31 Jan.).

**Montreal:** ICAO Council (till 31 Jan.).

**Strasbourg:** **-**[European Parliament Plenary](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466058/european-parliament-plenary-session) (Legislative Action) (till 16 Jan.).

**Wednesday, 15 January**

**Moscow:** Gaidar Forum: Russia and the World: Sustainable Development (till 18 Jan.) <http://www.gaidarforum.ru/en/>

**New York:** United Nations Investor Summit on Climate Risk

**Thursday, 16 January**

## Brussels: - Online citizens’ dialogue

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/465054/online-citizens%E2%80%99-dialogue>

- Ciné-ONU: **“**State Builder”, followed by a debate. <http://www.unric.org/en/next-screening>

**Monday, 20 January**

Global launch of World Economic Situation and Prospects 2014 <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/index.shtml>

## Brussels: - EU [Foreign Affairs Council](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466053/foreign-affairs-council).

- Conference on the Central African Republic. Valerie Amos, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, will participate.

- The European Parliamentary Week 2014 (till Jan. 22).

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/webnp/cms/pid/1975;jsessionid=FE6C6D7036820FDEE79BAEF8FE5F447B>

**Geneva**: Conference on Disarmament (till 28 March).

**Tuesday, 21 January**

**Addis Ababa**: African Union Summit (till 31 Jan.). <http://summits.au.int/fr/22ndsummit/events/media-announcement-22nd-au-summit-21st-31st-january-2014-online-accreditation-ourn>

## Brussels: - EU [General Affairs Council](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466063/general-affairs-council).

## Wednesday, 22 January

## Davos: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (till 25 Jan.).

<http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-annual-meeting-2014>

**Montreux/Geneva**: International Conference on Syria.

**Thursday, 23 January**

**Athens:** Informal EU Justice and Home Affairs Council (till 24 Jan.).

## Brussels: - [Conference 'Addressing health inequalities 2014 and beyond: building cohesion and strengthening health for growth'](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/465092/conference-addressing-health-inequalities-2014-and-beyond-building-cohesion-and-strengthening-health-for-growth)

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/465092/conference-addressing-health-inequalities-2014-and-beyond-building-cohesion-and-strengthening-health-for-growth>

**Sunday, 26 January**

**Vilnius**: - Meeting of the Secretaries General of EU Parliaments (till Jan. 27).

**Monday, 27 January**

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

Theme for 2014: "Journeys through the Holocaust" <http://www.un.org/en/holocaustremembrance/>

**Strasbourg:** Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

**Tuesday, 28 January**

## Brussels: - [Economic and Financial Affairs EUCouncil](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466068/economic-and-financial-affairs-council).

- Friends of Europe: [The EU's new leaders: Key post-elections challenges](http://www.friendsofeurope.org/Contentnavigation/Events/Eventsoverview/tabid/1187/EventType/EventView/EventId/1246/TheEUsnewleadersKeypostelectionschallenges.aspx)
<http://www.friendsofeurope.org/Contentnavigation/Events/Eventsoverview/tabid/1187/EventType/EventView/EventId/1246/TheEUsnewleadersKeypostelectionschallenges.aspx>

**Wednesday 29 January**

**Addis Ababa:** Launch of the EFA Global Monitoring report 2013/2014 – Teaching and learning: Achieving quality for all (29 January)

**FEBRUARY**

World Interfaith Harmony **Week** <http://www.un.org/en/events/interfaithharmonyweek/>

**Monday, 3 February**

**Geneva:** Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (till 21 Feb.).

**New York**: Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (till 7 Feb.).

**Strasbourg:** - European Parliament Plenary (till 6 Feb.).

**Tuesday, 4 February**

World Cancer **Day** [WHO] <http://www.who.int/cancer/en/>

**Wednesday, 5 February**

**Paris:** OECD Parliamentary Days.

**Thursday, 6 February**

International **Day** of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation [WHO]

<http://www.afro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/details/279-international-day-of-zero-tolerance-to-female-genital-mutilation.html>

**Brussels:** - Foreign Affairs EU Council.

**Frankfurt:** OECD ECB Governing Council Meeting

**Tuesday, 11 February**

**Brussels:** - General Affairs EU Council.

- European Competition Forum 2014

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/456114/european-competition-forum-2014>

-Ciné-ONU Brussels: The Moo Man. A film by Andy Heathcote and Heike Bachelier to mark International Year of Family Farming. Q&A with the director. <http://www.unric.org/en/cine-onu>

**New York**: Commission for Social Development (till 21 Feb.).

**Singapore:** - EU-ASEAN Aviation Summit (till 12 Feb.).

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/460065/euasean-aviation-summit>

**Monday, 12 February**

**Brussels**: - Hearing on “Crisis Communication: Nuclear and Radiological Emergency”, organized by the EESC and the EC. crisiscommunication@eesc.europa.eu.

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.events-and-activities-crisis-communication>

**Thursday, 13 February**

World Radio **Day** [UNESCO] <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/world-radio-day>

**Brussels:** - European Council (till 14 Feb.).

- EESC High Level Conference: A New Global Partnership: European Civil Society Positions on the Post-2015 Framework (till 14 Feb.) Speakers include EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik, EU Development Commissioner Andris Piebalgs, Amina Mohammed and Jeffrey Sachs - special advisors to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner.

**Monday, 17 February**

# Brussels: - Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council (till 18 Feb.).

# - Conference: Cities of Tomorrow: Investing in Europe

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466050/cities-of-tomorrow-investing-in-europe>

**Tuesday, 18 February**

**Brussels:** - [Economic and Financial Affairs EU Council](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466068/economic-and-financial-affairs-council).

- European Parliament: Parliamentary Forum on “EU Parliaments in global Governance”.

**Thursday, 20 February**

World **Day** of Social Justice <http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>

**Brussels:** - Competitiveness EU Council (till 21 Feb.).

**Friday, 21 February**

International Mother Language **Day** [UNESCO]

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/international-mother-language-day/>

**Saturday, 22 February**

**Davos:** World Economic Forum (till 25 Feb).

**Sydney:** G20 Finance ministers and central bank governors meeting (till 23 Feb.).

**Monday, 24 February**

**Brussels:** - Education, Youth, Culture and sport EU Council.

**Strasbourg:** - European Parliament Plenary (till 27 Feb.).

**Thursday, 27 February**

**Paris:** 2014 Global Forum on Competition, OECD (till. 28 Feb).
<http://www.oecd.org/competition/globalforum/>

**Rabat:** - IMF: International Conference on Food price Volatility: Causes and Challenges (till. 28 Feb) <http://www.imf.org/external/np/seminars/eng/2013/rabat/index.htm>

**Friday, 28 February**

**Athens**: - Informal Foreign Affairs EU Council.

**MARCH**

**Saturday, 1 March**

Zero Discrimination **Day** [UNAIDS] <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/20131126zerodiscrimination/>

**Monday, 3 March**

World Wildlife **Day** (PROPOSED)

## Brussels: - Environment EU Council.

**Geneva**: Human Rights Council (till 28 March).

## Rome: - [2nd International Symposium on Fishery-Dependent Information](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/463106/2nd-international-symposium-on-fisherydependent-information) (till 6 Mar.). <http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/463106/2nd-international-symposium-on-fisherydependent-information>

**Vienna**: IAEA, Board of Governors (till 7 March).

**Tuesday, 4 March**

### Brussels: - [Transport, Telecommunications and Energy](https://www.google.be/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CC0QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.consilium.europa.eu%2Fpolicies%2Fcouncil-configurations%2Ftransport%2C-telecommunications-and-energy%3Flang%3Den&ei=zkCvUsWLLtHb7Aa7_ICoDw&usg=AFQjCNFbCtCs0IS_C5cPstelpd6LHabPuQ&bvm=bv.57967247,d.ZGU) EU Council.

**The Hague**: Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Executive Council (till 7 March).

**Wednesday, 5 March**

**Brussels: -** European Parliament: Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “Preventing violence against women: a challenge for all”

**Thursday, 6 March**

**Brussels:** - Justice and Home Affairs EU Council (till 7 Mar.).

**Friday, 7 March**

# Athens: - 6th European Summit of Regions and Cities: "European Recovery, Local Solutions" (till 8 Mar.). <http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/465085/6th-european-summit-of-regions-and-cities-european-recovery-local-solutions>

**Brussels: -** European Economic and Social Committee Summit (till 8 Mar.).

**Saturday, 8 March**

International Women's **Day** <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/>

**Monday, 10 March**

# Brussels: - Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs EU Council.

**Geneva:** Human Rights Committee (till 28 March).

**New York**: Commission on the Status of Women (till 21 March).

**Strasbourg:** - European Parliament Plenary (till 13 Mar.).

**Tuesday, 11 March**

**Brussels:** - [Economic and Financial Affairs EU Council](http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/event/466068/economic-and-financial-affairs-council)

**Wednesday, 12 March**

**Geneva**: International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (till 14 March).

**Thursday, 13 March**

**Geneva**: ILO, Governing Body and its committees (till 27 March).

**Friday, 14 March**

### Brussels: - [Transport, Telecommunications and Energy](https://www.google.be/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CC0QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.consilium.europa.eu%2Fpolicies%2Fcouncil-configurations%2Ftransport%2C-telecommunications-and-energy%3Flang%3Den&ei=zkCvUsWLLtHb7Aa7_ICoDw&usg=AFQjCNFbCtCs0IS_C5cPstelpd6LHabPuQ&bvm=bv.57967247,d.ZGU) EU Council

**Monday 17 March**

**Brussels:** - Foreign Affairs EU Council.

**Geneva**: Committee on Enforced Disappearances (till 28 March).

**Paris**: OECD Integrity Week 2014 (till 21 March) <http://www.oecd.org/cleangovbiz/oecd-integrity-week-2014.htm>

**Strasbourg:** ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly: (till 19 March) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/acp/2014_strasbourg/pdf/1013699en.pdf>

**Vienna**: Commission on Narcotic Drugs (till 21 March).

**Tuesday 18 March**

**Brussels:** - General Affairs EU Council.

**Wednesday 19 March**

**Brussels: -** European Parliament: “Priorities for 2014-2019 in the field of Civil liberties, Justice and Home Affairs”

**Thursday 20 March**

International **Day** of Happiness <http://www.un.org/en/events/happinessday/>

**Brussels:** - European Council (till 21 Mar.).

**Friday 21 March**

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

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

- World Poetry **Day** [UNESCO] <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-poetry-day-2013/>

- International **Day** of Nowruz

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

- World Down Syndrome **Day** <http://www.un.org/en/events/downsyndromeday/>

- International **Day** of Forests and the Tree

<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/international-day-of-forests.html>

<http://www.fao.org/forestry/international-day-of-forests/en/>

- **Week** of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination (till 27 Mar.).<http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/week.shtml>

**Saturday, 22 March**

World Water **Day** Theme for 2014: Water and Energy <http://www.unwater.org/wwd2014.html>

**Beijing:** China Development Forum: “Further deepening China’s reform in a comprehensive way” (till 24 March).

**Sunday, 23 March**

World Meteorological **Day** [WMO] [www.wmo.int/worldmetday/](http://www.wmo.int/worldmetday/)

**Monday, 24 March**

World Tuberculosis **Day** [WHO] <http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/>

International **Day** for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims <http://www.un.org/en/events/righttotruthday>

**Brussels:** - Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council (till 25 Mar.).

**Sao Paulo:** High Level Policy Forum on Education for Social Progress (till. 25 March) <http://www.oecd.org/edu/ceri/educationandsocialprogress.htm>

**Tuesday, 25 March**

International **Day** of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade <http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>

International **Day** of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

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

**Wednesday 26 March**

**Brussels:** “Your Europe, Your Say 2014” hosted by the EESC (till March 28)

<http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.your-europe-your-say-2014>

**Friday, 28 March**

**Wellington**: Fourth International Summit on the Teaching Profession 2014 (till 29 March). <http://www.istp2014.org/>

**Monday, 31 March**

**Abuja:** ECA, Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (till 1 Apr.).

**Geneva**: -Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (till 11 Apr.).

-Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (till 11 Apr.).

**APRIL**

**Tuesday, 1 April**

**Athens:** - Informal Economic and Social Affairs EU Council (till 2 Apr.).

**Panama City**: World Economic Forum on Latin America (till 03 Apr.). <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-latin-america-0>

**Wednesday, 2 April**

World Autism Awareness **Day**  <http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/>

**Brussels: -**European ParliamentPlenary (till 3 Apr.).

- 4th EU-AFRICA Summit (till 3 Apr.). <http://www.eu-africa-infrastructure-tf.net/attachments/Press/23-04-2013-c2c_final-joint-declaration.pdf>

**Paris:** -UNESCO, Executive Board (till 15 Apr.).

-OECD Global Forum on Public Governance: "Women in Government and Public Policies: Fostering Diversity for Inclusive Growth" (till. 4 April). <http://www.oecd.org/gov/oecdglobalforumonpublicgovernance.htm>

**Thursday, 3 April**

**Athens:** - Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and security Policy and the Common Security and Defense Policy (till 4 Apr.).

**Brussels**: Millennium Film Festival 2014 (till 11 Apr.).

**Friday, 4 April**

International **Day** for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action <http://www.un.org/en/events/mineawarenessday/>

**Athens:** - Informal Foreign Affairs EU Council (till 5 Apr.).

**Washington DC:** IMF Administrative Tribunal Symposium: The Future of International Administrative Law: Harmonization? Fragmentation? Dialogue? <http://www.imf.org/external/imfat/pdf/Symposium2.pdf>

**Sunday, 6 April**

International **Day** of Sport for Development and Peace

**Vilnius:** - EU Speakers’ Conference (till 8 Apr.).

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/webnp/cms/pid/8>

**Monday, 7 April**

**Day** of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide

<http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/rwanda/commemoration/annualcommemoration.shtml>

World Health **Day** [WHO] Theme for 2014: small creatures, big threat

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2014/en/index.html>

**New York:** Disarmament Commission (till 25 Apr.).

**Strasbourg**: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

**Tuesday 8 April**

**Brussels:** Ciné-ONU: Call Me Kuchu. A film by Malika Zouhali-Worrall and Katherine Fairfax Wright. Q&A with Michael Cashman MEP.

**Friday, 11 April**

**Washington:** - Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and IMF, Spring meetings (till 13 Apr.).

**-**G20 Finance ministers and central bank governors meeting.

**Saturday, 12 April**

International **Day** of Human Space Flight <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanspaceflightday/>

**Monday, 14 April**

**Luxembourg:** - General and Foreign Affairs EU Councils.

- Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council

**New York**: Economic and Social Council, Special high-level meetings of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD (till 15 Apr. to be confirmed).

**Strasbourg**: - European Parliament Plenary (till 17 Apr.).

**Tuesday, 22 April**

International Mother Earth **Day**

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

**Wednesday, 23 April**

World Book and Copyright Day

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-book-and-copyright-day-2013/>

World Immunization **Week** [WHO] (till 30 Apr.). Theme for 2014: "Are you up-to-date?"<http://www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week/2014/event/en/>

**Thursday 24 April**

**Athens:** Informal Cohesion Policy EU Council (till 25 Apr.).

**Port-Harcourt** (Nigeria), Forum of Crans Montana, MajorSession on Homeland & Global Security Forum (till 26 Apr.).

**Friday, 25 April**

World Malaria **Day** [WHO] <http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2013/en/index.html>

<http://www.rollbackmalaria.org/worldmalariaday/>

**Saturday, 26 April**

World Intellectual Property **Day** [WIPO] <http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/>

**Monday, 28 April**

World **Day** for Safety and Health at Work [ILO] Theme for 2014: Safety and Health in the Use of Chemicals at Work <http://www.ilo.org/safework/events/safeday/lang--en/index.htm>

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

**Athens:** - Informal Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs EU Council (till 30 Apr.).

**Geneva**: -Committee against Torture (till 23 May).

-Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (till 23 May).

**New York:** -Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (till 9 May).

-Committee on Information (till 9 May).

**Tuesday, 29 April**

**Day** of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

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

**Frankfurt:** IMF Conference: International Dimensions of Conventional and Unconventional Monetary Policy (till. 30Apr) <http://www.imf.org/external/imfat/pdf/Symposium2.pdf>

**Wednesday 30 April**

International Jazz **Day** [UNESCO]

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/international-jazz-day-20>

**MAY**

**Saturday, 3 May**

World Press Freedom **Day**

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/flagship-project-activities/world-press-freedom-day/homepage/>

**Monday, 5 May**

**Athens:** Informal Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council(till 6 May).

**Paris:** OECD Forum 2014.

**Tuesday, 6 May**

**Brussels:** - Economic and Financial Affairs EU Council

**Wednesday, 7 May**

**Abuja:** World Economic Forum on Africa (till 09 May). <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-africa-0>

**Athens:** - Informal Maritime Issues EU Council.

**Thursday, 8 May**

Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War (till 9 May) <http://www.un.org/en/events/remembranceday/>

**Athens:** Informal Transport, Telecommunication and Energy EU Council (Transport).

**Brussels:** - Foreign Affairs EU Council (Trade).

**Friday, 9 May**

- Schuman EU **Day**

**Strasbourg:** - European Parliament: The European Youth Event – EYE 2014 (till May 11) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/eye2014/en/news/news.html>

**Saturday, 10 May**

World Migratory Bird **Day** [UNEP] (till 11 May). <http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org>

The theme for 2014 will be linked to the topic of tourism and migratory birds, focusing on the global bird - and wildlife watching industry and sustainable tourism as a vehicle to conserve migratory birds and their habitats. It is planned to work closely with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in promoting the "Destination Flyways"

**Monday, 12 May**

**Athens:** Informal Competitiveness EU Council (till 13 May).

**Brussels:** - Foreign Affairs EU Council

**Geneva**: -Conference on Disarmament (till 27 June).

**Tuesday, 13 May**

"Vesak", the **Day** of the Full Moon

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

**Beirut :** ESCWA, ministerial session (till 14 May).

**Brussels:** - General Affairs EU Council.

**Wednesday, 14 May**

**Athens:** - Informal Environment EU Council (till 15 May).

**Warsaw:** EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum 2014
<http://www.ebrd.com/pages/news/events/am-2014.shtml>

**Thursday, 15 May**

International Day of Families

<http://undesadspd.org/Family/InternationalObservances/InternationalDayofFamilies.aspx>

**Athens:** - Informal Transport, Telecommunications and Energy EU Council (Energy) (till 16 May).

**Saturday, 17 May**

World Telecommunication and Information Society **Day** [ITU] <http://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/Pages/default.aspx>

**Monday, 19 May**

**Brussels:** - Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council (till 20 May).

**Tuesday, 20 May**

**Brussels:** - Education, Youth, Culture and Sport EU Council (till 21 May).

**New York**: High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (till 23 May).

**Wednesday, 21 May**

World **Day** for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/world-day-for-cultural-diversity-for-dialogue-and-development/>

**Manila:** World Economic Forum on East Asia (till 23 May). <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-east-asia-0>

**Thursday, 22 May**

European Parliament **elections** (till 25 May)<http://www.elections2014.eu/en>

International **Day** for Biological Diversity Theme for 2014: Island Biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/idb/2014/>

**Friday, 23 May**

International **Day** to End Obstetric Fistula <http://www.endfistula.org/public/pid/7441?feedEntryId=26444>

**Sunday, 25 May**

**Week** of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories (till 31 May).

<http://www.un.org/en/events/nonselfgoverning/index.shtml>

**Monday, 26 May**

**Brussels:** - Competitiveness EU Council (till 27 May).

**Geneva**: Committee on the Rights of the Child (till 13 June).

**Wednesday, 28 May**

**Geneva**: ILO, General Conference (till 12 June).

**Thursday, 29 May**

International **Day** of UN Peacekeepers <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/pkday.shtml>

**Saturday 31 May**

World No-Tobacco **Day** [WHO]

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/>

**JUNE**

**Sunday, 1 June**

Global **Day** of Parents <http://www.un.org/en/events/parentsday/index.shtml>

**Monday, 2 June**

**Geneva**: -Committee against Torture, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (till 6 June).

-Meetings of the special rapporteurs, special representatives, independent experts and chairs of the working groups of the Human Rights Council (till 6 June).

**Vienna:** Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (till 6 June).

**Wednesday, 4 June**

International **Day** of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression <http://www.un.org/en/events/childvictimday/>

**Bonn:** UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (till 15 June).

**Sochi** (Russia): G8 Summit (till 5 June).

**Thursday, 5 June**

World Environment **Day** [UNEP] <http://www.unep.org/wed/>

**Luxembourg:** - Justice and Home Affairs EU Council (till 6 Jun.).

- Transport, Telecommunications and Energy EU Council (Transport).

**Friday, 6 June**

**Luxembourg:** - Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (Telecommunications)

**Sunday, 8 June**

World Oceans **Day** <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/worldoceansday.htm>

**Monday, 9 June**

**New York**: States parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (till 13 June).

**Tuesday, 10 June**

**Geneva**: Human Rights Council (till 27 June).

**Thursday, 12 June**

World **Day** Against Child Labour <http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/wdacl/lang--en/index.htm>

**Luxembourg**: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy EU Council(Energy)

**Friday, 13 June**

**Luxembourg:** - Environment Council

**Saturday, 14 June**

World Blood Donor **Day** [WHO] <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-blood-donor-day/2013/en/index.html>

**Sunday, 15 June**

World Elder Abuse Awareness **Day**

<http://undesadspd.org/Ageing/WorldElderAbuseAwarenessDay/2013.aspx>

**Athens:** EU Greek Presidency: LI COSAC (till 17 Jun.).

<http://www.cosac.eu/51-greece-2014/plenary-meeting-of-the-li-cosac-16-17-june-2014/>

**Monday, 16 June**

**Luxembourg:** - Agriculture and Fisheries EU Council (till 17 Jun.).

**Tuesday, 17 June**

World **Day** to Combat Desertification and Drought Theme for 2014: ecosystem-based adaptation Slogan: 'Land Belongs to the Future, Let's Climate Proof It'

<http://www.unccd.int/en/programmes/Event-and-campaigns/WDCD/Pages/WDCD-2014.aspx>

**Geneva:** General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations (till 19 June).

**Thursday, 19 June**

**Luxembourg**: - Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs EU Council (till 20 Jun.).

**Friday 20 June**

World Refugee **Day** <http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>

**Luxembourg:** - Economic and Financial Affairs EU Council

**Monday 23 June**

- United Nations Public Service **Day**

<http://www.unpan.org/DPADM/UNPSDayAwards/UNPublicServiceDay/tabid/92/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

*-* International Widows' **Day** <http://www.un.org/en/events/widowsday>

**Geneva**: Meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies (till 27 June).

**Luxembourg:** - Foreign Affairs EU Council.

**Nairobi**: UNEP, UN Environment Assembly (till 27 June).

**New York**: Economic and Social Council, Substantive session (till 18 July).

**Strasbourg**: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

**Tuesday, 24 June**

**Luxembourg:** General Affairs EU Council.

**Wednesday, 25 June**

**Day** of the Seafarer [IMO] <http://www.imo.org/About/Events/dayoftheseafarer/Pages/Day-of-the-Seafarer-2013.aspx>

**Thursday 26 June**

- International **Day** against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

<http://www.unodc.org/drugs/june-26/index.html>

- UN International **Day** in Support of Victims of Torture <http://www.un.org/en/events/torturevictimsday/>

**Brussels:** - European Council (till 27 Jun.).

**Monday, 30 June**

**Geneva**: Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (till 18 July).

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