



KEY INTERNATIONAL, PACIFIC & AOTEAROA DEVELOPMENT EVENTS IN 2008

- 60th Year of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Year of Planet Earth
- International Year of the Potato
- International Year of the Reef
- International Year of Sanitation
- International Year of Languages
- The 21st birthday & coming of age of the concept of Sustainable Development

January

- 14 JAN-1 FEB:** CEDAW (Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women), Geneva
- 23-27 JAN:** World Economic Forum, Annual Meeting, Davos, Switzerland
- 26 JAN:** World Social Forum, (Multiple locations)
- 19-20 JAN:** ECOSOC High-level Symposium in preparation for the Development Cooperation Forum, Cairo
- 29-30 JAN:** International Aid and Trade Conference, Geneva
- 30-31 JAN:** Structured Consultations for ADB's Safeguard Policy Update (SPU), Pacific Consultations, Sydney

February

- 13-16 FEB:** World Conference on the Development of Cities, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- *18-22 FEB:** The Oslo Process: A meeting of States in preparation for upcoming negotiations on an international treaty against cluster munitions, Wellington
- 25 FEB:** ECOSOC Special Event, "How can Philanthropy contribute to advancing the Millennium Development Goals, in particular those relating to Sustainable Development?" New York
- 25 FEB -7 MARCH:** CSW (Commission on the Status of Women, UNIFEM), "Financing for the Equality and Empowerment of Women", New York

March

- 8 MARCH:** International Women's Day (100 Year Anniversary)
- *10-13 MARCH:** Power Three-day Residential Hui, CID, Wellington
- 20 MARCH:** International Earth Day
- 21 MARCH:** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 MARCH:** World Water Day (Theme is Sanitation)

April

- 2-4 APRIL:** UNPFII International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change, Workshop, Darwin, Australia
- 7 APRIL:** World Health Day
- 7-11 APRIL:** UN Commission on Population and Development, New York
- 14 APRIL:** Annual High-level meeting of ECOSOC with Bretton Woods Institutions (World Bank and IMF) WTO and UNCTAD, New York
- 20-25 APRIL:** UN Conference On Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Accra, Ghana
- 30 APRIL - 11 MAY:** ECOSOC UN Commission on Sustainable Development, New York

May

- 1 MAY:** International Labour Day
- *TBA:** Human Rights Film Festival
- *3-18 MAY:** Fairtrade Fortnight in New Zealand
- 10-13 MAY:** UNDP - GEF (Global Environmental Facility) International Workshop on Evaluating Climate Change and Development: Results, Methods and Capacities, Alexandria, Egypt
- 15 MAY:** International Day of the Family
- 18 MAY:** International Debt Day
- 19-30 MAY:** The Oslo Process: A meeting of States to negotiate an international treaty against cluster munitions, Dublin
- 19-30 MAY:** Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Bonn, Germany
- *30 MAY-2 JUNE:** The United Nations Association (UNANZ) Annual Conference: focussing on the UN's role in Human Rights and Sustainable Development, with an emphasise on the Pacific, Auckland

June

- 5 JUNE:** World Environment Day
- 8 JUNE:** World Oceans Day
- 12 JUNE:** World Day Against Child Labour
- 20 JUNE:** World Refugee Day

July

- 7-9 JULY:** G8 Summit, Japan
- JULY:** ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum, New York

August

- 9 AUG:** International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 12 AUGUST:** International Youth Day

September

- 8 SEPT:** International Literacy Day
- 16 SEPT:** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- TBA:** The United Nations Meeting on MDG in Autumn

October

- 13 OCT:** Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, DC
- 17 OCT:** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- TBA:** Pacific Island Forum and Civil Society Forum, Solomon Islands - towards end of 2008

November

- 14-17 NOV:** AWID (Association of Women's Rights in Development) International Forum on Women's Rights and Development, Cape Town
- 20 NOV:** Universal Children's Day
- 19-20 NOV:** APEC Ministerial Meeting, Lima, Peru
- 22-23 NOV:** APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, Lima, Peru.
- 25 NOV:** Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25 NOV-10 DEC:** 16 Days of Activism on the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 29 NOV - 2 DEC:** UN Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, Doha

December

- 1 DEC:** World AIDS Day
- 5 DEC:** International Volunteers Day
- 10 DEC:** Human Rights Day

* =Aotearoa events

