



# KEY INTERNATIONAL, PACIFIC & AOTEAROA DEVELOPMENT EVENTS IN 2009

- International Year of Natural Fibres
- International Year of Rehabilitation
- 2006-16: Decade of Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Affected Regions
- 2008-2009 International Year of Human Rights Learning (for one year, beginning on 10 December 2008)
- 2008-2017: Second UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty
- 2009: Pacific Year of Climate Change (South Pacific Regional Environment Programme)

For UN Committee meeting dates see [www.un.org/events/](http://www.un.org/events/)

\* = Aotearoa events

## January

- 24-25 JAN: International Aid and Trade Conference, Geneva, Switzerland
- 26 JAN: International Economic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean 2009, Paris, France
- 26-27 JAN: High-level Meeting on Food Security for all, Madrid, Spain
- 27 JAN-1 FEB: World Social Forum 2009, Belém, Brazil
- 28 JAN-1 FEB: World Economic Forum Meeting – ‘Shaping the Post-Crisis World’, Davos, Switzerland

## February

- 20 FEB: World Day of Social Justice
- 21 FEB: International Mother Language Day
- 24-26 FEB: World Agricultural Forum: 2009 World Congress, New York, US

## March

- 5-7 MAR: Beyond Kyoto: Addressing the Challenges of Climate Change, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 8 MAR: International Women’s Day
- 10-12 MAR: International Scientific Congress on Climate Change, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 16-22 MAR: World Water Forum - Bridging Divides for Water, Istanbul, Turkey
- \*20-21 MAR: Eliminating World Poverty: Global Goals and Regional Progress, An IPS symposium on the MDGs in the Pacific, Wellington
- 21 MAR: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22 MAR: World Day for Water
- 31 MAR-1 APR: Pacific Plan Action Committee Meeting, Suva, Fiji
- 31 MAR-2 APR: UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, Bonn, Germany

## April

- 4 APR: International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 6-10 APR: Inclusive Agribusiness: Fighting Poverty, Hunger and Malnutrition, World Bank Institute, Washington DC, US
- 7 APR: World Health Day
- \*16-18 APR: Property Rights and Sustainability: The evolution of property rights to meet the challenges of sustainability, Auckland
- 20-24 APR: Durban Review Conference - World Conference against Racism, Durban 2001, Geneva, Switzerland
- 27 APR-1 MAY: 12th World Congress on Public Health, Istanbul, Turkey

## May

- 1 MAY: International Labour Day
- 2-3 MAY: Pacific Rim International Forum 2009: Securing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Focus on Poverty, Honolulu, Hawaii
- \*2-17 MAY: Fair Trade Fortnight in Aotearoa New Zealand
- 3 MAY: World Press Freedom Day
- 4-15 MAY: Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-17), New York, US
- 5-8 MAY: World Civic Forum 2009, Seoul, Korea
- 9 MAY: World Fair Trade Day
- 10-14 MAY: 5th World Environmental Education Congress, Montreal Convention Center, Quebec, Canada
- 18-27 MAY: World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland
- 21 MAY: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22 MAY: International Day for Biological Diversity
- 22-24 MAY: Pacific Islands Leaders’ Meeting, Tokyo & Hokkaido, Japan
- 24-26 MAY: World Business Summit on Climate Change, Copenhagen, Denmark

## June

- 4 JUN: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 5 JUN: World Environment Day
- 17 JUN: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 20 JUN: World Refugee Day
- 24-25 JUN: Meeting of the OECD at Ministerial Level 2009, Paris, France
- 26 JUN: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

## July

- 5 JUL: International Day of Cooperatives
- 8-10 JUL: G8 Meeting, Sardinia, Italy
- 9-10 JUL: 2009 International Aid & Trade, Washington DC, United States
- 11 JUL: World Population Day

## August

- 9 AUG: International Day of the World’s Indigenous People
- 12 AUG: International Youth Day

## September

- 8 SEPT: International Literacy Day
- 15 SEPT: International Day of Democracy
- 15 SEPT: UN General Assembly - 64th Session
- 16 SEPT: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 21 SEPT: International Day of Peace

## October

- 2 OCT: International Day of Non-Violence
- \*2 OCT: Global Peace March, Wellington
- 6 OCT: World Habitat Day
- 8 OCT: International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 16 OCT: World Food Day
- 17 OCT: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 24 OCT: UN Day
- 24 OCT: World Development Information Day
- 24-30 OCT: Disarmament Week

## November

- 9-15 NOV: State of the World Forum, Washington DC, US
- 11-12 NOV: APEC Ministerial Meeting, Singapore
- 14-15 NOV: APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting, Singapore
- 16 NOV: International Day for Tolerance
- 20 NOV: Universal Children’s Day
- 25 NOV: Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 29 NOV: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

## December

- \*TBA: Development Studies Network (DevNet) Symposium
- 1 DEC: World AIDS Day
- 2 DEC: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 5 DEC: International Volunteers Day
- 7-18 DEC: UN Climate Change Conference (COP15), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 10 DEC: Human Rights Day
- 18 DEC: International Migrants Day
- 19 DEC: UN Day for South-South Cooperation
- 20 DEC: International Human Solidarity Day