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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25 November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, kicking off the [#16days](#) of Activism against Gender-Based Violence! Violence against women is not inevitable. With a combination of specialized programmes, holistic policy, and a mobilized global movement, we can prevent violence against women and girls before it happens.

Learn more:

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



3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been commemorated since 1992 to promote awareness and mobilize support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society and development. The Day works to promote action to raise awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all.

Theme for 2015: Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities

The estimated one billion people living with disabilities worldwide face many barriers to inclusion in many key aspects of society. People with disabilities do not enjoy access to society on an equal basis with others, which includes areas of transportation, employment, and education as well as social and political participation. The right to participate in public life is essential to create stable democracies, active citizenship and reduce inequalities in society.

Sub-themes for IDPD 2015:

- Making cities inclusive and accessible for all
- Improving disability data and statistics
- Including persons with invisible disabilities in society and development

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1637>



5 December is International Volunteer Day

2015 Theme: The world is changing. Are you? Volunteer!

The [International Volunteer Day \(IVD\)](#) mandated by the UN General Assembly, is held each year on 5 December. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities and the private sector.

Apart from mobilising thousands of volunteers every year, the [United Nations Volunteers \(UNV\)](#) programme contributes to peace and development by advocating for the recognition of volunteers and working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming.

With the theme "The world is changing. Are you? Volunteer!" IVD 2015 is challenging every one of us to be part of implementing the newly launched Global Goals, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Human Rights Day 10 December 2015

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

The formal inception of Human Rights Day dates from 1950, after the Assembly passed resolution 423 (V) inviting all States and interested organizations to adopt 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day.

When the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, with 48 states in favor and eight abstentions, it was proclaimed as a "common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations", towards which individuals and societies should "strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance". Although the Declaration with its broad range of political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 [human rights instruments](#) which together constitute an international standard of human rights.