**International Years**

These are the international years currently observed by the United Nations.  
The resolution establishing each international year is listed in parenthesis.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**2017**

[International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development](http://www.tourism4development2017.org/)  ([A/RES/70/193](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/193))

**2016**

[International Year of Pulses](http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016)  ([A/RES/68/231](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/68/231))

**2015**

[International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies](http://www.light2015.org/Home.html)   ([A/RES/68/221](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/68/221))  
[International Year of Soils](http://www.fao.org/soils-2015/en/)   [FAO]  ([A/RES/68/232](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/68/232))

**2014**

[International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People](http://www.un.org/en/events/palestineyear/)   ([A/RES/68/12](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/68/12))  
[International Year of Small Island Developing States](http://www.un.org/en/events/islands2014/)   ([A/RES/67/206](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/67/206))  
[International Year of Crystallography](http://www.iycr2014.org/)   ([A/RES/66/284](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/66/284))  
[International Year of Family Farming](http://www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/en/)   ([A/RES/66/222](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/66/222))

**2013**

[International Year of Water Cooperation](http://www.un.org/en/events/worldwateryear/)   ([A/RES/65/154](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/65/154))  
[International Year of Quinoa](http://www.fao.org/quinoa-2013/home/en/)   ([A/RES/66/221](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/66/221))

**2012**

[International Year of Cooperatives](http://social.un.org/coopsyear/)   ([A/RES/64/136](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/136))  
[International Year of Sustainable Energy for All](http://www.un.org/en/events/sustainableenergyforall/)   ([A/RES/65/151](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/65/151))

**2011**

[International Year for People of African Descent](http://www.un.org/en/events/iypad2011/)   ([A/RES/64/169](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/169))  
[International Year of Chemistry](http://www.un.org/en/events/chemistry2011/)   ([A/RES/63/209](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/63/209))  
[International Year of Forests](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/2011/2011.html)   ([A/RES/61/193](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/193))  
[International Year of Youth](http://social.un.org/youthyear/)  ([A/RES/64/134](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/134))

**2010**

[International Year of Youth](http://social.un.org/youthyear/) (12 August 2010 — 11 August 2011)   ([A/RES/64/134](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/134))  
[International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures](http://www.un.org/en/events/iyrc2010/)   ([A/RES/62/90](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/62/90))  
[International Year of Biodiversity](http://www.cbd.int/2010/)   ([A/RES/61/203](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/203))  
International Year of the Seafarer

**2009**

International Year of Reconciliation   ([A/RES/61/17](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/17))  
[International Year of Natural Fibres](http://www.fao.org/natural-fibres-2009/en/)   ([A/RES/61/189](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/189))  
International Year of Human Rights Learning   ([A/RES/62/171](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/62/171))  
[International Year of Astronomy](http://www.astronomy2009.org/)   ([A/RES/62/200](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/62/200))  
[Year of the Gorilla](http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=7107&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html) (UNEP and UNESCO)

**2008**

[International Year of Planet Earth](http://yearofplanetearth.org/)   ([A/RES/60/192](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/60/192))  
[International Year of Languages](http://www.un.org/en/events/iyl/)   ([A/RES/61/266](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/266))  
[International Year of Sanitation](http://www.un.org/en/events/sanitation/)   ([A/RES/61/192](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/61/192))  
[International Year of the Potato](http://www.fao.org/potato-2008/en/index.html)   ([A/RES/60/191](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/60/191))

**2007-2008**

[International Polar Year](http://www.ipy.org/) (WMO)

**2006**

International Year of Deserts and Desertification   ([A/RES/58/211](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/58/211))

**2005**

[International Year of Microcredit](http://www.yearofmicrocredit.org/)   ([A/RES/53/197](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/53/197))  
[International Year for Sport and Physical Education](http://www.un.org/sport2005/)   ([A/RES/58/5](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/58/5))  
International Year of Physics   ([A/RES/58/293](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/58/293))

**2004**

International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition   ([A/RES/57/195](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/57/195))  
International Year of Rice   ([A/RES/57/162](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/57/162))

**2003**

Year of Kyrgyz Statehood   ([A/RES/57/248](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/57/248))  
International Year of Freshwater   ([A/RES/55/196](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/55/196))

**2002**

United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage   ([A/RES/56/8](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/56/8))  
International Year of Mountains   ([A/RES/53/24](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/53/24))  
International Year of Ecotourism   ([A/RES/53/200](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/53/200))

**2001**

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations   ([A/RES/53/22](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/53/22))  
International Year of Volunteers   ([A/RES/52/17](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/52/17))  
International Year of Mobilization against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance   [(A/RES/53/132](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/53/132))

**2000**

International Year of Thanksgiving   ([A/RES/52/16](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/52/16))  
International Year for the Culture of Peace   ([A/RES/52/15](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/52/15))

**1999**

International Year of Older Persons   ([A/RES/47/5](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/47/5)  [A/RES/50/141](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/50/141))

**1998**

International Year of the Ocean   ([A/RES/49/131](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/49/131))

**1996**

International Year for the Eradication of Poverty   ([A/RES/48/183](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/48/183))

**1995**

United Nations Year for Tolerance   ([A/RES/48/126](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/48/126))  
World Year of Peoples’ Commemoration of the Victims of the Second World War   ([A/RES/49/25](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/49/25))

**1994**

[International Year of the Family](http://social.un.org/index/Family/InternationalObservances/InternationalYearoftheFamily.aspx)  ([A/RES/44/82](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/44/82))  
International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal   ([A/RES/48/10](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/48/10))

**1993**

International Year for the World's Indigenous People   ([A/RES/45/164](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/45/164) [A/RES/47/75](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/47/75))

**1992**

International Space Year  ([A/RES/44/46](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/44/46))

**1990**

International Literacy Year  ([A/RES/42/104](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/42/104))

**1987**

International Year of Shelter for The Homeless   ([A/RES/36/71](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/36/71) [A/RES/37/221](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/37/221))

**1986**

International Year of Peace   ([A/RES/37/16](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/37/16) [A/RES/40/3](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/40/3))

**1985**

Year of the United Nations  ([A/RES/39/161 A](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/39/161))  
International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace   ([A/RES/34/151](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/34/151))

**1983**

World Communications Year; Development of Communication Infrastructures   ([A/RES/36/40](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/36/40))

**1982**

International Year of Mobilization for Sanctions Against South Africa   ([A/RES/36/172 B](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/36/172))

**1981**

International Year for Disabled Persons   ([A/RES/31/123](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/31/123))

**1979**

International Year of The Child   ([A/RES/31/169](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/31/169))

**1978/79**

International Anti-Apartheid Year   ([A/RES/32/105 B](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/32/105))

**1975**

International Women's Year   ([A/RES/3010 (XXVII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/3010%20(XXVII)))

**1974**

World Population Year    ([A/RES/2683 (XXV)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2683%20(XXV)))

**1971**

International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Prejudice   ([A/RES/2544 (XXIV)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2544%20(XXIV)))

**1970**

International Education Year   ([A/RES/2306 (XXII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2306%20(XXII)) [A/RES/2412 (XXIII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2306%20(XXII)))

**1968**

International Year for Human Rights    ([A/RES/2081 (XX)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2081%20(XX)))

**1967**

International Tourist Year    ([A/RES/2148 (XXI)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/2148%20(XXI)))

**1965**

International Co-operation Year  ([A/RES/1907 (XVIII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/1907%20(XVIII)))

**1961**

International Health and Medical Research Year   ([A/RES/1283 (XIII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/1283%20(XIII)))

**1959/1960**

World Refugee Year    ([A/RES/1285 (XIII)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/1285%20(XIII)))

1. Source: <http://www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-years/index.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)