70th Anniversary Celebration for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

AGENDA

We are all equal in dignity and rights

#standup4humanrights
Born out of two World Wars, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is just as powerfully relevant as it was on its first day.

Drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person.

Thanks to the Declaration, and States’ commitments to its principles, the dignity of millions has been uplifted and the foundation for a more just world has been laid. While its promise is yet to be fully realized, the very fact that it has stood the test of time is testament to the enduring universality of its perennial values.

To highlight what the Universal Declaration means for people in their everyday lives, UN Human Rights launched a year-long campaign that will culminate in the actual occasion of the Declaration’s 70th anniversary celebration on 10 December 2018.

1. Objectives

The campaign has three core objectives:

- to engage a broad base of audiences the world over;
- to help promote understanding of how the Universal Declaration empowers us all;
- and encourage further reflection on the ways that each of us can stand up for rights, every day.

2. Key messages

The UDHR 70 campaign, which is a continuation of the Stand up for someone’s rights today movement of 2017, looks to emphasize the following:

- The UDHR empowers us all.
- Human rights are relevant for all of us, every day.
- Our shared humanity is rooted in these universal values.
- Equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.
- Whenever and wherever humanity’s values are abandoned, we all are at greater risk.
- We need to stand up for our rights and those of others.

See the full messages in the 6 UN languages here

3. #Standup4HumanRights

All of us can promote and defend human rights. Please visit www.standup4humanrights.org and learn about ways to promote, engage and reflect on human rights.

- Campaign website – www.standup4humanrights.org
- Downloadable 70th anniversary logo in 6 languages
- Social media: #standup4humanrights

facebook.com/unitednationshumanrights

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4. Overview of activities/events

The UDHR 70 campaign is an opportunity for all actors – in partnership with the UN Human Rights Office or on their own– to express, celebrate and encourage support for human rights.

You may wish to join forces with us by engaging around three categories of dates:

1. **Institutional dates**
2. **International Days related to Human Rights**
3. **Initiatives planned by partners, which include a UDHR focus**. This may be stand-alone events organised from scratch or, more generally, event already planned which are an occasion to mark the anniversary.

### Institutional Dates

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| 26 Feb - 23 March | • Human Rights Council (37th)  
|                 | • Round table on the UDHR on the occasion of the High Level Segment  
|                 | • Side events/animation                                                          |
| May-June        | 25th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action                  |
| 18 June - 6 July | Human Rights Council (38th)                                                       |
| 10 Sep - 28 Sep | Human Rights Council (39th)                                                       |
| Fall            | UN GA High-level plenary meeting of the GA on the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders |
| 26 June         | 20th anniversary of the UN convention on UN Human Rights Defenders                |
| 10 December     | Anniversary Date / Human Rights Prize                                             |

### International Days related to Human Rights

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International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists
Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Human Rights Day
International Migrants Day

Note: The UN Human Rights Office will create content for each of these dates, please get in touch with uahr70@ohchr.org if you’d like to partner on any of these occasions or just spread our messages.

Events organized by partners with a UDHR focus

23-26 January Davos Forum
24-26 January Students United Nations (SUN) - General Assembly in Geneva
28 January Side event on the margins of the 30th AU Summit in Addis Ababa with the President of Ghana - 70th Anniversary of the UDHR / Ratification of the Maputo Protocol
6 February Pyeongchang Olympics ‘Talk’ Concert on the SDG and the UDHR + possible separate event for the Paralympics (tbc)
3 February Festival Antigel “Occupied Geneva” - Artist creating an outside piece of arts on Gender Equality
21-23 February Global alliance of the National Human Rights institutions
9 March International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights
8-18 March Salon de l’automobile Geneva Road safety and the UDHR
26 March - Stand up for cultural rights - Round table on the preservation of patrimony with Mayors from around the world (tbc)
21 April UEFA Solidarity Match in Geneva
May - June Exhibition at the GVA Airport
3 May Launch of the UDHR stamp sheet, International Briefmarken-Messe Stamp show, Essen, Germany
16 June Open Day Palais Wilson, Geneva followed by concert
16-22 July Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition
November Human Rights Week, Geneva
November Gala event on Global Women in Music for Human Rights with the Fondazione Adkins Chiti: Donne in Musica, Roma, Italy

Note: This list is being updated on an ongoing basis and does not show the various initiatives at local level in the 60+ countries where the UN human Rights has a presence.