



Timely Dates for GRAN Advocacy Planning **September 2022 – July 2023**

Many national and international “Days of ...” and global summits and conferences can act as the perfect frames to highlight issues that GRANs care deeply about. The calendar below captures dates that best align with GRAN priorities and campaigns and aims to inspire GRAN groups and individuals to pick opportune timings throughout the year to draw attention to GRAN advocacy issues. [Note: Many international days and weeks of observance not included below are described and promoted on websites such as the United Nations <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-days-and-weeks> and the World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/campaigns> . We encourage you to check them out.]

We hope this resource will be helpful as you plan ahead for advocacy in the coming months. It is intended to be “a work in progress”. To add events or provide updates, please email Sheila Robertson at sheila.robcom@gmail.com .

House of Commons in Session Fall 2022:

September 19 - October 7

October 17 - November 4

November 14 - December 16

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**April 20 -
November 22**

GRAN Health Equity Campaign -- Advocating for fair global access to lifesaving medicines.

[Health Equity: Fair Global Access to Lifesaving Medicines/Vaccines | Grandmothers Advocacy Network \(GRAN\)](#)

**July 29 -
August 2**

24th International AIDS Conference, Montreal -- Featuring the latest HIV science, the program offers a range of topics, including exploring Indigenous responses to HIV, surveillance ethics, health innovation, HIV cure, and vaccine research.

[AIDS 2022, the 24th International AIDS Conference](#)

- September 30** **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada)** -- Honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>
- Date TBD** **Seventh Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund**
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/seventh-replenishment/>
- October 1** **International Day of Older Persons** -- Created in 1990 by the United Nations to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to our society.
[International Day of Older Persons | United Nations](#)
- October 11** **International Day of the Girl Child** -- Created in 2012 by the United Nations to promote girls' human rights, highlight gender inequalities and address the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world.
[International Day of the Girl Child | United Nations](#)
- November 7-18** **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt** -- A strong presence from Africa, Lower Income Countries, and Small Island States is anticipated and a focus by them on funding for Loss and Damages related to climate disasters.
<https://sdg.iisd.org/events/2021-un-climate-change-conference-unfccc-cop-27/>
- November 25** **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**
Chosen in 1999 by the United Nations to commemorate three sisters from the Dominican Republic who were assassinated in 1960.
[International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women | United Nations](#)
- November 25 -
December 10** **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** -- Women's organizations, advocates, and activists join together for the campaign which links the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and with International Human Rights Day.
[16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

- December 6** **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Canada)** -- Commemorated on the anniversary of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre, in which an armed student murdered fourteen women and injured ten others in the name of "fighting feminism".
[National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - Wikipedia](#)
- December 1** **World AIDS Day** -- Official day of the World Health Organization since 1988.
[World AIDS Day | United Nations](#)
- December 10** **Human Rights Day** -- Proclaimed by the United Nations in 1950 to promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
[Human Rights Day | United Nations](#)

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- February 6 - 12** **International Development Week (Canada)** -- Draws attention to international development and spotlights the important contributions Canadians are making through partnerships around the world.
https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/idw-sdi.aspx?lang=eng
- March 8** **International Women's Day** -- Ranges from celebration of respect, appreciation, and love towards women to a celebration of women's economic, political, and social achievements.
[International Women's Day | United Nations](#)
- March 24** **World Tuberculosis Day** -- Created by the World Health Organization to build public awareness that tuberculosis remains an epidemic in much of the world; it is a major cause of death as an outcome of HIV/AIDS.
[World TB Day \(who.int\)](#)
- April 24 - 30** **World Immunization Week** -- Since 2012, the official week of the World Health Organization.
[World Immunization Week 2022 \(who.int\)](#)
- April 25** **World Malaria Day** -- Celebrating the achievements of countries approaching – and achieving – malaria elimination.
[world malaria day 2022 - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

June is an eventful month with plenty of scope for GRAN advocacy!

- June 5** **UNESCO - World Environment Day** -- Highlights the protection and health of the environment as a major issue.
[World Environment Day | United Nations](#)
- June 15** **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** -- Initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in 2006 and was recognized as a UN Day in 2011.
[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day | United Nations](#)
- June 16** **International Day of the African Child** -- Honours those who participated in the Soweto Uprising in 1976 and focuses attention on the barriers African children face in order to receive a quality education.
[International Day of the African Child \(nationaltoday.com\)](#)
- June TBD** **Pride Day in Canada**
[Canada Gay Pride Calendar 2022 \(misterbandb.com\)](#)