



## **Timely Dates for GRAN Advocacy Planning** **September 2022 – June 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](mailto:sheila.robcom@gmail.com) .

### **House of Commons in Session Fall 2022:**

**September 19 - October 7**  
**October 17 - November 4**  
**November 14 - December 16**

## **2022**

**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**

**24<sup>th</sup> 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** -- The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics.  
<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**  
Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, and peace, as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. This day is a call for global action to increase awareness, promote advocacy and create opportunities for discussion on challenges and solutions.  
[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 this global campaign which links the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and International Human Rights Day.  
[16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence | UN Women](#)

**December 1**      **World AIDS Day** -- People around the world unite to raise awareness and show support for people living with and affected by HIV, to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS, and to celebrate victories, such as increased access to treatment and prevention services.

[World AIDS Day | United Nations](#)

**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".

[The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women | Canada.ca](#)

**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](#)

## 2023

**February 5 - 11**      **International Development Week (Canada)** -- Draws attention to international development and spotlights the important contributions Canadians are making through partnerships around the world.

[International Development Week | International.gc.ca](#)

**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 raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.

[World TB Day | who.int](#)

**April 23 - 29**      **World Immunization Week** -- Aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

[World Immunization Week 2022 | who.int](#)

**April 25**      **World Malaria Day** -- Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that continues to have a devastating impact on the health and livelihood of people around the world. World Malaria Day is an occasion to highlight the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control.

[World Malaria Day | who.int](http://www.who.int/world-malaria-day)

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

**June**      **Pride Month** -- Parades, festivals and events take place across Canada and around the world celebrating 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and communities. Contributions to society by 2SLGBTQ+ persons receive special recognition. Pride month celebrates the progress made towards the eradication of hatred and discrimination while recognizing that much work still needs to be done so that 2SLGBTQ+ persons everywhere may live openly in community, free from fear.

[History of Canadian Pride](#)

**June 5**      **World Environment Day** -- Highlights the protection and health of the environment as urgent global issues, and provides a global platform for taking action to help drive change in national and international environmental policy.

[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. In many parts of the world, elder abuse occurs with little recognition or response. This day is a call to action to protect the human rights of older persons.

[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](#)