

## **SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND DAYS TO UNAFRI AND OTHER CRIME STAKE HOLDERS**

The United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) is the United Nations African regional mechanism for fighting crime and its attendant negative consequences on sustainable socio-economic cum political development of countries.

It is for reiteration to state that crime and criminality know no boundaries in terms of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, status or geographical demarcation. It is an abstract concept that permeates almost all sectors of life. Thus, the observances and special days listed below are, but not the only, opportunities to combat crime in all its forms at individual and community levels. They, therefore, are in the core of the notable occasions for UNAFRI and they should become core opportunities for all organizations in the fight against crime as well and for all other Crime Stakeholders.

It is unfortunate that many people forget such special occasions. Consequently, the Days and Observances have, herewith, been placed in the UNAFRI's website to remind everyone so that all hands will be on deck to fight the monster better known as Crime

1. International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World **(2001-2010)**
2. United Nations Literacy Decade **(2003-2012)**
3. International Decade for Action: Water for Life **(2005-2015)**
4. International Year of Planet Earth **(2008)**
5. International Year of Sanitation **(2008)**
6. International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust **(27<sup>th</sup> January)**
7. International Women's Day **(8<sup>th</sup> March)**
8. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination **(21<sup>st</sup> March)**
9. International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action **(4<sup>th</sup> April)**
10. World Health Day **(7<sup>th</sup> April)**
11. World Book and Copyright Day **(23<sup>rd</sup> April)**
12. Education for All Global Action Week **(23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April)**
13. United Nations Global Road Safety Week **(23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April)**
14. World Environment Day **(5<sup>th</sup> June)**
15. World Day Against Child Labour **(12<sup>th</sup> June)**

16. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (**12<sup>th</sup> June**)
17. World Blood Donor Day (**14<sup>th</sup> June**)
18. Conference on Fragile States-Fragile Groups (**15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June**)
19. World Refugee Day (**20<sup>th</sup> June**)
20. United Nations Public Service Day (**23<sup>rd</sup> June**)
21. International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (**26<sup>th</sup> June**)
22. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (**26<sup>th</sup> June**)
23. 7<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Reinventing Government (**26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June**)
24. International Day of the World's Indigenous People (**9<sup>th</sup> August**)
25. International Youth Day (**12<sup>th</sup> August**)
26. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (**23<sup>rd</sup> August**)
27. World Habitat Day (**1<sup>st</sup> October**)
28. International Day of Older Persons (**1<sup>st</sup> October**)
29. International Day of Non-violence (**2<sup>nd</sup> October**)
30. World Mental Health Day (**10<sup>th</sup> October**)
31. International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (**10<sup>th</sup> October**)
32. International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict (**6<sup>th</sup> November**)
33. International Day for Tolerance (**16<sup>th</sup> November**)
34. Africa Industrialization Day (**20<sup>th</sup> November**)
35. Universal Children's Day (**20<sup>th</sup> November**)
36. World Television Day (**21<sup>st</sup> November**)
37. International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women (**25<sup>th</sup> November**)