

2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

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<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>16 - World Religion Day 18 > 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 27 - Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February (Black History Month)</p> <p>1 > 8 World Interfaith Harmony Week 6 - Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM 20 - World Day of Social Justice 21 - Mother Language Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>8 - Int'l Women's Day 20 - Int'l Day of Happiness! 21 - Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 22 - World Water Day 26 - Earth Hour (observed 8:30 > 9:30 pm)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4 - Int'l Day for Mine Awareness & Action 4 - National Refugee Rights Day 7 - World Health Day 22 - Earth Day 24 - World Immunization Day 25 - World Malaria Day 28 - Nat'l Day of Mourning (Workers)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>2 - Mental Health Sunday (UCC) 3 - World Press Freedom Day 10 - World Migratory Bird Day 15 - Int'l Day of Families 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 22 - Int'l Day for Biological Diversity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>1 - Global Day of Parents 5 - World Environment Day 8 - World Oceans Day 12 - World Day Against Child Labour 20 - World Refugee Day 21 - Nat'l Indigenous Peoples' Day 26 - Int'l Day in Support of Torture Victims</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>1 - Canada Day 2 - Int'l Day of Cooperatives 11 - World Population Day 18 - Nelson Mandela Day 28 - World Hepatitis Day 30 - Int'l Day of Friendship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>1 - Emancipation Day 9 - Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People 12 - Int'l Youth Day 19 - World Humanitarian Day 29 - Int'l Day Against Nuclear Tests</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>5 - Int'l Day of Charity 8 - Int'l Literacy Day 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day 15 - Int'l Day of Democracy & Peace 21 - Int'l Day of Prayer for Peace 30 - Nat'l Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October (Mi'kmaq History Month)</p> <p>1 - Int'l Day for Older Persons 1 - NS Mi'kmaq Treaty Day 2 - Int'l Day of Non-Violence 3 - World Habitat Day 4 - National <i>Sisters in Spirit</i> Vigil 10 - World Mental Health Day 16 - World Food Day 17 - Int'l Day for Poverty Eradication</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>11 - Remembrance Day 16 - Int'l Day of Tolerance 20 - Universal Children's Day 25 - Int'l Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 29 - Int'l Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>1 - World AIDS Day 2 - Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery 3 - Int'l Day of People with Disabilities 5 - Int'l Volunteer Day 6 - Nat'l Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence 10 - Human Rights Day</p>

The UN's General Assembly has declared 2022 the "International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture" (IYAFA 2022). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN is the lead agency for celebrating this in collaboration with relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system. IYAFA 2022 is an important recognition of the millions of small-scale fishers, fish farmers and fish workers who provide healthy and nutritious food to billions of people and contribute to achieving Zero Hunger.

The objective of celebrating IYAFA 2022 is twofold: it aims to focus world attention on the role that small-scale fishers, fish farmers and fish workers play in food security and nutrition, poverty eradication and sustainable natural resource use – thereby increasing global understanding and action to support them.

There is no universal definition of 'artisanal' or 'small-scale' fisheries or aquaculture. In general, these terms describe fisheries and aquaculture that use relatively small production units with relatively low input and low output, and limited levels of technology and small capital investment. They are commonly managed on a family level, sometimes with a small group of employees, or at a community level. The fish are often sold in local markets, but can also reach national and international markets. For the purpose of IYAFA, small-scale and artisanal are used interchangeably.

Why an International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture?

The global food system faces complex challenges, including hunger, malnutrition and diet-related diseases, an ever-growing global population that needs sufficient and healthy food, the need to reduce food loss and waste, the depletion of natural resources and effects of climate change, as well as the effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants are fundamental, essential and indispensable foods eaten by people around the world as part of healthy diets, cultural heritage and culinary tradition. Small-scale artisanal fishers and fish farmers produce a large portion of this food, and as such, IYAFA 2022 is an opportunity to highlight the importance of their efforts for our food systems, livelihoods, culture and the environment. These workers hold enormous potential to promote transformative changes in how, by whom and for whom fish and fishery products are produced, processed and distributed – with positive ripple effects felt throughout the global food system.



IYAFA 2022 aims to raise awareness on the role of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, strengthen science-policy interaction, empower stakeholders to take action, and to build new and strengthen existing partnerships. IYAFA 2022 can also act as a springboard towards implementing the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related documents, like the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication, and take concrete actions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as we enter the last decade of action to achieve the 2030 Agenda. It also falls within the UN Decade of Family Farming, the two observances will reinforce one another in providing greater visibility to small-scale artisanal fishers, fishfarmers and fish workers.

Let's work together for a world in which small-scale artisanal fishers, fishfarmers and fish workers are fully recognized and empowered to continue their contributions for human well-being, food systems and poverty alleviation through the responsible and sustainable use of fisheries and aquaculture resources.