



July 18, which is Nelson Mandela's birthday, was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as Nelson Mandela International Day in 2010. The celebration of this international day recognises and gives credence to the former President's commitment to human rights, conflict resolution and reconciliation.

It is an annual celebration of Nelson Mandela's life and a global call to action for people to recognise their individual power to make an imprint and change the world around them.

A global movement for positive change begins with small actions. As each person acts, they fuel momentum toward positive change, raising awareness and expanding the reach of Mr Mandela's values – fighting injustice, helping people in need and practicing reconciliation.

Mandela Day was created to inspire people to embrace the values of democracy and contribute towards the ideals of ensuring a just and fair society.

This day recognises the icon's leading role in and support for Africa's struggle for liberation and unity, and his outstanding contribution to the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist democratic South Africa.

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- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Nelson Mandela International Day](#) (about; news; activities; gallery; media/resources)

- [United Nations: Nelson Mandela International Day](#)
- [Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory](#) – the life and times of Nelson Mandela
- [Nelson Mandela Foundation](#)
- [Nelson Mandela Children's Fund](#)
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- [Nelson Mandela Institute for Education and Rural Development](#)
- [Nelson Mandela Month](#)
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- [Brand South Africa: Nelson Mandela](#)

NB: Mandela Day is not a public holiday.