



### **Abu Dhabi Ascent (4-5 May)**

In advance of the Climate Summit in September, the United Arab Emirates is hosting the Abu Dhabi Ascent to help strengthen efforts to mobilize action on the ground and to raise the political will that is needed to address climate change.



### **World Press Freedom Day (3 May)**

The theme for this year's World Press Freedom Day, coordinated by UNESCO, is "Media Freedom for a Better Future: Shaping the post-2015 Development Agenda." The focus is on three inter-related themes: the media's importance in development; the safety of journalists and the rule of law; and the sustainability and integrity of journalism.



### **MY World Global Week of Action (5-11 May)**

MY World is the United Nations vote for a better world and the only vehicle for citizens to directly have their say on the next global development agenda. To date, more than 2 million people from 194 countries have voted for the world they want. The Global Week of Action is a worldwide mobilization effort to gather 500,000 additional votes from 5-11 May. This will include a Global Vote Day on 8 May.



### **World Migratory Bird Day (10-11 May)**

With the theme "Destination Flyways: Migratory Birds and Tourism", World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2014 will highlight the links between migratory bird conservation, local community development and wildlife watching tourism around the world.

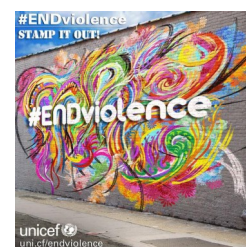
### **ECHO campaign launch (13 May)**

UNICEF in collaboration with the European Union will launch the 'Voices of Children in Emergencies' campaign. Running until September, the campaign will capture stories of children in emergencies such as natural disasters and conflict.



### **Launch of the #ENDviolence initiative: Phase 2 (18 May)**

UNICEF will launch the #ENDviolence initiative in Brazil on the National Day against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children and Adolescents, with a strong link to the FIFA World Cup. Brazil's national campaign ("It's in Your Hands to Protect Our Children") will provide an app for smartphones called "Proteja Brasil," to report cases of violence against children in the 12 World Cup host cities.



## International Days

3 May: **World Press Freedom Day**

8-9 May: **Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War**

10-11 May: **World Migratory Bird Day**

15 May: **International Day of Families**

17 May: **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**

21 May : **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

22 May: **International Day for Biological Diversity**

23 May: **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula**

24 May: **"Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon**

29 May: **International Day of UN Peacekeepers**

31 May: **World No-Tobacco Day**