

# WORLD AGENDA

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**1** Oct 3, Sao Paulo: **Dilma Rousseff**, Brazil's ruling party candidate, is poised for victory in presidential elections despite an ethics scandal allegedly involving a former aide. She is set to replace the hugely popular **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**, who must step down after two terms in office

**2** Oct 1, London: American **Bob Dudley** replaces Briton **Tony Hayward** as chief executive of BP. Hayward was forced to quit following his handling of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill

**3** Oct 6, Brussels: Details are unveiled of the EU's new **Single Market Act**, which aims to create jobs and boost cross-border trade and investment across the 27-nation bloc

**4** Oct 1, Kigali: The final version of a UN report, a leaked version of which made the sternest accusations to date against Rwanda of human rights violations in Congo, is published. President **Paul Kagame** rejected the draft's findings as "absurd"

**5** Oct 3-14, New Delhi: India scrambles against the clock to save the **Commonwealth Games** with big ticket athletes quitting the showcase event and nations threatening to stay home unless authorities clean up venues "unfit for human habitation"

**6** Oct 10, Bishkek: Landmark elections in

Kyrgyzstan are set to turn the former Soviet state into the first parliamentary democracy in central Asia, a region run by authoritarian presidents

**7** Oct 27, London: **James Bond's Aston Martin DB5** is expected to fetch over £5 million at auction – the most ever paid for a vehicle from a film. It comes fitted with machine guns, revolving number plates, oil slick sprayer and smoke screen

**8** Oct 18-29, Japan: Nations meet at the **Nagoya Biodiversity Summit** to agree new targets to try to halt an unprecedented decline in species – that some experts say is 1,000 times faster than the rate of natural progression – by 2050

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