

WORLD AGENDA 2011



Sep: *Oprah Winfrey* ends her TV chat-show after 25 years



Nov: France chairs the sixth G20 summit

Apr: The Indian city of Mumbai hosts the final of the *Cricket World Cup*



Feb,

China: The Year of the Rabbit symbolises calm and affection, but also insecurity



Jun: NASA's space shuttle fleet will retire after three decades of service. The final mission – STS-135 – will be made by Shuttle *Atlantis*

Jul: General elections in Turkey

Apr: Cuba holds the first Communist Party Congress in 14 years

Feb: Presidential elections in Uganda

1 JANUARY: Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia with more than 17 million entries that anyone can edit, celebrates its 10th birthday



5 APRIL: *Prince William*, second in line to the UK throne, marries long-term girlfriend *Kate Middleton* at Westminster Abbey



9 JULY: The U.S. begins to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan amid pressure at home and from allies to end involvement in a long, expensive war

13 OCTOBER: NATO aims to ramp up to 306,000 the number of trained local forces in Afghanistan – up from 268,000 in Dec 2010 – as foreign troops withdraw

2 Southern Sudan is expected to vote for independence in a referendum as part of the 2005 north-south peace deal that ended Africa's longest civil war



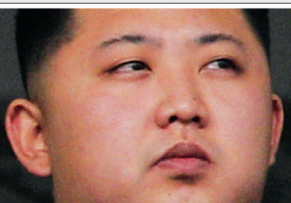
6 Elections in Nigeria are set to be the country's most-closely contested since the end of military rule a decade ago



10 *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*, the final film in the series, is released



3 FEBRUARY: Speculation is growing that as N. Korea's ailing ruler *Kim Jong-il* turns 70, his son *Kim Jong-un* may take over day-to-day management of state affairs



7 MAY: The political wing of Basque separatist group ETA aims to fight Spain's local elections with a new party that condemns violence

8 JUNE: A UN campaign, *World Day Against Child Labour*, aims to eliminate the worst forms by 2016

4 MARCH: Iran starts full-scale uranium enrichment, which the west fears will lead to the production of nuclear weapons



11 AUGUST: U.S. president *Barack Obama* celebrates his 50th birthday

14 NOVEMBER: The Democratic Republic of Congo holds presidential and parliamentary elections

15 DECEMBER: The latest date international negotiators have set for agreeing a global climate deal to succeed the *Kyoto Protocol*

12 SEPTEMBER: The *Rugby World Cup* is expected to attract over 70,000 visitors to New Zealand. Twenty teams play over seven weekends

