

# WORLD AGENDA

## OCTOBER 2014

**1** Oct 5, Brasilia: Brazil's presidential election is expected to go to a run-off on October 27 between leftist incumbent **Dilma Rousseff** and popular environmentalist **Marina Silva**, who surged in the polls after joining the race on the death of her party's original candidate in August

**2** Oct 1, Hong Kong: Pro-democracy group **Occupy Central** is planning to lock down the city's financial district after Beijing's decision to vet candidates for the city's next leader. The election in 2017 will be the first in which the Hong Kong chief executive is directly chosen by voters

**3** Oct 12, La Paz: President **Evo Morales**, who became Bolivia's first indigenous president in 2006, is seeking a third term after winning a Supreme Court ruling allowing him to stand again under a new constitution

**4** Oct 8, Milan: Italian Prime Minister **Matteo Renzi** hosts a meeting of EU leaders to discuss growth and jobs. The summit is expected to focus on youth employment, one of the major problems facing the EU as it tries to revive its stagnating economy

**5** Oct 26, Tunis: The Islamist **Ennahda** and secular **Nidaa Tounes** parties are frontrunners in a parliamentary election that completes Tunisia's transition to democracy. A new constitution in

January followed the 2011 overthrow of president **Zine El Abidine Ben Ali** during the Arab Spring

**6** Oct 4, Mecca: Health officials in Saudi Arabia say they are doing all they can to avoid spreading the **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (Mers)** coronavirus at the annual Hajj pilgrimage. The virus has killed 302 people in Saudi Arabia since it first emerged in 2012

**7** Oct 12, Cairo: Egypt hosts a conference on the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, following the seven-week war with Israel. The Palestinian Authority, in its most comprehensive estimate to date, puts the cost at \$7.8bn

**8** Oct 11, Hawaii: More than 2,500 triathletes compete in the gruelling **World Ironman Championship**. The 4km open water swim, 180km bike ride and full marathon all take place in 100-degree heat and high humidity