

WORLD AGENDA

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1 October 19, United States: The last of three presidential debates between *Hillary Clinton* and *Donald Trump* takes place in Las Vegas, Nevada, just three weeks before Election Day on November 8

3 October, Canada: Canada and the European Union plan to sign a new trade agreement with ratification to follow early in 2017. Supporters of the **Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)** say it will boost the EU economy by \$13.5bn

4 Oct 2, Colombia: Colombians vote on whether to accept the peace accord forged by President *Juan Manuel Santos* with the **Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)**. The yes-no vote is anything but straightforward and a Yes vote might not end the country's entrenched violence

6 Oct 3, Norway: The **Nobel Peace Prize** laureate is announced in Oslo. A record 376 nominations have been submitted for this year's prize, reportedly including such diverse figures as *Donald Trump*, *Angela Merkel* and *Pope Francis*

7 Oct 19, Space: The European Space Agency's **Schiaparelli** module is due to land on the surface of the Red Planet, where it will study the electrical fields that trigger Martian dust storms and weather patterns

2 Oct 15, France: Paris opens its first refugee camp for the growing number of migrants sleeping rough on the city's streets. Around 400 men will be housed in the north of the city, while a second camp for women and children will open by the year end in Ivry-sur-Seine

5 Oct 20, Slovenia: The **International Whaling Commission** meets 70 years after it was founded to regulate the industry. Japan's dismissal of an International Court of Justice ruling to cease whaling in the Antarctic is likely to be high on the agenda

8 Oct 2, Switzerland: Tennis star *Maria Sharapova* finds out if her two-year doping ban is to be overturned. The five-time Grand Slam winner was banned by the International Tennis Federation after testing positive for meldonium at the 2016 Australian Open