

# WORLD AGENDA

JANUARY 2021

**1** Jan 20, U.S.: *Joe Biden* will be sworn in as the 46th U.S. President at the Capitol but the usual large crowds will be absent in a scaled-back event due to the pandemic

**2** Jan 15-16, Germany: The *Christian Democratic Union's* leadership election brings (L-R) *Norbert Roettgen*, *Armin Laschet* and *Friedrich Merz* into contention to succeed *Angela Merkel* as both CDU leader and its candidate in September's federal election

**3** Jan 26, Switzerland: This year's *World Economic Forum* in Davos will focus on the idea that the wipeout conditions of the pandemic have created a blank slate to build a "more fair, sustainable and resilient future"

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**5** Jan 15, U.S.: *Donald Trump* plans to withdraw the first tranche of U.S. troops from Afghanistan and Iraq, five days before Joe Biden takes office

**7** Jan 15-Feb 22, New Zealand: The *PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series* will determine which of three crews will take on Emirates Team New Zealand for the *36th America's Cup* in March

**8** Jan 31, U.S.: *Beyoncé* should pick up a few more gongs at the *Grammy Awards* after topping the list with nine nominations

**4** Jan 11-15, Ethiopia: The 34th *African Union Summit* can celebrate the continent's escape from the worst of Covid-19, and hints of peace in Libya and Sudan. But flare-ups in Ethiopia and Western Sahara, and Egypt's dam dispute with Ethiopia, are cause for concern

**6** Jan 4, UK: A ruling is expected in *Julian Assange's* extradition trial. U.S. prosecutors have indicted him on 17 espionage charges over the publication of secret military documents