

WORLD AGENDA

OCTOBER 2022

1 Oct 16, China: The Communist Party holds its five-yearly congress, with **Xi Jinping** set for an unprecedented third term in power. Effectively made "president for life" in 2018, Xi is seen as the nation's most powerful ruler since **Mao Zedong**

2 Oct 2, Brazil: With far-right incumbent **Jair Bolsonaro** trailing leftist former president **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** in the polls, Brazil is braced for a Trump-like refusal from its current leader to accept defeat in the general election

3 Oct 11, Japan: Tough pandemic-related border restrictions are to be scrapped, paving the way for mass tourism for the first time in over two years

4 Oct 6, Czech Rep.: EU and aspirant nations, plus the UK, Israel and Turkey, are invited to the first meeting of a new **European Political Community**, proposed by French president **Emmanuel Macron** to bolster regional co-operation in the face of Russian aggression

8 Oct 1-2, Mongolia: Up to 80 eagle hunters take part in the **Golden Eagle Festival** in Bayan-Ulgii, a two-day display of traditional hunting skills based on the eagle's speed, agility and accuracy

5 Oct, France: The **European Space Agency** wraps up its 18-month selection process to recruit 4-6 new astronauts, including one chosen from applicants with disabilities

6 Oct 3-10: Sweden & Norway: The 2022 **Nobel Prize** winners are named, with the Peace award announced on Oct 7

7 Oct 1, United Arab Emirates: The site of the **Dubai Expo 2020** exhibition reopens as **Expo City Dubai**, billed as a clean, green and tech-enabled city built around sustainability

