



# WORLD AGENDA

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**1 Dec 10, Argentina:** Far-right libertarian **Javier Milei** is sworn in as president, a major change for a country battling with inflation nearing 150%, two-fifths of the population in poverty and a looming recession




**2 Dec 20, D.R. Congo:** President **Felix Tshisekedi**, who has been running the vast country of nearly 100 million people since 2019, faces off against more than two dozen rivals in presidential elections

**3 Dec 7-8, China:** The European Commission and Council presidents, **Ursula von der Leyen** and **Charles Michel**, travel to Beijing for the first in-person summit with Chinese leaders in four years amid heightened geopolitical tensions



**4 Dec 24, U.S.:** The debut flight of the **Vulcan Centaur** rocket, the successor to the **Atlas V** and **Delta IV** vehicles, will carry the inaugural flight of the **Peregrine Lunar Lander**, designed to deliver payloads to the moon for NASA and commercial companies

**5 Dec 6-7, U.S.:** Washington hosts a joint military industry conference with Ukraine as Kyiv ramps up efforts to produce its own weapons, amid concerns that supplies from the West might be faltering as the Israel-Hamas war diverts attention



**6 Dec 2, Greece:** **Maria Callas**, one of the greatest ever opera voices, was born to Greek parents in New York City 100 years ago. Centenary honours include the new **Maria Callas Museum** in Athens and the upcoming movie **Maria**, with **Angelina Jolie**

**7 Dec 15, Mexico:** The first section of the 1,525km **Tren Maya**, a railway line set to encircling the Yucatan, is set to open, connecting the city of Campeche to Cancun

**8 Dec 8, UK:** Fans of **Roald Dahl's** **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** will flock to **Wonka**, a new film exploring the early years of eccentric chocolate-maker **Willy Wonka** (**Timothée Chalamet**)

