



5 January 2021 (London, UK): Welcome to the Global Overview 2021 by Alpha1Strategy, a showcase of some of the forthcoming milestone events in 2021, as launched in the ninth year till the United Nations Agenda 2030, during the G20 Presidency of Italy in 2021 and during the Decade of the Overview Effect. (Asterisks * indicate milestone events)

January 2021:

Various - 2021 is the 10th anniversary of the Arab Revolutions of 2011. (*Global*)

* **January 1** - The UK completes its transition to formally leave the European Union. (*EU, UK*)

* **January 5** - Saudi Arabia hosts the 41st GCC Summit in Al-Ula, Saudi Arabia. (*Saudi Arabia*)

* **January 20** - Joe Biden is scheduled to be inaugurated for a four-year term as the 46th President of the United States. (*USA*)

February 2021:

February - China's Tianwen-1 and UAE's Hope Mars mission aim to arrive on Mars (*China, Global*)

February 12 - The Chinese New Year begins on as the Year of the Ox. (*China*)

March 2021:

March - NASA's Mars Rover is expected to arrive on Mars in the middle of March. (*USA, Global*)

* **March 5** - The 13th National People's Congress (NPC), the highest organ of state power and the national legislature of the People's Republic of China, will hold its fourth annual session in Beijing. (*China*)

March 5-8 - Pope Francis is due to become the first pontiff to visit Iraq. (*Global*)

March 23 - The Israeli General Elections are scheduled to take place, the fourth Knesset election in 2 years. (*Global*)

April 2021:

April 12 - The Islamic lunar month of fasting Ramadan begins. (*Global*)

April 19 - Raúl Castro plans to resign as First Secretary of the Cuban Communist Party, ending 62 years of rule by the Castro brothers in Cuba. (*China, Global*)

May 2021:

May 6 - The 2020 London Mayoral Election will be held to elect the Mayor of London, with the current incumbent Sadiq Khan, in addition to elections for the London Assembly and other elections in England and Wales. *(UK)*

May 12 - The Islamic lunar month of fasting Ramadan ends, with the Eid al-Fitr holiday from May 13-15. *(Global)*

* **May 13-16** – The 51st Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum is held in Singapore in May, instead of in Davos in January, under the theme 'The Great Reset'. *(Global)*

June 2021:

* **June** - The 47th G7 Summit will be held in June in the UK, while it holds the G7 Presidency. *(UK)*

June - The 2021 French Municipal Elections will be held in June, their second postponement. *(France)*

June 11-July 11 - Euro 2020, the UEFA football tournament, will be held in Europe. *(EU)*

June 11-July 10 - The 2021 Copa América football tournament is scheduled to be held in Argentina and Colombia. *(Argentina)*

June 23 - The 5th anniversary of the EU referendum in the UK on 23 June 2016, leading to Brexit. *(EU, UK)*

June - The 68th Bilderberg Meeting is set to take place in June 2021. *(Global)*

June - The 91st Annual General Meeting of the Bank for International Settlements set to take place in June 2021. *(Global)*

July 2021:

* **July 1** - China celebrates 100 years since the founding of its Communist Party. *(China)*

* **July 23-Aug 8** - The 2021 Summer Olympic Games are held in Tokyo, Japan. *(Japan)*

July 17 - The Islamic pilgrimage of Hajj in Makkah begins. *(Saudi Arabia)*

July 20 - The Eid Al-Adha holiday marking the end of Hajj begins. *(Saudi Arabia)*

August 2020:

August 9 - The Islamic New Year of 1443 begins. *(Global)*

September 2021:

September 5 - The Hong Kong Special Administration Region is scheduled to hold an election for the Legislative Council, the first since China imposed its National Security Law. *(China)*

* **September 11** - The 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks of four hijacked US commercial airlines into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, USA. *(USA)*

* **September 14-30** - The 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75) will open on September 14, with the first day of the high-level General Debate will be September 21. *(Global)*

September 19 - Legislative elections scheduled to be held in Russia. *(Russia)*

September 26 - Parliamentary elections are held in Germany to select the successor to Chancellor Angela Merkel after 16 years in office. (*Germany*)

October 2021:

* **October 1** - The 2020 World Expo opens in Dubai, UAE to run till March 31, 2022. (*Global*)

October 22 - Japan is scheduled to hold a general election for the House of Representatives. (*Japan*)

* **October 30-31** - The G20 Leaders' Summit is held in Rome, Italy, under the Presidency of Italy for the first time. (*Italy, Global*)

October 31 - NASA, the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency launch the next-generation James Webb Space Telescope, a successor to the Hubble Space Telescope. (*Global*)

November 2021:

* **November** - Hissein Brahim Taha, former Foreign Minister of Chad, assumes his post as Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). (*Saudi Arabia*)

* **November 1-12** - The COP26 UN Climate Change Conference is scheduled to take place in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. (*UK, Global*)

* **November 8** - The 5th anniversary of election victory of the 45th US President Donald Trump. (*USA*)

December 2021:

* **December 25** - The 30th Anniversary of the dissolution of the Soviet Union. (*Russia*)

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