



## **2023 - MMXXIII**

1 January 2023 (London, UK): Welcome to the Global Overview 2023 by Alpha1Strategy, a showcase of some of the forthcoming milestone events in 2023, as launched in the seventh year till the United Nations Agenda 2030, during the G20 Presidency of India in 2023 and during the Decade of the Overview Effect. (Asterisks \* indicate milestone events)

### **2023:**

\* **2023** - Indonesia hosts the ASEAN Summit. (*Indonesia*)

\* **2023** - India hosts the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting. (*India, China*)

\* **2023** - Gambia hosts the 15th OIC Islamic Summit. (*OIC*)

\* **2023** - South Africa hosts the 15th BRICs Summit. (*South Africa*)

\* **2023** - The 200th anniversary of the founding of the Oxford Union. (*UK*)

### **January 2023:**

\* **January 1** - Sweden assumes the presidency of the European Union. (*EU, Sweden*)

**January 1** - Croatia joins euro becoming 20th member of the eurozone and 27th member of Schengen, Europe's passport free travel area. (*EU*)

\* **January 1** - Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to be sworn in as the next President of Brazil. (*Brazil*)

**January 1** - The 50th anniversary of the United Kingdom, the Republic of the Ireland and Denmark entering the European Economic Community, which later becomes the European Union. (*EU*)

**January 1** - The 40th anniversary of the migration of the ARPANET to TCP/IP is officially completed, considered to be the beginning of the true Internet. (*Global*)

**January 8** - China to remove quarantine for COVID-19 for inbound travellers. (*China*)

\* **January 16-20** - The World Economic Meeting takes place in Davos, Switzerland. (*EU, Global*)

**January 20** - The 30th anniversary of Bill Clinton being sworn in as the 42nd President of the United States. (*USA*)

**January 20** - The 10th anniversary of Barack Obama being sworn in for a second term as President of the United States. (*USA*)

\* **January 22** - The Chinese New Year of the Rabbit begins till February 9. (*China*)

**January 27** - To celebrate the centennial of the Walt Disney Company in 2023, Disney's commences its year-long 100 Years of Wonder celebrations at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, US. (*USA, Global*)

**January 27** - The 50th anniversary of the ending of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords. (*USA*)

### **February 2023:**

**February 5** - The 20th anniversary of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell speaking to the United Nations presenting the case for a military invasion of Iraq, later discovered to be misleading and false. (*US, Iraq, Global*)

\* **February 22** - The 1400th solar anniversary of Prophet Muhammad in Madinah changing direction of prayer (qibla) in Islam from Jerusalem in the Levant to Makkah in Arabia. (*OIC, Saudi Arabia, Global*)

**February 26** - The 30th anniversary of the first World Trade Center bombing in New York, USA, by Al Qaeda. (*USA*)

**February 28** - The 10th anniversary of Benedict XVI resigning as the Pope, becoming the first to do so since Gregory XII in 1415, and the first to do so voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294. (*EU, Global*)

### **March 2023:**

**March 9** - The 40th anniversary of the 3D printer being invented by Chuck Hull. (*Global*)

**March 20** - The 20th anniversary of the Iraq War beginning with the invasion of Iraq by U.S. and allied forces. (*US, Iraq, Global*)

**March 22-24** - The UN Water Conference takes place in New York, USA. (*USA, Global*)

\* **March 23 - April 22** – Ramadan, the Islamic lunar month of fasting, starts, subject to new moon sighting. (*Global, OIC, Saudi Arabia*)

\* **March 24** - The 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I granting the charting for the founding of Queen Elizabeth School for Boys in Hertfordshire, UK. (*UK*)

**March 27** - The 30th anniversary of Jiang Zemin becoming President of the People's Republic of China. (*China*)

**April 2023:**

\* **April** - India set to become world's most populated country at 1.43 billion, overtaking China. (*India, China*)

**April** - Voyager 2 is predicted to overtake Pioneer 10 as the second farthest spacecraft from Earth. (*Global*)

**April 3** - The 50th anniversary of the first handheld mobile phone call made by Martin Cooper of Motorola in New York City, US. (*USA, Global*)

**April 3** - The 75th anniversary of United States President Harry S. Truman signing the Marshall Plan, which authorises \$5 billion in aid for 16 countries. (*USA, Global*)

**April 7** - The 75th anniversary of the founding of World Health Organization by the United Nations. (*Global*)

**April 9** - The 20th anniversary of U.S. forces seizing control of Baghdad, effectively ending the rule of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. (*US, Iraq, Global*)

**April 10** - The 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement and Belfast Agreement that ends most of the violence of The Troubles in Northern Ireland. (*UK, Ireland*)

**April 16** - The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). (*EU, Global*)

\* **April 22-24** - The Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. (*OIC, Saudi Arabia*)

**April 28** - The centennial of the opening of Wembley Stadium, London, UK to the public. (*UK*)

**May 2023:**

**May 3** - The 50th anniversary of Sears Tower in Chicago, United States, becoming the world's tallest building at 1,451 feet (442 m). (*USA, Global*)

\* **May 6** - The coronation of Charles III and Camilla as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Realms in Westminster Abbey, London. (*UK*)

**May 14** - The 50th anniversary of the launch of Skylab, the United States' first space station. (*US, Global*)

**May 14** - The 75th anniversary of the Israeli Declaration of Independence with David Ben-Gurion as its first prime minister. (*Israel/Palestine*)

**May 15** - The 75th anniversary of the 1948 Arab–Israeli War, with the British Mandate of Palestine officially terminated. (*Israel/Palestine*)

**May 17** - The 40th anniversary of Lebanon, Israel, and the United States signing an agreement on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. (*Israel/Palestine*)

\* **May 19-21** – The G7 Summit takes place in Hiroshima, Japan. (*Japan, Global*)

**May 21** - The 25th anniversary of Suharto (elected 1967) resigning after 31 years as President of Indonesia. (*Indonesia*)

### **June 2023:**

**June** - The 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Bank of International Settlements to take place. (*Global*)

**June** - The 2023 Bilderberg Meeting set to take place. (*Global*)

**June** - Apple to unveil its first VR headset at its Worldwide Developers Conference WWDC 2023 in June. (*USA, Global*)

**June** - South Korea to adopt the international standard of counting age, making everyone in the country at least one year younger starting in 2023. (*South Korea*)

**June 1** - The 25th anniversary of establishing the European Central Bank, replacing the European Monetary Institute. (*EU*)

\* **June 4** - The 35th OPEC and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting takes place. (*OPEC, Global*)

**June 9** - Britain's Conservative government, led by Margaret Thatcher, is re-elected by a landslide majority, marking her second tenure as Prime Minister. (*UK*)

\* **June 18** - Turkey to hold general elections, including Presidential Elections, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan seeking a new five-year term. (*Turkey*)

**June 25** - The 10th anniversary of Emir of Qatar Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani abdicating and his son Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani assuming power. (*Qatar*)

\* **June 26 - July 1** - The Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah of Hajj, including the Day of Arafat on June 27 and Eid al-Adha holidays from June 28-30. (*OIC, Saudi Arabia*)

### **July 2023:**

\* **July** - China set to be fully open with full relaxation of COVID-19 measures. (*China*)

**July 1** - The 20th anniversary of the founding of Tesla Inc., the American electric car company, by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpinning in San Carlos, California, USA. (*USA, Global*)

**July 1** - The 25th anniversary of 120 countries voting at a conference in Rome, Italy, to create a permanent International Criminal Court. (*EU, Global*)

**July 3** - The 10th anniversary of the deposing of President Mohamed Morsi in a military coup d'état. (*Egypt*)

\* **July 5** - The 75th anniversary of the functioning of the National Health Service in the United Kingdom. (*UK*)

\* **July 11-12** - The NATO Heads of State and Government takes place in Vilnius, Lithuania. (*Global*)

**July 13** - The centennial of the inauguration of the Hollywood sign in California. (*USA*).

\* **July 18** - The Islamic New Year of 1445 begins. (*Saudi Arabia, OIC, Global*)

\* **July 24** - The centennial of the Treaty of Lausanne (1923), settling the boundaries of the modern Republic of Turkey, bringing an end to the Ottoman Empire after 624 years. (*Turkey, EU*)

### **August 2023:**

**August 7** - The 25th anniversary of the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. (*USA*)

**August 14** - The 10th anniversary of the raiding by Egyptian police and armed forces of two camps of Egyptian protesters, supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi. (*Egypt*)

**August 15** - The 25th anniversary of the Omagh bombing carried out in Northern Ireland by the Real Irish Republican Army. (*Ireland*)

### **September 2023:**

**September 4** - The 25th anniversary of Google, Inc. being founded in Menlo Park, California, USA by Stanford University PhD candidates Larry Page and Sergey Brin. (*USA, Global*)

**September 7** - The centennial of the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC), better known as Interpol, being set up in Vienna, Austria. (*EU, Global*)

**September 8 - October 28** - The Rugby World Cup takes place in France. (*France*)

\* **September 9-10** - The G20 Leaders Summit in New Dehli, India takes place. (*India, Global*)

\* **September 10** - The Russian regional elections take place. (*Russia*)

\* **September 12-30** - The 78th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 78) will open on September 12, the SDG Summit on September 19-20, with the first day of the high-level General Debate on September 25. (*UN, Global*)

**September 13** - The 30th anniversary of Oslo I Accord with PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin shake hands in Washington, D.C. after signing a peace accord. (*Israel/ Palestine, USA*)

**September 29** - The centennial of the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine coming into effect and the French-administered Mandate for Syria and Lebanon also takes effect. (*Israel/Palestine*)

**October 2023:**

**October 1** - The 25th anniversary of Europol's establishment when the Europol Convention signed by all of its member states came into force. (*EU, Global*)

**October 4** - The 30th anniversary of the Russian constitutional crisis and quashing of the mass uprising against President Boris Yeltsin. (*Russia*)

**October 6-25** - The 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, the fourth and largest Arab–Israeli conflict. (*Israel/ Palestine*)

\* **October 13-15** - The 2023 World Bank/ International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meetings takes place in Marrakech, Morocco. (*Global, Morocco*)

**October 16** - The centennial of the founding of the Walt Disney Company. (*US, Global*)

**October 17** - The 50th anniversary of the OPEC oil embargo against several countries supporting Israel which triggers the 1973 energy crisis. (*Global*)

**October 18** - The 10th anniversary of Saudi Arabia rejecting a seat on the United Nations Security Council, making it the first country to reject a seat on the Security Council. (*Saudi Arabia*)

**October 20** - The 50th anniversary of the Sydney Opera House. (*Australia*)

**October 23** - The 40th anniversary of the Beirut barracks suicide bombings of French and U.S. army barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. (*France, USA*)

\* **October 24-26** - The Future Investment Initiative takes place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (*Saudi Arabia*)

\* **October 29** - Argentina to hold general elections. (*Argentina*)

\* **October 29** - The centennial of Turkey becoming a Republic. (*Turkey*)

**October 30** - The 50th anniversary of the completion of the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey, connecting the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus for the first time in history. (*Turkey, EU*)

**November 1** - The 30th anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty taking effect, formally establishing the European Union. (*EU*)

**November 11** - The 50th anniversary of Egypt and Israel signing a United States-sponsored cease-fire accord. (*Israel/Palestine, Egypt, USA*)

**November 12** - The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit week commences in San Francisco, USA. (*USA, Global*)

**November 17–22** - The 30th anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) passing the legislative houses in the United States, Canada and Mexico. (*US, Canada, Mexico*)

\* **30 November - 12 December** - The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC to convene in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. (*UAE, Global*)

**December 2023:**

**December 10** - The 75th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (*Global*)

**December 13** - The 20th anniversary of the capture of Saddam Hussein, the former president of Iraq, in the small town of Ad-Dawr by the U.S. Army. (*US, Iraq, Global*)

**December 18** - The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Islamic Development Bank as a specialised agency of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference. (*OIC, Saudi Arabia*)

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