



World Day & Abolition Achievements

ADPAN launch (4th World Day)

The Anti Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN) was launched on the 2006 World Day, an initiative by Amnesty International and the World Coalition to take action against the death penalty in Asia.

UNGA moratorium resolution (5th World Day)

At the occasion of the 2007 World Day, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty launched a petition calling to join the call for a universal moratorium on executions initiated in 1998 by the Community of Sant' Egidio. It gathered 167,000 signatures. The resolution eventually got adopted by the UNGA in December 2007.

Creation of a Teaching Guide (7th World Day)

A pedagogical guide to teach abolition was created by the World Coalition. It offers activities for young people from 14 to 18 years old. It was widely circulated and continues to be used by members of the Coalition in their awareness raising activities.

International standards setting (9th World Day)

The World Coalition organized an event at the UN on International Jurisprudence regarding the death penalty and the prohibition of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment with the participation of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Committee against Torture, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, arbitrary and summary executions, the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Following the event, the Inter-American Commission, the European Court and the Special Rapporteur on Torture published reports on evolving jurisprudence regarding the death penalty.

The Founding Act of the Greater Caribbean for Life (12th World Day)

The Greater Caribbean for Life, a coalition of individuals and abolitionist organizations in the region, was officially established on 2 October 2013 with the adoption of its constitution and the election of its first Executive Committee. This launch occurred at the end of debates and discussions between activists and jurists from 12 countries. In their final statement, they undertook to "campaign for the abolition of the death penalty, including by creating a culture to promote and protect human rights."

Abolition in Kazakhstan (18th World Day)

A high-level conference was organized by the Kazakh Minister of Foreign Affairs and the International Commission against the Death Penalty to support the initiative to create a death-penalty-free zone in Central Asia and Mongolia. Kazakhstan abolished the death penalty in law for all crimes in December 2021.

Abolition in Sierra Leone (19th World Day)

On 23 July 2021, the Parliament of Sierra Leone voted in favour of a Bill abolishing the death penalty. For the 19th World Day, President Julius Maada Bio signed the bill into law on 8 October 2021.

20th World Day Against the Death Penalty

The World Day Against the Death Penalty (World Day), celebrated every 10 October, was first conceptualized during the first World Congress Against the Death Penalty, organized by Together Against the Death Penalty (ECPM) in 2001 in Strasbourg, France. Signatories of the final declaration committed to "creating a world-wide coordination of associations and abolitionist campaigners, whose first goal will be to launch a world-wide day for the universal abolition of the death penalty." The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty was created in Rome in May 2022. In 2003, it decided to make 10 October, or 10/10, World Day against the Death Penalty after the date of abolition of the death penalty in France (9 October 1981).



20 YEARS OF RAISING AWARENESS

2003 - 2022



Each World Day gives the opportunity:

- to denounce the application of the death penalty where it is still practiced;
- to put pressure on the States that retain it to abolish the death penalty;
- to give an international and institutional dimension to the struggle of those who sometimes fight against the tide of public opinion;
- explain to the public the urgency of abolition and the indefensible character of capital punishment;
- to bring together abolitionist actors and activists around a common campaign.

Since 2003, the participation has increased by 294%, from 188 initiatives in 63 countries to 741 initiatives in 98 countries in 2021.



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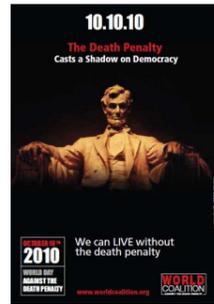
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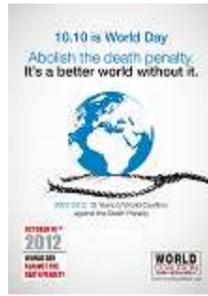




"Asia: it's time to end executions"



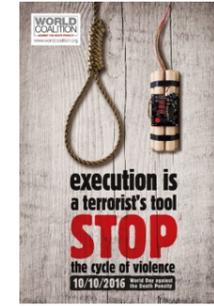
"USA: The death penalty casts a shadow on democracy" • 440 initiatives in 56 countries



"Abolish the death penalty, it's a better world without it." 10th World Day!



"Mental disorder is never a crime. Care. Don't kill." United Nations Secretary General calls for abolition



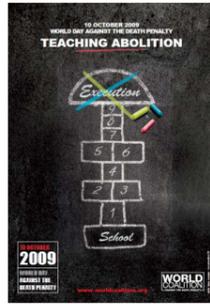
"Execution is a terrorist's tool. Stop the cycle of violence" • 608 initiatives in 96 countries

"Poverty and justice. A deadly mix"

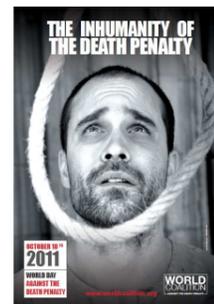


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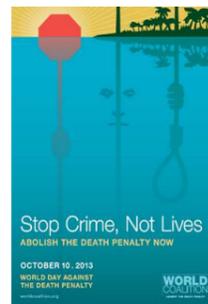
"Stop the death penalty. The world decides." World Day recognized as European Day Against the Death Penalty



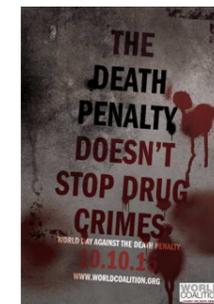
"Teaching Abolition" 100th member of the World coalition



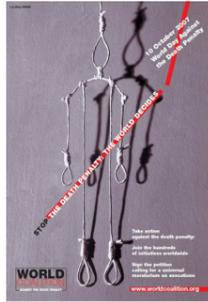
"The inhumanity of the death penalty"



"Caribbean: Stop Crime, Not Lives" • 394 initiatives in 90 countries



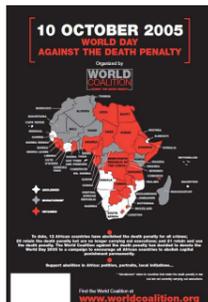
"The death penalty doesn't stop drug crimes"



First World Day theme: "Towards abolition in Africa!"

2007

"A Failure of Justice" • 453 initiatives in 47 countries



2006

2005

First World Day Against the Death Penalty • 188 initiatives in 63 countries

2004



2003



2002

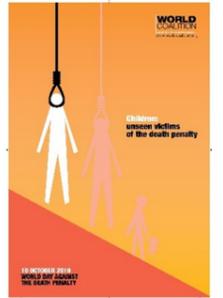
Creation of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, in Rome



October 10th 20 World Days Against the Death Penalty

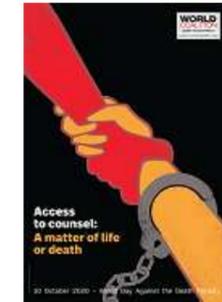
2018

"Children: unseen victims of the death penalty"



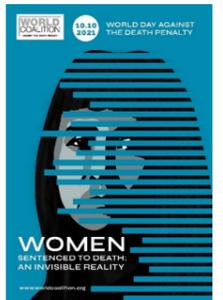
2019

"Access to counsel: A matter of life or death"



2020

"Women sentenced to death: an invisible reality" • 741 initiatives in 98 countries



2021

"The death penalty: a road paved with torture"



2022