



20 May WORLD BEE DAY



Slovenia proposed that 20 May should be declared as World Bee Day at the United Nations (UN). On 20 December 2017, after three years of international efforts, the United Nations Member States unanimously approved Slovenia's proposal and 20 May was proclaimed as World Bee Day. Slovenia's idea about the proclamation of 20 May as World Bee Day was supported by 115 countries, including the USA, Canada, China, the Russian Federation, India, Brazil, Argentina, Australia and all the EU Member States.

Key milestones on the way to proclamation

- 15 September 2014 – President of the Slovenian Beekeeping Association, Boštjan Noč, while listening to the radio, hits upon the idea of a World Bee Day.
- 26 September 2014 – Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Dejan Židan supports the initiative in writing and pledges that the ministry will seek to implement it.
- 6 October 2014 – The President of the Republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor supports the idea of the World Bee Day.
- 2 April 2015 – The Government of the Republic of Slovenia supports the Slovenian initiative.
- 11 May 2015 – Slovenia's initiative is considered by the EU Agriculture Ministers, with more than 20 countries supporting the initiative.
- 20 September 2015 – At the 44th International Congress in Daejeon, South Korea, the initiative is supported by the World Beekeeping Association Apimondia.
- 5 – 7 July 2017 – The FAO Conference in Rome adopts the decision to submit a resolution for deliberation and adoption by the UN General Assembly in New York.
- 20 December 2017 – The UN General Assembly in New York unanimously adopts a decision proclaiming 20 May as World Bee Day.

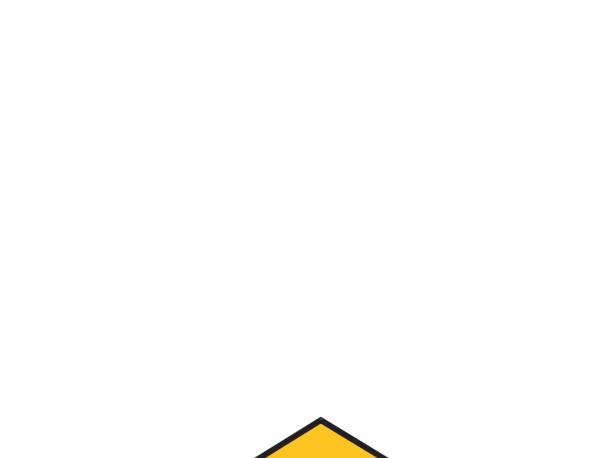


"Bees connect and unite us, which is of enormous importance in today's world, full of unrest and conflict."

Dejan Židan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia, and the head of the World Bee Day project.



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