

## MNI POLITICAL RISK ANALYSIS - Political Event Calendar 2026

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(MNI) London - In our Political Risk calendar for 2026, we include details on the major political events scheduled to take place in developed and emerging markets over the course of the next 12 months. We only include those events that have a set date or period in which they will take place. The known dates outlined in the table below, combined with unconfirmed but expected events and the ever-present prospect of 'black swan' events, will ensure that political risks continue to have a significant impact on financial, commodity and credit markets through 2026.

Date	Country / Organisation	Event Type	Further Information
<b>January</b>			
01-Jan	International Organisations	Transition	France takes on the presidency of the G7 from the 2025 host, Canada. India takes on the presidency of the BRICS from Brazil. Cyprus takes on the presidency of the Council of the European Union from Denmark.
05-Jan	United States	Political Event	Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)'s resignation from Congress becomes effective, further narrowing Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)'s majority in the House. Following her vacating the seat of Georgia's 14th congressional district, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp (R) must issue a writ of election within 10 days. The election must then take place no less than 30 days after the issuance, setting up for a special election in February/March.
09-Jan	South Africa	Military Exercises	South Africa hosts the multinational 'Will for Peace' naval exercises. The exercises will be led by China and include naval vessels from Russia and Iran, and are likely to be closely monitored by the US and other Western militaries. Continues to 16 January.
13-Jan	France	Political Event	The appeal trial of Marine Le Pen, parliamentary leader of the far-right <i>Rassemblement National</i> (RN), gets underway, continuing to 12 February. Following her embezzlement conviction in 2025, Le Pen is barred from running for political office for five years, ruling her out of the 2027 presidential election. If her appeal is unsuccessful, 30-year-old RN President Jordan Bardella is seen as next in line to run for the presidency.
18-Jan	Portugal	Presidential Election	First round of the election for the Portuguese presidency. Incumbent Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa cannot run for a third consecutive term under the constitution. Frontrunners include former Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and centre-right PSD leader Luis Marques Mendes, leader of the far-right main opposition CHEGA Andre Ventura, and former Secretary-General of the centre-left PS António José Seguro. If no candidate secures 50%+1 of the vote, a second-round run-off takes place between the two highest-placed candidates.

19-23 Jan	World Economic Forum	Summit	The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) takes place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, over five days. The theme for the 2026 meeting is 'A Spirit of Dialogue'. National and business leaders from across the world are expected to be in attendance, including US President Donald Trump.
31-Jan	United States	Special Election	The run-off election for Texas's 18th congressional district takes place. The seat has been vacant since the death of incumbent Rep. Sylvester Turner on 5 March 2025. The Democrats will gain another House member once the winner is sworn in, with the two candidates making the run-off both Democrats. The winner will serve the remainder of Turner's term until the November midterms.
<b>February</b>			
01-Feb	India	Fiscal Event	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to present her ninth consecutive annual Union budget, outlining planned government expenditure and revenue-raising measures for the period running 1 April through to 31 March 2027.
06-Feb	Global	Sporting Event	The XXV Winter Olympic Games get underway in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, with the opening ceremony. Continues through to 22 February.
08-Feb	Thailand	Legislative Election	A snap general election takes place after caretaker PM Anutin Charnvirakul sought the dissolution of parliament ahead of an expected vote of no confidence in his minority administration. The fragmented support among progressive, populist, and conservative pro-monarchy/army parties, combined with the ongoing border conflict with Cambodia, makes the outcome of the election highly uncertain. There is likely to be a lengthy period of post-election coalition-building required to form a government.
08-Feb	Portugal	Presidential Election	In the likely event that no single candidate wins a majority in the 18 January first round, a run-off will take place between the two highest-placed candidates. The Portuguese presidency is largely ceremonial but does play an important role in offering invitations to form governments after legislative elections, and overseeing coalition negotiations. Given the minority status of PM Luis Montenegro's government, the next president may play an important role in future coalition talks.
08-Feb	Spain	Regional Election	The autonomous region of Aragon holds snap elections to its Cortes (regional parliament). The conservative People's Party (PP) is seen as likely to remain the largest party, with focus on the performance of the centre-left PSOE amid pressure on the national party leader and Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez due to regional election losses and scandals hitting the party. The far-right Vox are also looking to make gains that could give it more influence in a coalition with the PP.

12-Feb	Bangladesh	Legislative Election	300 of the 350 seats in the <i>Jatiya Sangsad</i> (unicameral parliament) are up for election, in a vote taking place concurrently with a constitutional referendum on the July Charter. These will be the first elections since the July 2024 Revolution that saw the ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina and her replacement with interim PM Muhammad Yunus. The interim administration has struggled to maintain the peace amid significant political unrest.
13-15 Feb	Munich Security Conference	Summit	The annual Munich Security Conference takes place over three days at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich, Germany. Seen as the world's highest-profile security and geopolitics-focused event, national leaders, ministers, and senior security officials will be in attendance. US VP JD Vance's speech at the 2025 conference, where he strongly criticised European governments on issues of immigration and free speech, garnered headlines worldwide.
24-Feb	Ukraine	Political Event	Fourth anniversary of Russia launching its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
<b>March</b>			
03-Mar	United Kingdom	Fiscal Event	Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves will deliver the 'Spring Forecast', where the independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) will deliver its economic and fiscal projections for the UK. Following on from the tax-hiking 2025 Budget, there will be a significant focus on whether further revenue-raising measures will be announced by the chancellor.
04-Mar	China	Political Event	The annual meeting of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) is recommended to start in Beijing. A day later, on 5 March, the Fourth Session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC) starts. Known as the 'Two Sessions', the meetings are one of the pre-eminent political events of the year.
08-Mar	Colombia	Legislative Election	All 183 members of the House of Representatives and 103 Senators will be elected for the 2026-30 legislative term. The election comes two months ahead of the presidential election to decide on a successor to Gustavo Petro. Whether the make-up of Congress and whether the next president is able to rely on a majority coalition will have a significant impact on the administration's freedom in policymaking.
08-Mar	Germany	State Election	The election marks a turning point, with state Minister-President Winfried Kretschmann from the environmentalist Greens announcing he would not seek a fourth term, having led the government of the south-western state since 2011. The election will be watched for signs of whether support for German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's centre-right Christian Democratic Union is holding up, as well as if the far-right Alternative for Germany can make inroads in a state the party has historically struggled in.

15-Mar	France	Local Election	The first round of municipal elections takes place across France. Over 35,000 municipal and community councils will be up for election, including those of major cities Paris, Marseille, Lyon, Bordeaux, and Toulouse.
19-20 Mar	European Union	Summit	The first European Council summit (EUCO) of EU member state leaders of 2026 takes place in Brussels.
19-Mar	NATO	Military Exercise	Norway leads the 'Cold Response 2026' military exercise in the far north of Norway and Finland, running to 19 March. Including 20-25k participants from 10-15 NATO countries, these biennial drills are the largest carried out in cold weather conditions and are viewed as critical for NATO readiness given heightened tensions with Russia.
21-Mar	Australia	State Election	South Australia holds elections for its state House of Assembly and half the seats in the Legislative Council. Premier Peter Malinauskas is seeking a second term for his centre-left South Australian Labor Party.
22-Mar	France	Municipal Election	Second round run-off election for more than 35,000 municipal and community councils across France. The election is the only nationwide contest scheduled to take place before the 2027 presidential vote and, therefore, will be watched for a signal of support for each of the political groups looking to succeed President Emmanuel Macron.
22-Mar	Slovenia	Legislative Election	PM Robert Golob seeks a second consecutive term for his liberal pro-EU Freedom Movement, and its coalition allies the centre-left Social Democrats and eco-socialist Left. Former PM Janez Janša is looking for a return to office for his right-wing populist Slovenian Democratic Party. A win for Janša would further bolster the ranks of Eurosceptic populist EU leaders in Central and Eastern Europe.
22-Mar	Germany	State Election	Second German state election of 2026, with the incumbent 'traffic light' coalition led by Minister-President Alexander Schweitzer's centre-left Social Democrats looking unlikely to retain a majority in the face of strong polling from the centre-right Christian Democratic Union and far-right Alternative for Germany.
March	US-Japan	Political Event	Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is likely to visit the US in March for the first time since she took office in October 2025 to hold talks with President Donald Trump. Takaichi is likely to be keen to meet with Trump before the US president travels to Beijing in April, with topics including tariffs and regional security high on the agenda.
Mar-Apr	India	State Election	India's fourth most populous state, West Bengal, holds elections to its Legislative Assembly. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's AITC-led coalition has governed since 2011 and is favourite to retain power in a region where PM Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist NDA has struggled to gain traction. The northeastern state of Assam, currently under an NDA-led government, also holds state elections around the same time.

April			
April	Hungary	Legislative Election	Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and his right-wing populist Fidesz-KDNP alliance seek a fifth consecutive term in office, with all 199 seats in the National Assembly up for election. Former Fidesz MEP Péter Magyar's conservative pro-EU TISZA party is the main challenger to Fidesz, having risen to prominence in 2024. Changes to the electoral law have raised concerns among government opponents of gerrymandering by the government.
April	India	State Election	Elections take place in India's sixth-most populous state, Tamil Nadu, the southwestern state of Kerala, as well as the union territory of Puducherry. In Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin seeks a second consecutive term for his big-tent left-wing Secular Progressive Alliance, which is up against the New Democratic Alliance, aligned with PM Narendra Modi. Communist Party of India (Marxist) Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan seeks a third consecutive term in Kerala. In Puducherry, the NDA-aligned AINRC is looking for a second consecutive term in office under three-time Chief Minister N. Rangasamy.
April	China-US	Political Event	US President Donald Trump has accepted an invitation from China's President Xi Jinping to visit Beijing in April. No dates have been set. Given the importance of US-China relations concerning global trade and security, the visit and its outcomes will be closely scrutinised.
12-Apr	Peru	Presidential and Parliamentary Election	Peruvian voters will elect a new president and vice president, as well as all 130 members of the Chamber of Deputies and, for the first time since 1990, all 60 members of the Senate. Comes after the upper chamber was re-established following a vote in Congress in 2024. If no presidential candidate wins 50%+1 of the vote in the first round, a run-off will take place between the top two candidates. Given the outsized role Congress played during the last term (impeaching two presidents) the identity of the parties/alliances that win control of the legislature will be closely watched.
16-Apr	United States	Special Election	A special election for New Jersey's 11th congressional district takes place to fill the vacancy left by Democrat Mikie Sherill, who won the state's November 2025 gubernatorial election. The suburban district was held by Sherill for four terms since 2019, and is viewed as safely Democratic.
23-24 Apr	European Union	Summit	An informal heads of state or government retreat takes place in Cyprus.

May			
04-May	Europe	Summit	The eighth European Political Community (EPC) Summit takes place in the Armenian capital, Yerevan. The EPC is an intergovernmental platform formed in 2022 to bring leaders from across Europe, not just the EU, together for in-person dialogue on issues affecting the continent. As such as well as heads of EU member states, the leaders of the UK, Norway, and Ukraine, among others, will attend the summit.
07-May	United Kingdom	Local/Devolved Parliament Elections	Elections are held for two of the UK's devolved legislatures, the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Senedd. The left-wing nationalist Scottish National Party (SNP) is looking to retain the first minister's office that it has held since 2007. In Wales, the incumbent Labour Party faces challenges on the right from Reform UK and on the nationalist left from Plaid Cymru. Elections take place in certain areas of England, including all 32 London boroughs. The elections as a whole are viewed as a major test for PM Sir Keir Starmer, with poor results for Labour potentially leaving him vulnerable to a leadership challenge.
12-May	Australia	Fiscal Event	Treasurer Jim Chalmers is set to present the 2026-27 federal budget in the House of Representatives.
24-May	Cyprus	Legislative Election	Elections take place for the unicameral House of Representatives. The main opposition centre-right Democratic Rally is seeking to remain the largest party in parliament, and faces challenges from the far-left Progressive Party of Working People and far-right National People's Front. Cyprus's governing system means the parliamentary election does not impact the formation of the government, led by President Nikos Christoudoulides.
31-May	Colombia	Presidential Election	An election to decide the successor to outgoing leftist President Gustavo Petro, who is constitutionally limited to a single four-year term in office. The election will be closely watched by markets to see if Colombia retains a left-wing presidency or, in line with other recent Latin American elections, swings to the political right. Election takes place amid heightened tensions with the US, security risks posed domestically by the far-left ELN rebel group, and ongoing instability in Venezuela as a result of economic woes and US military actions in the Caribbean.
May	ASEAN	Summit	The 48th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit takes place in the Philippines, under the theme "Navigating our Future, Together", with a focus on three priorities: peace and security anchors, prosperity corridors, and people empowerment. The security situations in the South China Sea, the Thai-Cambodian border, and Myanmar are likely to prove notable topics of discussion.
May	Lebanon	Legislative Election	Elections for all 128 seats in the Lebanese Parliament will take place in May. This follows the successful election of President Joseph Aoun by the parliament in January 2025, and will be the first legislative election since the height of the Israel-Hezbollah conflict that saw Israeli forces invade the south of Lebanon in October 2024.
end-May	European Union	Fiscal Event	By end-May, the Commission will usually have drawn up a draft budget for the next year. It then submits this draft to the European Council and Parliament.

May-Jun	France (New Caledonia)	Legislative Election	Elections to the Congress of New Caledonia, a French territory in the South Pacific, are due to be held following a delay of 18 months. Widespread violent unrest from pro-Kanak independence groups in 2024 was sparked by a controversial voting reform bill, followed by a change in government leadership, which eventually led to the signing of the Bougival Accord that set the period for the next elections.
<b>June</b>			
07-Jun	Armenia	Legislative Election	Election takes place for the unicameral National Assembly. This will be the first general election since Azerbaijan's military offensive in 2023 that secured Baku's control of Nagorno-Karabakh. PM Nikol Pashinyan and his centrist pro-EU Civil Contract party are looking to retain a majority in parliament and continue down the pro-reform path that has reduced Yerevan's reliance on Russia.
07-Jun	OPEC	Summit	The 41st OPEC and OPEC+ Ministerial Meeting will take place in Vienna.
11-Jun	Global	Sporting Event	The 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off in Mexico City. The tournament, taking place in cities across Canada, Mexico, and the US, will not only be a focal point for global sporting focus, but political focus, given the strained relations between the host nations. Runs until July 19.
15-17-Jun	G7	Summit	The 52nd G7 leaders' summit takes place in Évian-les-Bains in France's Haute-Savoie department.
18-19 June	European Union	Summit	The second European Council summit (EUCO) of EU member state leaders of 2026 takes place in Brussels.
23-Jun	United Kingdom	Political Event	10th anniversary of the United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union.
<b>July</b>			
01-Jul	European Union	Transition	Ireland takes over the six-month rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union from Cyprus.
04-Jul	United States	Political Event	250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence from British rule, with large nationwide celebrations expected.
7-8 Jul	NATO	Summit	The 2026 NATO leaders' summit takes place in Ankara, Turkey.
July	United States	Military Exercise	The US leads the biennial Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026. These are the world's largest maritime military drills, and will take place around the Hawaiian island in July, with regional and global allied navies participating.

August			
13-Aug	Zambia	Presidential and Legislative Election	Elections take place for the presidency, and the 229 elected members of the 280-seat National Assembly. Incumbent President Hakainde Hichilema from the centre-right UPND is set to seek a second term in office. This will be the first election since the constitutional change that increased the size of parliament, something critics have argued was rushed through to benefit Hichilema's party in the elections.
30-Aug	Estonia	Presidential Election	Estonia's unicameral parliament (the Riigikogu) holds indirect elections for the presidency. Incumbent independent Alar Karis has indicated he is unlikely to seek a second four-year term. The position is entirely ceremonial, with all executive power invested in the government. The presidency does have powers in appointing members of the judiciary and other institutions, such as the chair of the Bank of Estonia.
August	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation	Summit	Kyrgyzstan hosts the annual heads of state summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). While there is no set date for the summit, President Sadyr Japarov has stated that the summit will take place in August. The SCO will bring leaders from the 10 SCO members, including China, Russia and India, and the numerous dialogue partners from across Eurasia. The slogan of the summit is "25 years of the SCO: together towards sustainable peace, development and prosperity"
September			
06-Sep	Germany	State Election	All seats in the Landtag of the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt are up for grabs. Centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Minister-President Reiner Haseloff is not seeking a fourth term in office. The incumbent 'Germany coalition' involving the CDU, centre-left Social Democrats and pro-business liberal Free Democrats is likely to struggle to retain a majority in the face of a surge in support for the far-right Alternative for Germany.
11-Sep	United States	Political Event	25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in NYC and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., by Al Qaeda terrorists.
13-Sep	Sweden	Legislative Election	Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson seeks a second term in office for his right-wing coalition government in the election to the 349-member <i>Riksdag</i> . Since 2022, Kristersson's centre-right Moderates have governed as part of the Tidö Agreement alliance with the right-wing populist Sweden Democrats, conservative Christian Democrats and libertarian Liberals. The left-wing Red-Green alliance comprising former PM Magdalena Andersson's centre-left Social Democrats, the far-left socialist Left Party, liberal Centre Party and environmentalist Greens are seeking to oust Kristersson.

20-Sep	Germany	State Election	<p>State elections take place in the capital, Berlin, and the northeastern state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania. While Berlin held repeat elections for its <i>Abgeordnetenhaus</i> in 2023, this was only to finish the term that started in 2021. For the first time, the far-left progressive Die Linke is looking to challenge for top spot and oust CDU Governing Mayor Kai Wegner. In Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, the far-right Alternative for Germany is looking to become the largest party and oust the left-wing SPD-Linke coalition.</p>
by 20-Sep	Russia	Legislative Election	<p>Elections take place for all 450 seats in the State Duma, the lower chamber of the Federal Assembly. The conservative big-tent United Russia party, loyal to President Vladimir Putin, currently holds 321 seats and is all but guaranteed to retain total control of the Duma, increasingly a rubber-stamp legislature with all other parties holding seats also supportive of Putin (even if nominally in opposition). Gubernatorial and local assembly elections also take place in numerous oblasts.</p>
Sep	France	Legislative Election	<p>Indirect elections take place for 178 of the 348 seats in the Senate. Around 150,000 grands <i>electeurs</i>, including members of the National Assembly, regional, district, and municipal councillors, mayors and delegates appointed by councillors. The outsized role of rural delegates has resulted in a broad centre-right lean to the Senate for many decades, with the conservative Les Républicains the largest party with 130 seats. The far-right Rassemblement National, the favourites to secure the presidency in 2027 and the largest single party in the National Assembly, are not represented in the Senate at all.</p>
Sep	United Nations	Summit	<p>The UN General Assembly's high-level debate gets underway. This is the week-long period during which national leaders from the UN's 193 member states travel to New York City to deliver high-profile speeches before the General Assembly.</p>
<b>October</b>			
by 3-Oct	Latvia	Legislative Election	<p>3 October marks the latest date elections to the 100-member <i>Saeima</i> (unicameral parliament) can take place. The current minority coalition government of PM Evika Siliņa, led by her centre-right New Unity alliance and including the agrarian Union of Greens and Farmers and centre-left Progressives, is seeking a second term in office. The election will be closely watched for any signs of Russian interference, given Latvia's sizeable Russian-speaking minority.</p>

04-Oct	Brazil	Presidential and Legislative Election	<p>Elections to be held across the country to elect a new president, vice president, all 513 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, 54 of the 81 Federal Senate seats, as well as state governors and state legislative assemblies. Incumbent leftist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is set to seek a fourth term in office. The imprisonment of former President Jair Bolsonaro means it is unclear who the candidate will be from the right, with his son Senator Flávio Bolsonaro or Governor of São Paulo Tarécio Gomes de Freitas seen as early frontrunners. If no presidential candidate receives more than 50% in the first round, a run-off election will take place.</p>
04-Oct	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Presidential and Legislative Election	<p>The three members of the Bosnian presidency will be elected alongside all 42 members of the House of Representatives, in the Republika Srpska (RS), the National Assembly, as well as the House of Representatives in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Given the heightened tensions between the Federation and RS in 2025, the conduct and outcome of the election will be closely watched in Brussels, given Bosnia's EU accession ambitions.</p>
16-18 Oct	World Bank/IMF	Summit	<p>The annual meetings of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund (IMF) take place in Bangkok, Thailand. These meetings see finance ministers, central bankers, private sector execs and think tanks gather for discussion and policy speeches.</p>
25-Oct	Brazil	Presidential Election	<p>If required, a second-round run-off election will take place between the two highest-placed candidates from the 4 October first round.</p>
by 27-Oct	Israel	Legislative Election	<p>Elections must take place for all 120 seats in the unicameral Knesset by 27 October. This will be the first election since the 7 October attacks in 2023 and the subsequent wars in Gaza and southern Lebanon, and joint US airstrikes on Iran. PM Benjamin Netanyahu is likely to seek another term in office for his right-wing Likud party and its far-right/Orthodox coalition partners.</p>
by 31-Oct	Denmark	Legislative Election	<p>All 179 seats in the unicameral Folketing are up for election, with PM Mette Frederiksen seeking a third consecutive term in office. It is unclear whether her Social Democrats will be able to form a majority government with the 'red bloc' of left-wing parties, if the right-leaning 'blue bloc' will secure the most seats. Denmark's proportional electoral system and large number of parties likely to enter parliament mean a lengthy post-election coalition-building process is likely to be required.</p>
October	CSTO	Military Exercise	<p>Belarus hosts the 'Indestructible Brotherhood' and 'Barrier' military drills. These will focus on radiation, chemical, and biological (NBC) protection and medical support. Given the presence of Russian nuclear-capable hypersonic missiles in Belarus, the exercises are likely to garner notable Western attention.</p>
October	ASEAN	Summit	<p>The 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit takes place in the Philippines.</p>

## November

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	Bulgaria	Presidential Election	First round of the presidential election to succeed term-limited incumbent Rumen Radev. If no candidate receives a majority, or if they do but turnout is below 50%, a run-off takes place between the top two candidates. While largely ceremonial, the president plays an important role in scheduling elections and can veto legislation.
01-Nov	Commonwealth	Summit	The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) takes place in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda. The summit runs to 4 November, and brings together 56 countries, most of which were colonial possessions of the British Empire. This will be the first CHOGM for Commonwealth Secretary-General Ayorkor Botchwey from Ghana, who came to office in April 2025. The summit's theme is "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth", although more politically sensitive topics, including reparations and removing the British monarch as head of state for certain Commonwealth nations, are likely to garner headlines.
from 2-Nov	South Africa	Municipal Elections	Elections will be held for all councillors from South Africa's eight metropolitan municipalities, 205 local municipalities, and 40% of those from its 44 district municipalities. The last elections in 2021 resulted in significant losses for President Cyril Ramaphosa's big-tent African National Congress, losing 618 councillors and 41 municipalities (while remaining by some distance the largest party nationwide). These will be the last nationwide elections before the next general election due by 2029.
03-Nov	United States	Legislative Election	Midterm elections take place to elect all 435 members of the US House of Representatives, 35 of the 100 seats in the US Senate, 36 state governors, and state legislatures, executive and judicial positions across the country. The Republicans currently hold a razor-thin majority in both the House and Senate. The potential loss of control of one or both of these chambers would deal a significant blow to President Donald Trump's ability to pass legislation or get nominees confirmed in the last two years of his term.
9-20 Nov	United Nations	Summit	The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP31) takes place in Antalya, Turkey. In a unique presidency, Australia will lead the negotiations and host pre-COP meetings through 2026.
11-Nov	CSTO	Summit	The 2026 session of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) Collective Security Council, the summit of CSTO member state leaders, will take place in Moscow, Russia. The CSTO comprises Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, with Serbia an observer state.
18-19 Nov	APEC	Summit	The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' meeting will hold its summit in Shenzhen, China.

28-Nov	Australia	State Election	The incumbent centre-left Victorian Labor Party seeks a fourth consecutive term in office. Premier Jacinta Allan is contesting her first election as state premier, up against first-term MP Jess Wilson, who leads the conservative Liberal/National Coalition.
<b>December</b>			
14-15 Dec	G20	Summit	The G20 leaders' summit takes place in Miami, FL, in the United States. Last year's host, South Africa, has not been invited amid a diplomatic spat between the two countries.
by 19-Dec	New Zealand	Legislative Election	PM Christopher Luxon seeks a second consecutive term for the three-party coalition government led by his conservative Nationals alongside the libertarian ACT and populist NZ First. Former PM Chris Hipkins leads the centre-left Labour Party, which may look to govern alongside the environmentalist Greens and minority interest Māori Party.
31-Dec	United Nations	Transition	Secretary-General António Guterres' second term expires. While there are no term limits, secretaries general have only ever served two five-year terms. The selection process will take place in 2026 to allow Guterres' successor to take over on 1 January 2027. A candidate from the Latin American and Caribbean group of countries is seen as most likely to succeed Guterres.

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