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*Shared heritage, aspirations and interests*

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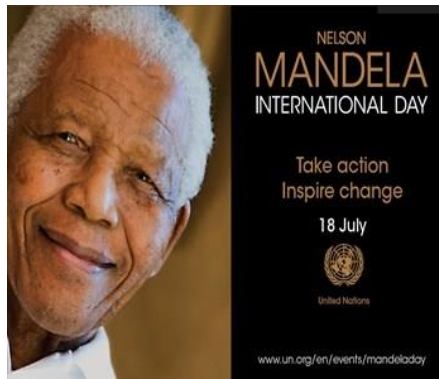
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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) Recognizes Nelson Mandela International Day 2021**

The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)** joins with international organizations and associations, and IDC's Chapter in South Africa, in recognizing Nelson Mandela International Day 2021, commemorated annually on Mandela's birthday on July 18 in honor of Nelson Mandela. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010.



The life, legacy and teachings of Mandela is so relevant today with the ongoing violence, attacks and killings in South Africa perpetrated against innocent people, and resulting in deaths and destruction, as well as widespread fear among innocent citizens. **IDC** shares in Mandela's belief that such callous and uncivilized crimes perpetrated against innocent people cannot diminish the desire and courage to co-exist and live peacefully with dignity and assurances of safety after many decades of struggles and hard won freedoms.

Notable quotes from Mandela: *"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears"; It is easy to break down and destroy"; The heroes are those who make peace and build"*.

Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity — as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

Mandela was a towering icon of peace, patience, tolerance and forgiveness that paved the way for his immeasurable contributions to freedom and betterment for people in South Africa. He has inspired the world with his persistence, example and selfless service to his people despite overwhelming opposition and insurmountable odds. Through his undaunted struggles for freedom, he was so unyielding in his “quest for peace, justice and equality that resonates so deeply, it's carried in the hearts and minds of every single man, woman and child on this earth”, transcending time and place. Mandela was a gift to the world, a remarkable man, a leader with unmatched courage, stamina, grace and dignity who will always be revered among the most admired and respected of men.

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*The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)**, established in 1997 and headquartered in New York, USA, is an international non-profit, non-political and secular organization with global affiliates, chapters and membership in 21 countries, with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*