

UIA PUBLISHED THE 58TH INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS STATISTICS REPORT

For the past six decades, the Union of International Associations (UIA) has undertaken statistical studies on the preceding years' international meetings, based on information systematically collected by the UIA Congress Department and selected according to strict criteria maintained over the years, thus enabling meaningful comparison from year to year.

Meetings taken into consideration include those organised and/or sponsored by the international organisations which appear in the Yearbook of International Organisations and in the International Congress Calendar, i.e. the sittings of their principal organs, congresses, conventions, symposia, regional sessions grouping several countries, as well as some national meetings with international participation organised by national branches of international associations.

Not included are purely national meetings as well as those of an exclusively religious, didactic, political, commercial, or sporting nature, and corporate and incentive meetings, the survey of these specific markets not being within the scope of activities of the UIA.

More prominence is also given to presenting data which, due to the passage of time, can be considered to have stabilised. The editors emphasise that the number of meetings in the database for the current reporting year will, on average, increase by 11 percent over the next year, and by nearly 32 percent over the following five years.

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Top international meeting countries in 2016

	Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
1	South Korea	997	9.5%
2	Belgium	953	9.1%
3	Singapore	888	8.5%
4	USA	702	6.7%
5	France	523	5.0%
5	Japan	523	5.0%
6	Spain	423	4.0%
7	Austria	404	3.9%
8	Germany	390	3.7%
9	Netherlands	332	3.2%
10	Thailand	279	2.7%

Top international meeting cities in 2016

	City	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
1	Brussels	906	8.6%
2	Singapore	888	8.5%
3	Seoul	526	5.0%
4	Paris	342	3.3%
5	Vienna	304	2.9%
6	Tokyo	225	2.1%
7	Bangkok	211	2.0%
8	Berlin	197	1.9%
9	Barcelona	182	1.7%
10	Geneva	162	1.5%