

A LOOK AT MEETINGS DATA FOR AFRICA

For information on the background of the data presented here, the reader is encouraged to review the most recent press release available from www.uia.org/publications/meetings-stats

Data gathered by Joel Fischer, Union of International Associations.

The diversity contained within the content of Africa provides a challenge to anyone examining a continental overview of international association meetings. The sub-divisions used to describe cultural, sociopolitical and geographical features of the continent are many: Lusophone, Francophone, Commonwealth, Sub-Saharan, Maghreb, MENA, ACP, ECOWAS, CEMAC, EAC, SADC, AU, East-West-North-South and so on.

While these subdivisions and the richness they represent provide useful contexts for examination and reflection it is also the case that long-term and broad views also provide one with interesting perspectives.

What are the basic conditions for a robust meetings industry? Infrastructure, of course, in the form of facilities that can host events (congress centres, hotels, universities). Also required is some minimum level of the basic freedoms necessary for civil society and associations to function. And then there are the content elements – the universities and industries and professions which comprise regional and international associations.

To see where Africa stands on these above points, one will find an impressive array of documents and statistics from intergovernmental bodies, national offices, associations and research institutes.

To see where African and international associations hold congresses on the continent... read on.

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- International Congress Calendar - with information on over 428,000 international meetings. Available online, in pdf, and on paper.
- Annual Associations Round Table

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Masaai in Tanzania African culture and tribes

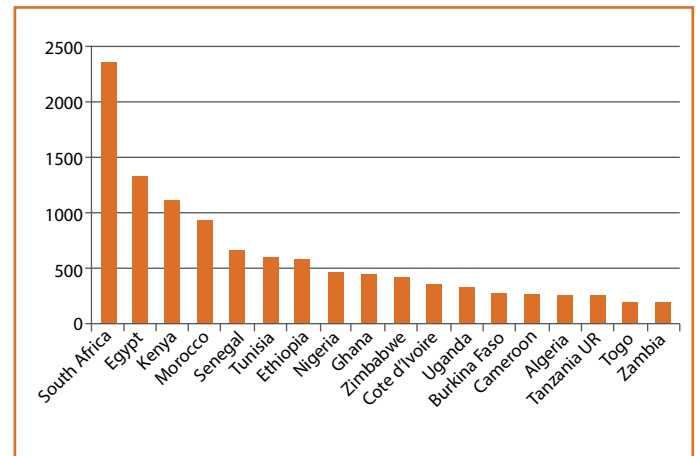
Top 25 African Cities, for meetings spanning all years/decades, in the UIA database

Ranking	City	Country
1	Cairo	Egypt
2	Nairobi	Kenya
3	Cape Town	South Africa
4	Dakar	Senegal
5	Tunis	Tunisia
6	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
7	Johannesburg	South Africa
8	Accra	Ghana
9	Harare	Zimbabwe
10	Marrakech	Morocco
11	Durban	South Africa
12	Abidjan	Cote d'Ivoire
13	Rabat	Morocco
14	Kampala	Uganda
15	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso
16	Yaoundé	Cameroon
17	Abuja	Nigeria
18	Algiers	Algeria
19	Arusha	Tanzania UR
20	Pretoria	South Africa
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22	Lagos	Nigeria
23	Lomé	Togo
24	Casablanca	Morocco
25	Lusaka	Zambia

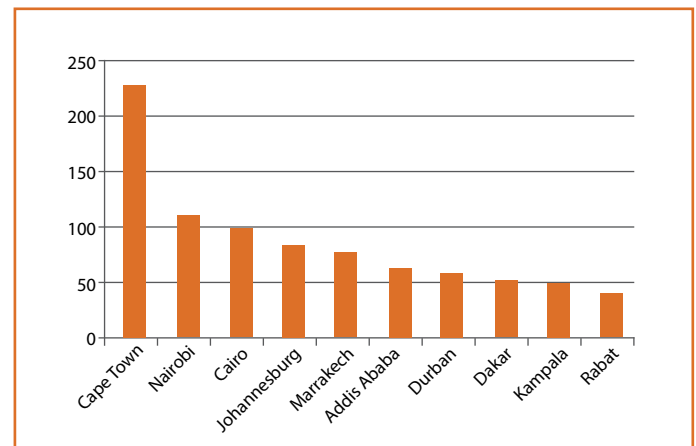
Top 25 African Cities, for meetings from the years 2010 through 2014

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13	Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire
14	Abuja	Nigeria
15	Stellenbosch	South Africa
16	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania UR
17	Gaborone	Botswana
18	Pretoria	South Africa
19	Khartoum	Sudan
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Rankings by country, for meetings across all time, within Africa



Top 10 Cities in Africa, for meetings for the period 2010-2014



Top 10 Cities in Africa, based on cumulative figures, for meetings for the period 2000-2014

