Achieving Goals, Finding Partners: UIA’s Global Civil Society Database

UIA Associations Round Table Europe 2023
Brussels, Belgium
24 November 2023
What is....
Union of International Associations

• a scientific research institute
• non-governmental
• independent
• self-financing
• registered under Belgian law
History....
Union of International Associations

- founded in Brussels, Belgium in 1907
- “Assess and describe the degree of internationalism”
- Established to facilitate, study and network associations
- Established relationship with the meetings industry
History....

Henri La Fontaine
1913 Nobel Peace Prize: “de-facto leader of the peace movement”
Founded the Belgian League for the Rights of Women in 1890

Paul Otlet
Bibliographer coined the term “links”
Founding father of modern information science
The UIA’s aims as stated in its statutes are to:

- **Facilitate** the evolution of the world-wide network of non-profit organizations.
- **Promote** understanding of how such bodies represent valid interests in every field of human activity – scientific, religious, artistic, educational, trade, labour.
- **Collect and disseminate** information on these bodies and their interrelationships.
- **Present** such information in experimental ways, as a catalyst for the emergence of innovative bodies.
- **Promote** research on the legal, administrative and other problems common to these bodies.
What does UIA do?
Documents and Promotes the work of international associations by documenting global civil society activity

Sources:
- directly from international associations
- indirectly from international associations
- others (journals, CVBs, ...)

1. What is the UIA?
What does UIA do?
Documents and Promotes the work of international associations

(2) by publishing research reports

• Yearbook of International Organizations  60th edition in 2023
• International Congress Calendar  since 1954
• International Meetings Statistics Report
• Regular surveys of association activity
• Customised reports on demand
What does UIA do?
Documents and Promotes
the work of international associations

(3) by providing training and networking opportunities
• UIA Associations Round Table
• Research and Visualization experiments
• Network Facilitation
UIA’s Global Civil Society Database

- Association/Organization Profiles
- Event Profiles
- Sustainable Development Goals
- City & Country Profiles
- Networks & Relationships

Yearbook of International Organizations
- Flagship publication
- Print & digital versions

International Meetings Statistics Report
- 63rd Edition
- Annual report, print & digital

Survey on International Meeting Issues
- Free digital report

International Congress Calendar
- Searchable digital publication

Encyclopedia of World Problems & Human Potential
- Free interactive online project

Customized Data & Reports
- On-demand research services

Global Civil Society Network
- Organization-specific service
Associations Database

The Yearbook of International Organizations

~75,000 profiles
International Committee for Fair Play

Comité international pour le fair play (CIFP)
Internationales Fairplay-Komitee

Founded
1963–12–05 Paris France

History

Aims
Defend and promote fair play worldwide with: national and international organizations working for sport and education; high level athletes; children, adolescents and those in charge of training them – coaches and educationists.

Events
1997–09 | Vilnius, Lithuania – General Assembly
1995 | Rome, Italy – General Assembly
1993–11–09 | Paris, France – General Assembly
1992 | Acapulco, Mexico – General Assembly
1988–11–03 | Paris, France – General Assembly
1986–09–25 | Paris, France – Meeting

This information is part of the Open Yearbook, a free service of UIA's subscription-based Yearbook of International Organizations (YBIO). It includes profiles of non-profit organizations working worldwide in all fields of activity. The information contained in the profiles and search functionality of this free service are limited.

The full-featured Yearbook of International Organizations (YBIO) includes over 72,500 organization profiles, additional information in the profiles, sophisticated search functionality and data export. For more information about YBIO, please click here or contact us.

The UIA is a leading provider of information about international non-profit organizations. The aim of the Open Yearbook is to promote the activities of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs).
Activities
Awards/prizes/competitions; projects/programmes; training/education.

Structure
General Assembly (every 2 years); Administration Council; Bureau.

Languages
- English
- French

Finance
Members’ dues. Donations.

Relations with Inter-Governmental Organizations
R-X833383 – UNESCO

Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations

Members
Members

National Olympic Committees in 91 countries and territories:

Member Countries & Regions
Andorra, Armenia, Neth Antilles, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Bulgaria, Bolivia, Brazil, Belarus, Congo Brazzaville, Switzerland, Côte d'Ivoire, Chile, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Rep, Germany, Denmark, Dominican Rep, Algeria, Ecuador, Egypt, Spain, Ethiopia, Finland, Fiji, France, Gabon, UK, Georgia, Gambia, Guinea, Greece, Guatemala, Guam, Hong Kong, Honduras, Croatia, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Libyan, Al, Monaco, Moldova, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nippon, Norway, Nepal, New Zealand, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, Senegal, Suriname, Syrian AR, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, South Africa

Other National Organizations (19) in 15 countries:

Member Countries & Regions
Argentina, Burkina Faso, Canada, Germany, Spain, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea Rep, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, USA

Individual Members (49) in 30 countries:

Member Countries & Regions
Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Ethiopia, France, UK, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Korea Rep, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Russia, Togo, Turkey, USA, Venezuela

Honorary members (3) in 2 countries:

Member Countries & Regions
Belgium, France

Former Benefactor members (4) in 3 countries:

Member Countries & Regions
Germany, France, USA

Founder Members (2):

Member Organizations
Association internationale de la presse sportive, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education

International Sports Federations (23):

Member Organizations
Federation of International Polo, Fédération internationale d'escrime, Fédération internationale de gymnastique, Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme, Fédération internationale de volleyball, International Association of Athletics Federations, International Biathlon Union, International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation, International...
Type I Classification
A: Federations of international organizations

Type II Classification
y: international organization membership

Subjects
- Recreation → Sport

UIA Org ID
XA4499

Last News
2014

* Subject classification is derived from the organization names and aims.
** UN SDGs are linked to the subject classification.

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Global civil society activity in Netherlands

Organizations based in Netherlands

- International Confederation of Midwives – The Hague
- World Glaucoma Association – Amsterdam
- WorldSkills International – Amsterdam
- International Blind Sports Federation – Zeist
- International Society for Human and Animal Mycology – ’s Hertogenbosch
- International Korfball Federation – Zeist
- International Society of Blood Transfusion – Amsterdam
- Wetlands International – Wageningen
- International Association of Penal Law – Utrecht
- Childhood Cancer International – Amsterdam
- International Federation of Associations of Pharmaceutical Physicians – Bodegraven
- International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers – The Hague
- World Fair Trade Organization – Culemborg
- International Committee of Museums and Collections of Arms and Military History – Soesterberg
- Comité international permanent des linguistes – Leiden
- World Sand Sculpting Academy – The Hague
- International Association for Disability and Oral Health – Gennev
- International Society for Productivity Enhancement – Delft
- International Pharmaceutical Students’ Federation – The Hague
- International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement – Amsterdam
- International Association of Dredging Companies – The Hague
- International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges – Haarlem
- International School Psychology Association – Amsterdam
- Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield – The Hague
- International Apparel Federation – Zeist

View More profiles (1345) in the Yearbook of International Organizations

The Netherlands, informally Holland, is a country primarily located in Western Europe and partly in the Caribbean, forming the largest constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In Europe, it consists of 12 provinces that border Germany to the east, Belgium to the south, and the North Sea to the northwest, with maritime borders in the North Sea with those countries and the United Kingdom. In the Caribbean, it
Future Events in Netherlands

2028 Biennial Congress - International Association for Women’s Mental Health - Maastricht
2027 Annual General Meeting - European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Bird Rabbit and Cavia Breeders - Maastricht
2025 Annual Congress - Liga Medicorum Homoeopathica Internationalis - Maastricht
2024 Annual Plenary Congress - Association of Space Explorers - Maastricht
2023 Annual Conference - INSOL Europe - Amsterdam
2023 Annual Meeting - European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology - The Hague
2023 Congress - International Association of Egyptologists - Leiden
2022 Associations Round Table - Europe - Union of International Associations - Rotterdam
2022 Conference - International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety - Rotterdam
2022 International Mass Spectrometry Conference - International Mass Spectrometry Foundation - Maastricht
2022 Fungal biology and applications - International Mycological Association - Amsterdam
2022 European Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility Conference - European Federation for Immunogenetics - Amsterdam
2022 International Congress of Assyriology and Near Eastern Archaeology - International Association for Assyriology - Leiden

View More Future Events (74) in The International Congress Calendar

Past Events in Netherlands

2020 QCRYPT Annual International Conference on Quantum Cryptography - Conference on Quantum Cryptography - Amsterdam
2020 The dynamics of language, communication and culture in a changing world - Association internationale de linguistique appliquée - Groningen
2020 Forum - Global Legal Forum - The Hague
2020 Biennial Congress - International Association for the Study of Pain - Amsterdam

consists of three special municipalities: the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. The country's official language is Dutch, with West Frisian as a secondary official language in the province of Friesland, and English and Papiamentu as secondary official languages in the Caribbean Netherlands. Dutch Low Saxon and Limburgish are recognised regional languages, while Sinte Romani and Yiddish are recognised non-territorial languages.

Meetings Statistics
From UIA’s International Meetings Statistics Report

Top 25 over 20 years
Netherlands is ranked #12 over a 20 year period, with 8092 meetings since 1999.

Top 10 in 2019
Netherlands is ranked #12 in 2019, with 306 meetings.

Local UIA Partner
Amsterdam-RAI Congress Centre

Local UIA Partner
Amsterdam Convention Bureau by
Global Civil Society & the UN Sustainable Development Goals

UIA is proud to present the new Volume 6 of the Yearbook of International Organizations, entitled Global Civil Society and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

There can be little question as to the relevance of the new topic. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (the UN SDGs) are informed by and in turn inform all global civil society actors. This 55th edition of the Yearbook contains 38,395 currently active international bodies. What, we asked, is their link with the UN SDGs? Which of the UN SDGs concern them? With which SDGs should they be concerned? What communities of international bodies form around each of the SDGs?

This is the first result of UIA’s exploration of these questions. It is but a first step in a work in progress. In the course of the next year – indeed, in the coming years – we will continue to refine the methodology used and give ever greater clarity to the scope and composition of these new communities.

Choose a goal below to view more information and a list of associated organizations:
Global Civil Society & the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

While the world has achieved progress towards gender equality and women’s empowerment under the Millennium Development Goals (including equal access to primary education between girls and boys), women and girls continue to suffer discrimination and violence in every part of the world.

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Unfortunately, at the current time, 1 in 5 women and girls between the ages of 15–49 have reported experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within a 12-month period and 49 countries currently have no laws protecting women from domestic violence. Progress is occurring regarding harmful practices such as child marriage and FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), which has declined by 30% in the past decade, but there is still much work to be done to completely eliminate such practices.

Providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large. Implementing new legal frameworks regarding female equality in the workplace and the eradication of harmful practices targeted at women is crucial to ending the gender-based discrimination prevalent in many countries around the world.

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Triennial Symposium #24

Date & Location(s):
Sandefjord, Norway

Organizer(s):
Nordic Concrete Federation (NCF)
View Organization Profile

Contact Information:
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Postbox 2312 Sollie
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email:
Website: http://www.nordicconcrete.net/

Statistics Report Information:
Edition: 61st (published July 2020)
Location: Sandefjord, Norway
Meeting Type: A

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Global Civil Society Network

Organization-focused
Networking Tool
Global civil society network for

Union of International Associations (UIA)

FORMAL RELATIONS

Consultative Status

Consultative Status Granted from:

- Special: United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Associate Status: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Special List: International Labour Organization (ILO)

Relations with Inter-Governmental Organizations

Associated with Department of Global Communications of the United Nations.

- Cooperates with: Council of Europe (CE)
- Cooperates with: UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UN Environment WCMC)

Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations

Contact maintained with all international nongovernmental organizations eligible for inclusion in the 'Yearbook of International Organizations'. Proposed, 1949, the setting up of a U-X7186 – International Service Centre for and about Nongovernmental Organizations, which never materialized as such but whose functions are in part fulfilled by C-XG6085 – International Association Centre, which UIA was instrumental in setting up, 20 Aug 1982, Brussels (Belgium).

Special links with: E-XE0945 – Federation of European and International Associations Established in Belgium (FAIB); E-XE0956 – Fédération des Institutions Internationales établies à Genève (FIIG); C-XC1330 – International Association of Professional Congress Organisers (IAPCO); conferences

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Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition Est. 2004
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- Member of: Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)
- Member of: International Conference of NGOs
- Member of: Joint Meetings Industry Council (MIC)
- Links with: Mundaneum

### POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS BY SDG, SUBJECT AND GEOGRAPHY

#### UN Sustainable Development Goals **
SDG icons link to lists of organizations working around shared goals.

![](image1)

#### Organizations in Belgium relating to the subject "Organization"
- European Council of Spatial Planners / Brussels, Belgium / Est. 1985
- Rurality, Environment, Development / Antwerp, Belgium / Est. 1980

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**Brussels, Belgium**

- Global civil society activity in Brussels →

- There are 1080 active international associations with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, including:
  - Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition Est. 2004
  - International Amateur Theatre Association Est. 1952
  - International Customs Tariffs Bureau Est. 1890
  - International Union for Housing Finance Est. 1914
  - FID Global Alliance Est. 1950
  - International Society for Military Law and the Law of War Est. 1988
  - International Society of Nephrology Est. 1960
  - International Council for Laboratory Animal Science Est. 1956
  - World Organization of Workers Est. 1921
  - International Federation of Journalists Est. 1952
  - International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology Est. 1929
  - World Federation of Advertisers Est. 1953
  - Conseil international du sport militaire Est. 1948
  - International Young Christian Workers Est. 1945
  - International Association of Democratic Lawyers Est. 1946
  - EUD Est. 2011
  - International Association of Professional Numismatists Est. 1951
  - International Council of Chemical Associations Est. 1989
  - Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning Est. 1932
  - World Association of Public Employment Services Est. 1989
  - World Employment Confederation Est. 1967
  - International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations
Organizations in Belgium relating to the subject “Documentation”

European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1977
Customs Convention Regarding ECS Carnets for Commercial Samples | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1956
Centre international de documentation Marguerite Yourcenar | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1989
Foundation Auschwitz – Centre d’études et de documentation | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1980
European Institute for Health Records | Ghent, Belgium
Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1961
Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 2001

Organizations in Belgium relating to the subject “Information”

Comité de vigilance pour les Conseils européens | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1993
European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 2002
European Bioenergy Business Forum | Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
European and International Booksellers Federation | Brussels, Belgium
ERTICO ITS Europe | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1991
Eurodesk Network | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1990
European Biodiesel Board | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1997
Bioenergy Europe | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1990
European Network of Living Labs | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 2006
European Association for Electromobility | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1978

Organizations in Belgium relating to the subject “Exchanges”

European Economic and Social Committee | Brussels, Belgium | Est. 1958
Association of European Energy Exchanges | Brussels, Belgium
Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential

Experimental Research Database
The rapidly changing state of the world makes planning in the face of complex interconnected problems a formidable challenge. Our ability to conceive adequate solutions and strategies is often undermined by our lack of understanding of the nature of problems in their wider context. The Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential offers a radically different perspective to associations, policy-makers, social researchers and those concerned with development strategy. By clarifying the ways in which problems reinforce and sustain each other, the Encyclopedia shifts the level of attention from isolated problems to problem cycles, and thus to sustainable strategy cycles. This allows for a more holistic understanding of the environment in which global problems and strategies are situated.

SELECTED PROBLEMS

Natural environment degradation
Natural environment degradation

OTHER NAMES:
Ecological destruction
Degradation of ecological resources
Ecological damage
Depletion of natural resources
Terracide
Erosion of environmental carrying capacity
Destruction of wilderness areas
Disruption of ecosystems by human activity

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Natural environment degradation refers to the destruction and loss of native species and natural processes such that only certain components of the original biodiversity and ecological functions persist, often with significantly altered natural communities. The main impact of these changes is to simplify the Earth and simplification itself leads to the danger of collapse. By the mid-21st century, humans will have transformed almost every part of the planet, apart from uninhabitable stretches such as deserts, mountains, tundra and polar regions.

Humans alter the natural environment in three major ways: (1) transforming the land and the sea, through land clearing, forestry, grazing, urbanization, mining, trawling, dredging, and so on (activities often called
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Thank you!

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