

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 1996-2000

For all continents. Meetings taken into consideration include (a) those organized and/or sponsored by international organizations, and (b) some national meetings with international participation (provided they have a minimum of 300 participants, at least 40% foreign, at least 5 nationalities, and of at least 3 days duration). Excluded are meetings taking the form of religious gatherings, courses, party conferences, fairs, sales meetings, as well as closed administrative and expert meetings.

	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
AFRICA										
South Africa	93	1.0%	110	1.2%	108	1.1%	115	1.2%	96	1.0%
Egypt	45	0.5%	46	0.5%	52	0.5%	39	0.4%	35	0.4%
Morocco	33	0.4%	27	0.3%	21	0.2%	33	0.4%	26	0.3%
Tunisia	25	0.3%	19	0.2%	23	0.2%	19	0.2%	24	0.3%
Kenya	28	0.3%	27	0.3%	37	0.4%	23	0.2%	23	0.2%
Senegal	12	0.1%	16	0.2%	27	0.3%	19	0.2%	17	0.2%
Nigeria	10	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	15	0.2%
Côte d'Ivoire	16	0.2%	11	0.1%	22	0.2%	14	0.1%	11	0.1%
Ghana	12	0.1%	14	0.2%	10	0.1%	18	0.2%	9	0.1%
Zimbabwe	29	0.3%	35	0.4%	17	0.2%	26	0.3%	6	0.1%
Others	134	1.5%	190	2.1%	119	1.3%	124	1.3%	118	1.3%
Total Africa	437	4.9%	501	5.4%	442	4.7%	436	4.6%	380	4.0%
AMERICA										
USA	1049	11.8%	1054	11.5%	1198	12.6%	1202	12.8%	1303	13.8%
Canada	207	2.3%	227	2.5%	230	2.4%	240	2.6%	242	2.6%
Brazil	78	0.9%	91	1.0%	91	1.0%	91	1.0%	113	1.2%
Argentina	79	0.9%	67	0.7%	61	0.6%	80	0.9%	110	1.2%
Mexico	71	0.8%	74	0.8%	77	0.8%	78	0.8%	75	0.8%
Cuba	32	0.4%	42	0.5%	42	0.4%	41	0.4%	38	0.4%
Chile	31	0.3%	31	0.3%	37	0.4%	38	0.4%	30	0.3%
Peru	18	0.2%	24	0.3%	19	0.2%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%
Venezuela	16	0.2%	23	0.3%	30	0.3%	17	0.2%	13	0.1%
Uruguay	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	15	0.2%	10	0.1%	12	0.1%
Costa Rica	17	0.2%	26	0.3%	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%
Ecuador	8	0.1%	12	0.1%	17	0.2%	9	0.1%	11	0.1%
Colombia	17	0.2%	29	0.3%	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	10	0.1%
Puerto Rico	7	0.1%	15	0.2%	13	0.1%	17	0.2%	5	0.1%
Others	104	1.2%	127	1.4%	108	1.1%	117	1.2%	117	1.2%
Total America	1745	19.6%	1853	20.2%	1974	20.8%	1990	21.2%	2103	22.3%
ASIA										
Japan	231	2.6%	250	2.7%	238	2.5%	220	2.3%	227	2.4%
China & Hong Kong	216	2.4%	162	1.8%	177	1.9%	158	1.7%	164	1.7%
Singapore	136	1.5%	138	1.5%	131	1.4%	140	1.5%	124	1.3%
Israel	137	1.5%	81	0.9%	97	1.0%	86	0.9%	109	1.2%
Korea Rep (South)	84	0.9%	95	1.0%	58	0.6%	97	1.0%	109	1.2%

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Thailand	84	0.9%	80	0.9%	60	0.6%	91	1.0%	94	1.0%
India	87	1.0%	106	1.2%	122	1.3%	107	1.1%	91	1.0%
Malaysia	73	0.8%	67	0.7%	68	0.7%	60	0.6%	44	0.5%
Philippines	52	0.6%	54	0.6%	64	0.7%	41	0.4%	33	0.3%
Taiwan-China	14	0.2%	24	0.3%	39	0.4%	26	0.3%	27	0.3%
Indonesia	43	0.5%	38	0.4%	34	0.4%	25	0.3%	25	0.3%
Others	117	1.3%	199	2.2%	186	2.0%	205	2.2%	187	2.0%
Total Asia	1274	14.3%	1294	14.1%	1274	13.4%	1256	13.4%	1234	13.1%
AUSTRALASIA / OCEANIA										
Australia	234	2.6%	292	3.2%	337	3.5%	310	3.3%	361	3.8%
New Zealand	26	0.3%	23	0.3%	32	0.3%	26	0.3%	33	0.3%
Others	33	0.4%	33	0.4%	34	0.4%	23	0.2%	22	0.2%
Total Australasia / Oceania	293	3.3%	348	3.8%	403	4.2%	359	3.8%	416	4.4%
EUROPE										
France	643	7.2%	647	7.0%	654	6.9%	633	6.7%	632	6.7%
UK	588	6.6%	595	6.5%	644	6.8%	608	6.5%	613	6.5%
Germany	476	5.4%	519	5.6%	558	5.9%	602	6.4%	591	6.3%
Italy	376	4.2%	379	4.1%	380	4.0%	384	4.1%	430	4.6%
Netherlands	309	3.5%	341	3.7%	342	3.6%	366	3.9%	348	3.7%
Spain	265	3.0%	300	3.3%	306	3.2%	306	3.3%	331	3.5%
Belgium	293	3.3%	295	3.2%	307	3.2%	294	3.1%	312	3.3%
Switzerland	264	3.0%	260	2.8%	223	2.3%	213	2.3%	244	2.6%
Austria	286	3.2%	260	2.8%	293	3.1%	246	2.6%	230	2.4%
Finland	152	1.7%	174	1.9%	171	1.8%	185	2.0%	150	1.6%
Denmark	185	2.1%	146	1.6%	148	1.6%	153	1.6%	146	1.5%
Sweden	145	1.6%	158	1.7%	187	2.0%	150	1.6%	139	1.5%
Norway	135	1.5%	114	1.2%	117	1.2%	131	1.4%	137	1.5%
Portugal	79	0.9%	101	1.1%	167	1.8%	109	1.2%	118	1.3%
Hungary	161	1.8%	103	1.1%	88	0.9%	116	1.2%	114	1.2%
Russia	106	1.2%	84	0.9%	96	1.0%	95	1.0%	93	1.0%
Poland	83	0.9%	90	1.0%	89	0.9%	96	1.0%	92	1.0%
Czech Rep	97	1.1%	90	1.0%	90	0.9%	87	0.9%	87	0.9%
Greece	93	1.0%	109	1.2%	103	1.1%	119	1.3%	87	0.9%
Turkey	54	0.6%	62	0.7%	61	0.6%	51	0.5%	63	0.7%
Ireland	65	0.7%	58	0.6%	55	0.6%	53	0.6%	60	0.6%
Slovenia	31	0.3%	31	0.3%	31	0.3%	39	0.4%	46	0.5%
Monaco	9	0.1%	18	0.2%	23	0.2%	18	0.2%	26	0.3%
Iceland	22	0.2%	25	0.3%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	24	0.3%
Bulgaria	24	0.3%	25	0.3%	18	0.2%	26	0.3%	15	0.2%
Luxembourg	36	0.4%	39	0.4%	30	0.3%	20	0.2%	15	0.2%
Cyprus	16	0.2%	12	0.1%	12	0.1%	20	0.2%	9	0.1%
Others	153	1.7%	163	1.8%	194	2.0%	212	2.3%	148	1.6%
Total Europe	5146	57.9%	5198	56.5%	5400	56.9%	5343	56.9%	5300	56.2%