

Figure 0.2.2. (a) Current overview
Participation in international organizations by type and continent: 2001

These tables provide an overview of participation, through membership, of different continents in international organizations of different types. The types are grouped within clusters* (as introduced in Figure 0.1). The summary is by type and continent, also distinguishing between intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

For example, there are 2,280 African members of IGOs classified as "conventional international bodies" (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered); there are 2,919 members from the Australasia / Oceania region of NGOs classified as "unconventional international bodies". Refer to Figure 0.2.1 and Figures 0.2.3 and 0.2.4 for breakdowns with percentages by cluster, IGOs and NGOs, respectively. See Figure 2.1.1 for more detail on participation.

For information on organization types, see Appendix 10 "Types of organization".

Note that the corresponding tables for last year are reprinted, with corrections, on the next pages; they replace the versions in Edition 38 (2001-2002).

International organizations (Cluster I)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	2280	21653	23933	1677	28470	30147	1650	27909	29559
Unconventional international bodies	F	3467	12667	16134	2981	14122	17103	2596	12811	15407
Total		5747	34320	40067	4658	42592	47250	4246	40720	44966

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	324	6140	6464	2391	80213	82604	8322	164385	172707
Unconventional international bodies	F	815	2919	3734	5189	30857	36046	15048	73376	88424
Total		1139	9059	10198	7580	111070	118650	23370	237761	261131

Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	4350	4703	9053	3488	5644	9132	2973	5491	8464
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	430	2315	2745	521	2589	3110	459	2671	3130
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	2241	2241	0	2954	2954	0	1447	1447
Total		4780	9259	14039	4009	11187	15196	3432	9609	13041

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	787	1293	2080	5524	18649	24173	17122	35780	52902
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	95	753	848	1499	6476	7975	3004	14804	17808
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	376	376	0	1772	1772	0	8790	8790
Total		882	2422	3304	7023	26897	33920	20126	59374	79500

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	26	10	36	14	24	38	32	34	66
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	6413	5	6418	6264	0	6264	4479	3	4482
Total		6439	15	6454	6278	24	6302	4511	37	4548

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	13	5	18	67	63	130	152	136	288
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	1187	0	1187	10911	10	10921	29254	18	29272
Total		1200	5	1205	10978	73	11051	29406	154	29560

National bodies (Cluster IV)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	71	2307	2378	54	3000	3054	35	2679	2714
National organizations	N	0	784	784	0	2170	2170	0	1709	1709
Total		71	3091	3162	54	5170	5224	35	4388	4423

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	7	630	637	87	3469	3556	254	12085	12339
National organizations	N	0	668	668	0	2789	2789	0	8120	8120
Total		7	1298	1305	87	6258	6345	254	20205	20459

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	1955	3589	5544	873	4441	5314	946	3241	4187
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	61	83	144	25	128	153	74	134	208
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1469	5681	7150	1577	6427	8004	1162	5223	6385
Total		3485	9353	12838	2475	10996	13471	2182	8598	10780

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook Types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	134	623	757	1219	10572	11791	5127	22466	27593
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	6	26	32	8	185	193	174	556	730
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	293	1344	1637	1922	15602	17524	6423	34277	40700
Total		433	1993	2426	3149	26359	29508	11724	57299	69023

* The types allocated to each cluster are as follows:

Cluster I (International organizations): Types A B C D F

Cluster II (Dependent organizations): Types E K R

Cluster III (Organizational substitutes): Types S T

Cluster IV (National organizations): Types G N

Cluster V (Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies): Types H J U