

Figure 0.2.3. Current overview

Participation in intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) by continent

These tables provide an overview of participation, through membership, of different continents in intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) of different organization types. The types are grouped within clusters* (as introduced in Figure 0.1). The summary is by type and continent, with percentages. For example, there are 2,280 African members of IGOs classified as "conventional international bodies" (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered), being 39.67% of the African members of IGOs in Cluster I, 27.4% of the African members of this type of IGO, 2.69% of the African members of all IGOs and 0.5% of the African members all organizations (whether IGO or NGO). Globally, there are 15,048 members of IGOs classified as "unconventional international bodies".

Figure 0.2.4 provides similar data for NGOs. Figures 0.2.1 and 0.2.2 are condensed versions of these data. Figure 2.1.1 has more detail on participation. For information on organization types in the *Yearbook of International Organizations*, see Appendix 10 "Types of organization". Note that this table is slightly reformatted from that of last year (Edition 38, 2001-2002) and an additional column ("Percentage of members of IGOs globally") added.

International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa					America					Asia				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	2280	39.67%	27.40%	2.69%	0.50%	1677	36.00%	20.15%	1.98%	0.36%	1650	38.86%	19.83%	1.94%	0.36%
Unconventional international bodies	F	3467	60.33%	23.04%	4.08%	0.75%	2981	64.00%	19.81%	3.51%	0.65%	2596	61.14%	17.25%	3.06%	0.56%
Total		5747	100%	24.59%	6.77%	1.25%	4658	100%	19.93%	5.49%	1.01%	4246	100%	18.17%	5.00%	0.92%

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania					Europe					The World				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	324	28.45%	3.89%	0.38%	0.07%	2391	31.54%	28.73%	2.82%	0.52%	8322	35.61%	100%	9.80%	1.81%
Unconventional international bodies	F	815	71.55%	5.42%	0.96%	0.18%	5189	68.46%	34.48%	6.11%	1.13%	15048	64.39%	100%	17.73%	3.27%
Total		1139	100%	4.87%	1.34%	0.25%	7580	100%	32.43%	8.93%	1.65%	23370	100%	100%	27.53%	5.08%

Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa					America					Asia				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	4350	91.00%	25.41%	5.12%	0.95%	3488	87.00%	20.37%	4.11%	0.76%	2973	86.63%	17.36%	3.50%	0.65%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	430	9.00%	14.31%	0.51%	0.09%	521	13.00%	17.34%	0.61%	0.11%	459	13.37%	15.28%	0.54%	0.10%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0					0					0				
Total		4780	100%	23.75%	5.63%	1.04%	4009	100%	19.92%	4.72%	0.87%	3432	100%	17.05%	4.04%	0.75%

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania					Europe					The World				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	787	89.23%	4.60%	0.93%	0.17%	5524	78.66%	32.26%	6.51%	1.20%	17122	85.07%	100%	20.17%	3.72%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	95	10.77%	3.16%	0.11%	0.02%	1499	21.34%	49.90%	1.77%	0.33%	3004	14.93%	100%	3.54%	0.65%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0					0					0				
Total		882	100%	4.38%	1.04%	0.19%	7023	100%	34.90%	8.27%	1.53%	20126	100%	100%	23.71%	4.38%

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa					America					Asia				
		Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Autonomous conference series	S	26	0.40%	17.11%	0.03%	0.01%	14	0.22%	9.21%	0.02%	0.00%	32	0.71%	21.05%	0.04%	0.01%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	6413	99.60%	21.92%	7.56%	1.40%	6264	99.78%	21.41%	7.38%	1.36%	4479	99.29%	15.31%	5.28%	0.97%
Total		6439	100%	21.90%	7.59%	1.40%	6278	100%	21.35%	7.40%	1.37%	4511	100%	15.34%	5.31%	0.98%

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		Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Autonomous conference series	S	13	1.08%	8.55%	0.02%	0.00%	67	0.61%	44.08%	0.08%	0.01%	152	0.52%	100%	0.18%	0.03%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	1187	98.92%	4.06%	1.40%	0.26%	10911	99.39%	37.30%	12.85%	2.37%	29254	99.48%	100%	34.47%	6.36%
Total		1200	100%	4.08%	1.41%	0.26%	10978	100%	37.33%	12.93%	2.39%	29406	100%	100%	34.64%	6.40%

National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa					America					Asia				
		Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	71	100%	27.95%	0.08%	0.02%	54	100%	21.26%	0.06%	0.01%	35	100%	13.78%	0.04%	0.01%
National organizations	N	0					0					0				
Total		71	100%	27.95%	0.08%	0.02%	54	100%	21.26%	0.06%	0.01%	35	100%	13.78%	0.04%	0.01%

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		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	7	100%	2.76%	0.01%	0.00%	87	100%	34.25%	0.10%	0.02%	254	100%	100%	0.30%	0.06%
National organizations	N	0					0					0				
Total		7	100%	2.76%	0.01%	0.00%	87	100%	34.25%	0.10%	0.02%	254	100%	100%	0.30%	0.06%

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa					America					Asia				
		Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	1955	56.10%	38.13%	2.30%	0.43%	873	35.27%	17.03%	1.03%	0.19%	946	43.35%	18.45%	1.11%	0.21%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	61	1.75%	35.06%	0.07%	0.01%	25	1.01%	14.37%	0.03%	0.01%	74	3.39%	42.53%	0.09%	0.02%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1469	42.15%	22.87%	1.73%	0.32%	1577	63.72%	24.55%	1.86%	0.34%	1162	53.25%	18.09%	1.37%	0.25%
Total		3485	100%	29.73%	4.11%	0.76%	2475	100%	21.11%	2.92%	0.54%	2182	100%	18.61%	2.57%	0.47%

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		Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .					Percentage of members of . . .				
		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally		IGOs in regional type	IGOs of this type	IGOs globally	Organizations globally	
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	134	30.95%	2.61%	0.16%	0.03%	1219	38.71%	23.78%	1.44%	0.27%	5127	43.73%	100%	6.04%	1.12%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	6	1.39%	3.45%	0.01%	0.00%	8	0.25%	4.60%	0.01%	0.00%	174	1.48%	100%	0.20%	0.04%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	293	67.67%	4.56%	0.35%	0.06%	1922	61.04%	29.92%	2.26%	0.42%	6423	54.79%	100%	7.57%	1.40%
Total		433	100%	3.69%	0.51%	0.09%	3149	100%	26.86%	3.71%	0.69%	11724	100%	100%	13.81%	2.55%

* 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