Figure 0.2.5. (b) Current overview

Location of international organization secretariats, principal and secondary offices

These tables provide an overview of international organizations, of different types, with any secretariats (principal and/or secondary) in a given continent. They are new in Edition 39.

The organization types are grouped within clusters* (as introduced in Figure 0.1). The summary is by type and continent, also distinguishing between principal (headquarters, legal seat) and secondary (specialised, regional) offices.

For example, there are 331 organizations classified as "conventional international bodies" (types A-D) that are headquartered in Africa; there are 365 organizations in Cluster I with secretariats (principal and/or secondary) in the Australasia / Oceania region.

Refer to Figure 0.2.5 (a) for the same data broken down by IGO and NGO, and Figures 0.2.6 and 0.2.7 for breakdowns by primary and secondary secretariats for IGOs and NGOs, respectively. See Figures 2.1.6 to 2.1.11 for more detail on secretariat locations.

For information on organization types in the Yearbook of International Organizations, see Appendix 10 "Types of organization".

International organizations (Cluster I)

		Africa				America			Asia	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	331	265	596	1243	555	1798	486	321	807
Unconventional international bodies	F	266	183	449	1106	297	1403	322	179	501
tota	ı	597	448	1045	2349	852	3201	808	500	1308

		Australasia / Oceania Europe				The World				
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	156	90	246	4309	1270	5579	6525	2501	9026
Unconventional international bodies	F	71	48	119	2329	621	2950	4094	1328	5422
	total	227	138	365	6638	1891	8529	10619	3829	14448

Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

			Africa			America			Asia	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	Е	258	214	472	556	216	772	307	208	515
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	159	20	179	445	66	511	206	30	236
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	2	0	2	49	5	54	23	5	28
total		419	234	653	1050	287	1337	536	243	779

		Australasia / Oceania			Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total			
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	Е	56	35	91	1879	452	2331	3056	1125	4181			
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	59	13	72	1145	186	1331	2014	315	2329			
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	2	1	3	702	59	761	778	70	848			
total		117	49	166	3726	697	4423	5848	1510	7358			

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

			Africa			America			Asia	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	11	1	12	23	2	25	77	2	79
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	Т	7	0	7	37	0	37	7	0	7
total		18	1	19	60	2	62	84	2	86

		Australasia / Oceania				Europe			The World	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	12	0	12	255	5	260	378	10	388
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	Т	3	0	3	479	2	481	533	2	535
total		15	0	15	734	7	741	911	12	923

National bodies (Cluster IV)

		Africa				America			Asia	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	237	44	281	2137	131	2268	439	38	477
National organizations	N	71	10	81	1387	59	1446	142	8	150
total		308	54	362	3524	190	3714	581	46	627

		Australasia / Oceania				Europe			The World	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	200	13	213	2730	218	2948	5743	444	6187
National organizations	N	97	4	101	1252	73	1325	2949	154	3103
total		297	17	314	3982	291	4273	8692	598	9290

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

		Africa				America			Asia	
Description	Yearbook types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	Н	269	32	301	382	41	423	229	24	253
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	30	1	31	27	1	28	34	1	35
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	763	46	809	3030	113	3143	1146	45	1191
total		1062	79	1141	3439	155	3594	1409	70	1479

		Australasia / Oceania				Europe			The World	
Description	Yearbook Types	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total	Principal	Secondary	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	Н	24	6	30	922	92	1014	1826	195	2021
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	0	0	0	65	2	67	156	5	161
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	170	9	179	5103	245	5348	10212	458	10670
total		194	15	209	6090	339	6429	12194	658	12852

^{*} 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