

Figure 0.2.2. Current overview

Participation in international organizations by type and continent: 2002

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 2,310 African members of IGOs classified as conventional international bodies (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered); there are 3,136 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 "Types of organization".

International organizations (Cluster I)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	2310	21908	24218	1697	29017	30714	1684	28670	30354
Unconventional international bodies	F	3493	13232	16725	3056	14773	17829	2725	13609	16334
Total		5803	35140	40943	4753	43790	48543	4409	42279	46688

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	330	6172	6502	2466	82516	84982	8487	168283	176770
Unconventional international bodies	F	817	3136	3953	5227	32426	37653	15318	77176	92494
Total		1147	9308	10455	7693	114942	122635	23805	245459	269264

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	4378	4612	8990	3500	5797	9297	3064	5692	8756
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	531	2297	2828	520	2609	3129	546	2740	3286
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	2245	2245	0	2802	2802	0	1444	1444
Total		4909	9154	14063	4020	11208	15228	3610	9876	13486

		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	774	1333	2107	5685	18815	24500	17401	36249	53650
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	118	751	869	1596	6537	8133	3311	14934	18245
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	379	379	0	1747	1747	0	8617	8617
Total		892	2463	3355	7281	27099	34380	20712	59800	80512

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	6560	0	6560	6855	0	6855	4603	0	4603
Total		6586	10	6596	6869	24	6893	4635	34	4669

		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	1229	0	1229	10657	0	10657	29904	0	29904
Total		1242	5	1247	10724	63	10787	30056	136	30192

National bodies (Cluster IV)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	77	2427	2504	54	2997	3051	35	2850	2885
National organizations	N	0	914	914	0	2217	2217	0	1852	1852
Total		77	3341	3418	54	5214	5268	35	4702	4737

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	7	693	700	84	3522	3606	257	12489	12746
National organizations	N	0	699	699	0	2735	2735	0	8417	8417
Total		7	1392	1399	84	6257	6341	257	20906	21163

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	1903	3848	5751	765	4780	5545	842	3483	4325
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	8	184	192	18	139	157	39	144	183
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1629	6211	7840	1718	6910	8628	1204	5532	6736
Total		3540	10243	13783	2501	11829	14330	2085	9159	11244

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook Types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	152	712	864	1111	11277	12388	4773	24100	28873
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	3	27	30	9	213	222	77	707	784
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	286	1452	1738	2124	16423	18547	6961	36528	43489
Total		441	2191	2632	3244	27913	31157	11811	61335	73146

* 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