

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 1998-2002, tables

The tables give the number of international meetings held each year in the major countries of each continent during the last five-year period 1998-2002. Country totals are expressed as a percentage of the continent total; continent totals are expressed as a percentage of the world. 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.

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	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	108	1.1%	115	1.2%	96	1.0%	95	1.0%	115	1.3%
Egypt	52	0.5%	39	0.4%	35	0.4%	49	0.5%	65	0.7%
Morocco	21	0.2%	33	0.3%	26	0.3%	34	0.4%	40	0.4%
Kenya	37	0.4%	23	0.2%	23	0.2%	23	0.2%	23	0.3%
Tunisia	23	0.2%	19	0.2%	24	0.3%	13	0.1%	23	0.3%
Tanzania UR	10	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%	14	0.2%	16	0.2%
Senegal	27	0.3%	19	0.2%	17	0.2%	15	0.2%	13	0.1%
Ghana	10	0.1%	18	0.2%	9	0.1%	12	0.1%	12	0.1%
Côte d'Ivoire	22	0.2%	14	0.1%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	11	0.1%
Nigeria	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	15	0.2%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%
Uganda	9	0.1%	13	0.1%	3	0.0%	10	0.1%	8	0.1%
Cameroon	8	0.1%	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	15	0.2%	7	0.1%
Algeria	3	0.0%	6	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	5	0.1%
Ethiopia	13	0.1%	7	0.1%	7	0.1%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Mali	8	0.1%	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Namibia	8	0.1%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%
Others	96	1.0%	113	1.2%	101	1.1%	72	0.8%	52	0.6%
Total Africa	461	4.8%	449	4.7%	399	4.2%	398	4.3%	416	4.6%
America										
USA	1198	12.4%	1202	12.6%	1303	13.6%	1195	12.9%	1145	12.5%
Canada	230	2.4%	240	2.5%	242	2.5%	208	2.2%	279	3.1%
Brazil	91	0.9%	91	1.0%	113	1.2%	94	1.0%	104	1.1%
Mexico	77	0.8%	78	0.8%	75	0.8%	75	0.8%	85	0.9%
Argentina	61	0.6%	80	0.8%	110	1.1%	79	0.9%	47	0.5%
Chile	37	0.4%	38	0.4%	30	0.3%	32	0.3%	43	0.5%
Cuba	42	0.4%	41	0.4%	38	0.4%	44	0.5%	42	0.5%
Costa Rica	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	14	0.2%	18	0.2%
Peru	19	0.2%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%	14	0.2%	17	0.2%
Venezuela	30	0.3%	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	14	0.2%	17	0.2%
Ecuador	17	0.2%	9	0.1%	11	0.1%	15	0.2%	15	0.2%
Puerto Rico	13	0.1%	17	0.2%	5	0.1%	14	0.2%	14	0.2%
Colombia	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	10	0.1%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%
Uruguay	15	0.2%	10	0.1%	12	0.1%	16	0.2%	12	0.1%
Dominican Rep	6	0.1%	15	0.2%	10	0.1%	11	0.1%	10	0.1%
Bolivia	10	0.1%	5	0.1%	6	0.1%	11	0.1%	8	0.1%
Bahamas	7	0.1%	3	0.0%	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%
Guatemala	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	6	0.1%	12	0.1%	6	0.1%
Panama	9	0.1%	15	0.2%	27	0.3%	14	0.2%	6	0.1%

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Others	89	0.9%	97	1.0%	84	0.9%	69	0.7%	47	0.5%
Total America	1997	20.7%	2016	21.1%	2127	22.2%	1958	21.1%	1934	21.2%
Asia										
Japan	238	2.5%	220	2.3%	227	2.4%	215	2.3%	232	2.5%
China & Hong Kong	177	1.8%	158	1.7%	164	1.7%	159	1.7%	180	2.0%
Singapore	131	1.4%	140	1.5%	124	1.3%	120	1.3%	137	1.5%
South Korea	58	0.6%	97	1.0%	109	1.1%	134	1.4%	123	1.3%
Thailand	60	0.6%	91	1.0%	94	1.0%	81	0.9%	103	1.1%
India	122	1.3%	107	1.1%	91	0.9%	85	0.9%	93	1.0%
Malaysia	68	0.7%	60	0.6%	44	0.5%	55	0.6%	70	0.8%
Indonesia	34	0.4%	25	0.3%	25	0.3%	32	0.3%	37	0.4%
Philippines	64	0.7%	41	0.4%	33	0.3%	31	0.3%	35	0.4%
Taiwan	39	0.4%	26	0.3%	27	0.3%	35	0.4%	31	0.3%
Israel	97	1.0%	86	0.9%	109	1.1%	41	0.4%	23	0.3%
Nepal	11	0.1%	14	0.1%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	20	0.2%
Lebanon	20	0.2%	24	0.3%	21	0.2%	23	0.2%	16	0.2%
Vietnam	15	0.2%	11	0.1%	6	0.1%	26	0.3%	16	0.2%
Sri Lanka	13	0.1%	10	0.1%	15	0.2%	9	0.1%	13	0.1%
Jordan	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	18	0.2%	12	0.1%	11	0.1%
United Arab Emirates	18	0.2%	15	0.2%	16	0.2%	14	0.2%	11	0.1%
Laos	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	4	0.0%	10	0.1%
Bangladesh	13	0.1%	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	1	0.0%	9	0.1%
Kuwait	1	0.0%	6	0.1%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%	9	0.1%
Pakistan	10	0.1%	9	0.1%	5	0.1%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%
Syria	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	6	0.1%	10	0.1%	8	0.1%
Bahrain	12	0.1%	11	0.1%	16	0.2%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Others	101	1.0%	130	1.4%	108	1.1%	65	0.7%	47	0.5%
Total Asia	1324	13.7%	1312	13.7%	1283	13.4%	1181	12.7%	1248	13.7%
Australasia / Oceania										
Australia	337	3.5%	310	3.2%	361	3.8%	308	3.3%	281	3.1%
New Zealand	32	0.3%	26	0.3%	33	0.3%	55	0.6%	41	0.4%
Fiji	14	0.1%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	3	0.0%	12	0.1%
Others	20	0.2%	16	0.2%	14	0.1%	17	0.2%	17	0.2%
Total Australasia / Oceania	403	4.2%	359	3.8%	416	4.3%	383	4.1%	351	3.8%
Europe										
France	654	6.8%	633	6.6%	632	6.6%	600	6.5%	565	6.2%
UK	644	6.7%	608	6.4%	613	6.4%	615	6.6%	505	5.5%
Germany	558	5.8%	602	6.3%	591	6.2%	544	5.9%	481	5.3%
Spain	306	3.2%	306	3.2%	331	3.5%	340	3.7%	392	4.3%
Italy	380	3.9%	384	4.0%	430	4.5%	414	4.5%	371	4.1%
Belgium	307	3.2%	294	3.1%	312	3.3%	317	3.4%	313	3.4%
Netherlands	342	3.5%	366	3.8%	348	3.6%	293	3.2%	267	2.9%
Switzerland	223	2.3%	213	2.2%	244	2.5%	240	2.6%	256	2.8%
Austria	293	3.0%	246	2.6%	230	2.4%	231	2.5%	243	2.7%

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Denmark	148	1.5%	153	1.6%	146	1.5%	152	1.6%	193	2.1%
Finland	171	1.8%	185	1.9%	150	1.6%	184	2.0%	168	1.8%
Sweden	187	1.9%	150	1.6%	139	1.5%	194	2.1%	164	1.8%
Portugal	167	1.7%	109	1.1%	118	1.2%	116	1.2%	131	1.4%
Greece	103	1.1%	119	1.2%	87	0.9%	110	1.2%	119	1.3%
Norway	117	1.2%	131	1.4%	137	1.4%	110	1.2%	110	1.2%
Poland	89	0.9%	96	1.0%	92	1.0%	105	1.1%	102	1.1%
Russia	96	1.0%	95	1.0%	93	1.0%	90	1.0%	102	1.1%
Hungary	88	0.9%	116	1.2%	114	1.2%	99	1.1%	97	1.1%
Czech Rep	90	0.9%	87	0.9%	87	0.9%	78	0.8%	91	1.0%
Turkey	61	0.6%	51	0.5%	63	0.7%	75	0.8%	83	0.9%
Ireland	55	0.6%	53	0.6%	60	0.6%	64	0.7%	52	0.6%
Croatia	26	0.3%	36	0.4%	36	0.4%	47	0.5%	43	0.5%
Slovenia	31	0.3%	39	0.4%	46	0.5%	39	0.4%	42	0.5%
Slovakia	29	0.3%	25	0.3%	17	0.2%	19	0.2%	33	0.4%
Iceland	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	24	0.3%	12	0.1%	30	0.3%
Romania	29	0.3%	33	0.3%	14	0.1%	28	0.3%	29	0.3%
Bulgaria	18	0.2%	26	0.3%	15	0.2%	30	0.3%	22	0.2%
Cyprus	12	0.1%	20	0.2%	9	0.1%	19	0.2%	20	0.2%
Luxembourg	30	0.3%	20	0.2%	15	0.2%	22	0.2%	20	0.2%
Lithuania	16	0.2%	20	0.2%	16	0.2%	16	0.2%	18	0.2%
Ukraine	18	0.2%	32	0.3%	17	0.2%	22	0.2%	18	0.2%
Malta	23	0.2%	18	0.2%	20	0.2%	8	0.1%	16	0.2%
Latvia	20	0.2%	14	0.1%	16	0.2%	24	0.3%	15	0.2%
Monaco	23	0.2%	18	0.2%	26	0.3%	23	0.2%	13	0.1%
Serbia & Montenegro	8	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%	10	0.1%
Estonia	20	0.2%	10	0.1%	5	0.1%	11	0.1%	9	0.1%
Others	67	0.7%	90	0.9%	56	0.6%	70	0.8%	32	0.4%
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Total World	9647	100%	9551	100%	9580	100%	9286	100%	9124	100%