

Figure 0.2.2. Current overview

Participation in international organizations by type and continent: 2003

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 2,366 African members of IGOs classified as conventional international bodies (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered); there are 3,262 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	2366	23009	25375	1670	30856	32526	1707	30703	32410
Unconventional international bodies	F	3619	13704	17323	3149	15577	18726	2798	14331	17129
Total		5985	36713	42698	4819	46433	51252	4505	45034	49539

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	332	6606	6938	2507	87612	90119	8582	178786	187368
Unconventional international bodies	F	860	3262	4122	5579	36223	41802	16005	83097	99102
Total		1192	9868	11060	8086	123835	131921	24587	261883	286470

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	4657	4921	9578	3729	6498	10227	3233	6141	9374
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	557	2364	2921	473	2692	3165	553	2855	3408
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	2280	2280	0	3269	3269	0	1491	1491
Total		5214	9565	14779	4202	12459	16661	3786	10487	14273

		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	826	1430	2256	6030	20910	26940	18475	39900	58375
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	119	788	907	1771	7716	9487	3473	16415	19888
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	385	385	0	3682	3682	0	11107	11107
Total		945	2603	3548	7801	32308	40109	21948	67422	89370

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	26	16	42	16	33	49	32	57	89
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	6699	0	6699	7405	0	7405	4748	0	4748
Total		6725	16	6741	7421	33	7454	4780	57	4837

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	13	8	21	75	96	171	162	210	372
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	1280	0	1280	15954	0	15954	36086	0	36086
Total		1293	8	1301	16029	96	16125	36248	210	36458

National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	118	3311	3429	91	4042	4133	61	3802	3863
National organizations	N	0	1035	1035	0	2641	2641	0	2058	2058
Total		118	4346	4464	91	6683	6774	61	5860	5921

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	7	857	864	108	6742	6850	385	18754	19139
National organizations	N	0	775	775	0	5151	5151	0	11660	11660
Total		7	1632	1639	108	11893	12001	385	30414	30799

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	1788	3548	5336	758	3917	4675	783	2791	3574
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	73	103	176	26	188	214	55	71	126
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1667	5610	7277	1785	5774	7559	1317	4838	6155
Total		3528	9261	12789	2569	9879	12448	2155	7700	9855

Description	Yearbook Types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	151	567	718	1049	9813	10862	4529	20636	25165
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	5	14	19	26	185	211	185	561	746
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	295	1233	1528	2560	16239	18799	7624	33694	41318
Total		451	1814	2265	3635	26237	29872	12338	54891	67229

* 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