

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 1999-2003, 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 1999-2003. 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.

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	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	128	1.2%	116	1.0%	101	1.1%	116	1.2%	100	1.1%
Egypt	46	0.4%	43	0.4%	48	0.5%	66	0.7%	42	0.4%
Kenya	28	0.3%	31	0.3%	31	0.3%	23	0.2%	33	0.3%
Morocco	38	0.4%	21	0.2%	40	0.4%	43	0.5%	31	0.3%
Tunisia	25	0.2%	32	0.3%	18	0.2%	21	0.2%	23	0.2%
Senegal	22	0.2%	21	0.2%	15	0.2%	13	0.1%	21	0.2%
Ghana	20	0.2%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	14	0.1%	15	0.2%
Nigeria	8	0.1%	21	0.2%	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	15	0.2%
Ethiopia	9	0.1%	8	0.1%	3	0.0%	8	0.1%	14	0.1%
Uganda	16	0.2%	6	0.1%	11	0.1%	8	0.1%	14	0.1%
Cameroon	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	14	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%
Mozambique	6	0.1%	5	0.0%	5	0.1%	2	0.0%	9	0.1%
Botswana	9	0.1%	5	0.0%	8	0.1%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%
Burkina Faso	15	0.1%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	6	0.1%	8	0.1%
Mauritius	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%
Algeria	9	0.1%	8	0.1%	14	0.1%	5	0.1%	7	0.1%
Mali	3	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	0.1%	6	0.1%	7	0.1%
Tanzania UR	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%
Zambia	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	12	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%
Zimbabwe	26	0.2%	11	0.1%	15	0.2%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%
Niger	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	6	0.1%
Benin	9	0.1%	9	0.1%	7	0.1%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Côte d'Ivoire	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	5	0.1%
Libya	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%	5	0.1%
Others	63	0.6%	66	0.6%	64	0.7%	55	0.6%	46	0.5%
Total Africa	520	5.0%	475	4.3%	468	4.9%	450	4.8%	453	4.8%
America										
USA	1224	11.7%	1314	11.8%	1153	12.1%	1070	11.3%	1068	11.3%
Canada	251	2.4%	294	2.6%	217	2.3%	294	3.1%	218	2.3%
Mexico	94	0.9%	100	0.9%	78	0.8%	112	1.2%	120	1.3%
Brazil	106	1.0%	144	1.3%	106	1.1%	110	1.2%	110	1.2%
Cuba	31	0.3%	44	0.4%	33	0.3%	36	0.4%	47	0.5%
Argentina	93	0.9%	145	1.3%	89	0.9%	52	0.6%	46	0.5%
Chile	50	0.5%	39	0.4%	37	0.4%	46	0.5%	46	0.5%
Uruguay	16	0.2%	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	13	0.1%	30	0.3%
Peru	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	18	0.2%	19	0.2%	24	0.3%
Jamaica	18	0.2%	25	0.2%	12	0.1%	6	0.1%	22	0.2%
Panama	22	0.2%	33	0.3%	13	0.1%	6	0.1%	22	0.2%
Dominican Rep	15	0.1%	13	0.1%	16	0.2%	16	0.2%	20	0.2%
Trinidad-Tobago	18	0.2%	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	5	0.1%	17	0.2%

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Guatemala	9	0.1%	10	0.1%	13	0.1%	8	0.1%	16	0.2%
Colombia	23	0.2%	16	0.1%	27	0.3%	13	0.1%	15	0.2%
Ecuador	14	0.1%	12	0.1%	16	0.2%	15	0.2%	15	0.2%
Venezuela	22	0.2%	15	0.1%	20	0.2%	17	0.2%	15	0.2%
Barbados	11	0.1%	14	0.1%	8	0.1%	4	0.0%	13	0.1%
Costa Rica	26	0.2%	16	0.1%	21	0.2%	22	0.2%	13	0.1%
El Salvador	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	13	0.1%	4	0.0%	10	0.1%
Puerto Rico	19	0.2%	12	0.1%	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	10	0.1%
Bolivia	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	13	0.1%	9	0.1%	8	0.1%
Bahamas	4	0.0%	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%	7	0.1%
Neth Antilles	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%
Paraguay	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	7	0.1%
Antigua-Barbuda	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	6	0.1%
Guyana	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%
St Kitts-Nevis	4	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
Others	47	0.5%	37	0.3%	30	0.3%	32	0.3%	34	0.4%
Total America	2168	20.8%	2375	21.4%	2005	21.1%	1940	20.6%	1976	20.9%
Asia										
Japan	210	2.0%	250	2.2%	226	2.4%	220	2.3%	219	2.3%
China, HK & Macau	181	1.7%	198	1.8%	166	1.7%	177	1.9%	123	1.3%
Singapore	121	1.2%	123	1.1%	116	1.2%	138	1.5%	122	1.3%
Thailand	124	1.2%	121	1.1%	84	0.9%	105	1.1%	111	1.2%
India	108	1.0%	98	0.9%	81	0.9%	86	0.9%	101	1.1%
South Korea	86	0.8%	104	0.9%	133	1.4%	122	1.3%	160	1.7%
Malaysia	71	0.7%	67	0.6%	57	0.6%	71	0.8%	64	0.7%
Philippines	51	0.5%	40	0.4%	41	0.4%	36	0.4%	42	0.4%
Taiwan	32	0.3%	36	0.3%	33	0.3%	31	0.3%	33	0.3%
Indonesia	30	0.3%	34	0.3%	33	0.3%	47	0.5%	32	0.3%
United Arab Emirates	14	0.1%	16	0.1%	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	28	0.3%
Vietnam	11	0.1%	9	0.1%	28	0.3%	17	0.2%	26	0.3%
Israel	85	0.8%	132	1.2%	50	0.5%	31	0.3%	15	0.2%
Pakistan	9	0.1%	5	0.0%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	15	0.2%
Bahrain	8	0.1%	16	0.1%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	13	0.1%
Nepal	12	0.1%	14	0.1%	12	0.1%	20	0.2%	13	0.1%
Bangladesh	12	0.1%	9	0.1%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%	12	0.1%
Sri Lanka	15	0.1%	19	0.2%	10	0.1%	13	0.1%	12	0.1%
Lebanon	27	0.3%	25	0.2%	24	0.3%	16	0.2%	10	0.1%
Iran	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%	8	0.1%
Syria	11	0.1%	6	0.1%	9	0.1%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%
Jordan	15	0.1%	22	0.2%	8	0.1%	12	0.1%	7	0.1%
Cambodia	6	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	7	0.1%	6	0.1%
Mongolia	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	6	0.1%
Saudi Arabia	6	0.1%	4	0.0%	12	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.1%
Uzbekistan	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Others	34	0.3%	50	0.4%	39	0.4%	67	0.7%	19	0.2%
Total Asia	1297	12.4%	1420	12.8%	1212	12.8%	1270	13.5%	1215	12.9%
Australasia / Oceania										
Australia	286	2.7%	411	3.7%	306	3.2%	281	3.0%	220	2.3%
New Zealand	37	0.4%	45	0.4%	58	0.6%	40	0.4%	45	0.5%
Fiji	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	3	0.0%	14	0.1%	14	0.1%

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New Caledonia	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
Others	21	0.2%	16	0.1%	17	0.2%	16	0.2%	9	0.1%
Total Australasia /Oceania	356	3.4%	487	4.4%	388	4.1%	351	3.7%	294	3.1%
Europe										
France	821	7.9%	886	8.0%	705	7.4%	655	6.9%	647	6.9%
Germany	662	6.3%	629	5.7%	506	5.3%	476	5.0%	487	5.2%
Italy	458	4.4%	519	4.7%	449	4.7%	373	4.0%	437	4.6%
UK	628	6.0%	670	6.0%	451	4.7%	455	4.8%	420	4.4%
Spain	341	3.3%	396	3.6%	350	3.7%	401	4.3%	376	4.0%
Switzerland	286	2.7%	353	3.2%	338	3.6%	338	3.6%	322	3.4%
Belgium	345	3.3%	386	3.5%	324	3.4%	328	3.5%	283	3.0%
Austria	269	2.6%	270	2.4%	263	2.8%	261	2.8%	274	2.9%
Netherlands	408	3.9%	367	3.3%	260	2.7%	280	3.0%	268	2.8%
Sweden	177	1.7%	157	1.4%	194	2.0%	167	1.8%	232	2.5%
Finland	237	2.3%	161	1.4%	188	2.0%	174	1.8%	185	2.0%
Greece	127	1.2%	112	1.0%	113	1.2%	137	1.5%	162	1.7%
Denmark	180	1.7%	162	1.5%	158	1.7%	205	2.2%	161	1.7%
Norway	119	1.1%	155	1.4%	118	1.2%	119	1.3%	125	1.3%
Portugal	126	1.2%	141	1.3%	113	1.2%	134	1.4%	115	1.2%
Poland	104	1.0%	113	1.0%	108	1.1%	99	1.1%	113	1.2%
Czech Rep	101	1.0%	110	1.0%	85	0.9%	87	0.9%	101	1.1%
Hungary	124	1.2%	137	1.2%	98	1.0%	106	1.1%	101	1.1%
Russia	79	0.8%	100	0.9%	84	0.9%	90	1.0%	101	1.1%
Turkey	47	0.5%	84	0.8%	74	0.8%	83	0.9%	85	0.9%
Ireland	61	0.6%	69	0.6%	74	0.8%	63	0.7%	63	0.7%
Croatia	39	0.4%	40	0.4%	53	0.6%	42	0.4%	41	0.4%
Romania	37	0.4%	21	0.2%	28	0.3%	34	0.4%	41	0.4%
Slovenia	40	0.4%	53	0.5%	38	0.4%	44	0.5%	39	0.4%
Estonia	14	0.1%	12	0.1%	18	0.2%	9	0.1%	36	0.4%
Bulgaria	29	0.3%	17	0.2%	32	0.3%	20	0.2%	30	0.3%
Iceland	17	0.2%	30	0.3%	14	0.1%	29	0.3%	30	0.3%
Slovakia	36	0.3%	24	0.2%	20	0.2%	35	0.4%	26	0.3%
Latvia	15	0.1%	16	0.1%	25	0.3%	16	0.2%	25	0.3%
Malta	23	0.2%	24	0.2%	9	0.1%	17	0.2%	25	0.3%
Luxembourg	30	0.3%	21	0.2%	22	0.2%	22	0.2%	22	0.2%
Cyprus	20	0.2%	14	0.1%	16	0.2%	22	0.2%	21	0.2%
Serbia-Montenegro	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	6	0.1%	11	0.1%	19	0.2%
Ukraine	28	0.3%	16	0.1%	19	0.2%	16	0.2%	19	0.2%
Monaco	7	0.1%	29	0.3%	18	0.2%	12	0.1%	17	0.2%
Lithuania	16	0.2%	20	0.2%	16	0.2%	22	0.2%	15	0.2%
Vatican	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	8	0.1%
Armenia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	7	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.1%
Others	32	0.3%	37	0.3%	33	0.3%	28	0.3%	24	0.3%
Total Europe	6092	58.4%	6357	57.2%	5431	57.1%	5417	57.5%	5507	58.3%
Total Africa	520	5.0%	475	4.3%	468	4.9%	450	4.8%	453	4.8%
Total America	2168	20.8%	2375	21.4%	2005	21.1%	1940	20.6%	1976	20.9%
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Total Pacific	356	3.4%	487	4.4%	388	4.1%	351	3.7%	294	3.1%
Total Europe	6092	58.4%	6357	57.2%	5431	57.1%	5417	57.5%	5507	58.3%