

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 2001-2005, 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 2001-2005. 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.

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Africa										
South Africa	109	1.1%	124	1.2%	112	1.1%	116	1.1%	100	1.1%
Egypt	51	0.5%	72	0.7%	49	0.5%	59	0.6%	48	0.5%
Kenya	32	0.3%	26	0.3%	39	0.4%	26	0.3%	41	0.5%
Morocco	38	0.4%	44	0.4%	33	0.3%	35	0.3%	27	0.3%
Tunisia	18	0.2%	22	0.2%	27	0.3%	29	0.3%	25	0.3%
Nigeria	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	16	0.2%	14	0.1%	20	0.2%
Ethiopia	3	0.0%	13	0.1%	20	0.2%	22	0.2%	16	0.2%
Uganda	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	16	0.2%	19	0.2%	12	0.1%
Senegal	17	0.2%	16	0.2%	22	0.2%	19	0.2%	11	0.1%
Ghana	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	18	0.2%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%
Mauritius	5	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	10	0.1%
Algeria	14	0.1%	5	0.0%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	8	0.1%
Botswana	6	0.1%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%
Cameroon	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	9	0.1%	8	0.1%
Burkina Faso	12	0.1%	6	0.1%	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	7	0.1%
Libya	4	0.0%	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%
Tanzania UR	20	0.2%	21	0.2%	8	0.1%	15	0.1%	6	0.1%
Zambia	11	0.1%	3	0.0%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%
Niger	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%
Sudan	5	0.1%	7	0.1%	4	0.0%		0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	93	1.0%	75	0.7%	83	0.8%	70	0.7%	46	0.5%
Total Africa	493	5.1%	502	5.0%	522	4.9%	496	4.9%	426	4.8%
America										
USA	1145	11.8%	1131	11.3%	1241	11.7%	1207	11.9%	1039	11.6%
Canada	228	2.4%	262	2.6%	241	2.3%	226	2.2%	214	2.4%
Brazil	109	1.1%	123	1.2%	127	1.2%	117	1.1%	107	1.2%
Argentina	95	1.0%	52	0.5%	53	0.5%	69	0.7%	74	0.8%
Mexico	82	0.8%	120	1.2%	120	1.1%	115	1.1%	73	0.8%
Chile	39	0.4%	51	0.5%	53	0.5%	55	0.5%	45	0.5%
Cuba	36	0.4%	39	0.4%	49	0.5%	27	0.3%	40	0.4%
Colombia	26	0.3%	15	0.1%	22	0.2%	23	0.2%	37	0.4%
Peru	17	0.2%	20	0.2%	29	0.3%	29	0.3%	27	0.3%
Uruguay	20	0.2%	16	0.2%	34	0.3%	7	0.1%	26	0.3%
Costa Rica	23	0.2%	25	0.2%	18	0.2%	21	0.2%	13	0.1%
Jamaica	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	26	0.2%	8	0.1%	13	0.1%
Venezuela	18	0.2%	18	0.2%	18	0.2%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%
Panama	15	0.2%	6	0.1%	28	0.3%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%
Puerto Rico	14	0.1%	15	0.1%	13	0.1%	14	0.1%	11	0.1%
Trinidad-Tobago	13	0.1%	7	0.1%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%	10	0.1%

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Ecuador	15	0.2%	13	0.1%	17	0.2%	25	0.2%	9	0.1%
Dominican Rep	17	0.2%	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	15	0.1%	8	0.1%
El Salvador	11	0.1%	4	0.0%	11	0.1%	5	0.0%	6	0.1%
Guatemala	13	0.1%	8	0.1%	15	0.1%	17	0.2%	5	0.1%
Other	72	0.7%	77	0.8%	113	1.1%	69	0.7%	44	0.5%
Total America	2020	20.9%	2031	20.3%	2265	21.4%	2080	20.4%	1824	20.4%
Australasia / Pacific										
Australia	295	3.1%	244	2.4%	246	2.3%	242	2.4%	200	2.2%
New Zealand	56	0.6%	45	0.4%	51	0.5%	38	0.4%	37	0.4%
Fiji	3	0.0%	16	0.2%	13	0.1%	20	0.2%	10	0.1%
Papua New Guinea	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%
Others	22	0.2%	21	0.2%	16	0.2%	21	0.2%	12	0.1%
Total Australasia / Pacific	377	3.9%	328	3.3%	326	3.1%	327	3.2%	264	2.9%
Asia										
China, HK & Macau	168	1.7%	183	1.8%	135	1.3%	249	2.4%	216	2.4%
South Korea	134	1.4%	126	1.3%	87	0.8%	165	1.6%	185	2.1%
Singapore	119	1.2%	140	1.4%	125	1.2%	156	1.5%	177	2.0%
Japan	233	2.4%	230	2.3%	247	2.3%	221	2.2%	168	1.9%
India	86	0.9%	91	0.9%	115	1.1%	110	1.1%	106	1.2%
Thailand	87	0.9%	116	1.2%	119	1.1%	106	1.0%	74	0.8%
Malaysia	61	0.6%	80	0.8%	75	0.7%	89	0.9%	61	0.7%
Indonesia	32	0.3%	50	0.5%	43	0.4%	33	0.3%	37	0.4%
Philippines	38	0.4%	37	0.4%	52	0.5%	29	0.3%	32	0.4%
United Arab Emirates	14	0.1%	16	0.2%	30	0.3%	34	0.3%	28	0.3%
Taiwan	36	0.4%	35	0.3%	37	0.3%	38	0.4%	27	0.3%
Iran	5	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	21	0.2%	21	0.2%
Jordan	11	0.1%	15	0.1%	6	0.1%	16	0.2%	17	0.2%
Sri Lanka	10	0.1%	15	0.1%	15	0.1%	18	0.2%	16	0.2%
Vietnam	26	0.3%	18	0.2%	27	0.3%	24	0.2%	16	0.2%
Pakistan	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	16	0.2%	18	0.2%	14	0.2%
Israel	47	0.5%	29	0.3%	11	0.1%	16	0.2%	13	0.1%
Bahrain	9	0.1%	6	0.1%	15	0.1%	6	0.1%	9	0.1%
Kuwait	5	0.1%	7	0.1%	1	0.0%	6	0.1%	8	0.1%
Lebanon	23	0.2%	19	0.2%	11	0.1%	19	0.2%	7	0.1%
Syria	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	17	0.2%	7	0.1%
Brunei Darussalam	6	0.1%	19	0.2%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	6	0.1%
Cambodia	9	0.1%	7	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Saudi Arabia	12	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%
Uzbekistan	2	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	8	0.1%	6	0.1%
Bangladesh	1	0.0%	11	0.1%	15	0.1%	7	0.1%	5	0.1%
Kazakhstan	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	9	0.1%	5	0.1%
Oman	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	39	0.4%	54	0.5%	34	0.3%	31	0.3%	27	0.3%
Total Asia	1238	12.8%	1341	13.4%	1264	11.9%	1466	14.4%	1305	14.6%

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Europe										
France	701	7.2%	679	6.8%	723	6.8%	606	6.0%	590	6.6%
Germany	528	5.5%	523	5.2%	535	5.0%	538	5.3%	410	4.6%
UK	457	4.7%	477	4.8%	482	4.5%	424	4.2%	386	4.3%
Italy	462	4.8%	414	4.1%	512	4.8%	400	3.9%	382	4.3%
Spain	358	3.7%	423	4.2%	417	3.9%	399	3.9%	368	4.1%
Netherlands	263	2.7%	295	2.9%	298	2.8%	274	2.7%	341	3.8%
Austria	269	2.8%	270	2.7%	292	2.8%	291	2.9%	314	3.5%
Switzerland	340	3.5%	373	3.7%	357	3.4%	342	3.4%	268	3.0%
Belgium	330	3.4%	358	3.6%	339	3.2%	325	3.2%	242	2.7%
Sweden	203	2.1%	182	1.8%	260	2.5%	177	1.7%	170	1.9%
Denmark	163	1.7%	226	2.3%	179	1.7%	186	1.8%	138	1.5%
Greece	118	1.2%	145	1.4%	179	1.7%	160	1.6%	136	1.5%
Portugal	118	1.2%	148	1.5%	138	1.3%	154	1.5%	125	1.4%
Finland	186	1.9%	181	1.8%	193	1.8%	163	1.6%	119	1.3%
Poland	115	1.2%	104	1.0%	135	1.3%	113	1.1%	118	1.3%
Hungary	99	1.0%	114	1.1%	117	1.1%	143	1.4%	117	1.3%
Turkey	79	0.8%	93	0.9%	100	0.9%	113	1.1%	109	1.2%
Czech Rep	90	0.9%	105	1.0%	120	1.1%	121	1.2%	103	1.2%
Norway	116	1.2%	125	1.2%	137	1.3%	113	1.1%	98	1.1%
Russia	87	0.9%	94	0.9%	117	1.1%	116	1.1%	85	0.9%
Ireland	69	0.7%	65	0.6%	71	0.7%	85	0.8%	70	0.8%
Croatia	53	0.5%	47	0.5%	48	0.5%	56	0.5%	46	0.5%
Lithuania	15	0.2%	22	0.2%	20	0.2%	25	0.2%	43	0.5%
Slovenia	38	0.4%	48	0.5%	46	0.4%	65	0.6%	37	0.4%
Malta	12	0.1%	20	0.2%	29	0.3%	24	0.2%	33	0.4%
Luxembourg	26	0.3%	24	0.2%	29	0.3%	13	0.1%	32	0.4%
Iceland	12	0.1%	31	0.3%	32	0.3%	71	0.7%	28	0.3%
Slovakia	19	0.2%	38	0.4%	26	0.2%	45	0.4%	26	0.3%
Bulgaria	31	0.3%	26	0.3%	34	0.3%	36	0.4%	25	0.3%
Cyprus	21	0.2%	22	0.2%	23	0.2%	23	0.2%	25	0.3%
Romania	30	0.3%	37	0.4%	48	0.5%	43	0.4%	25	0.3%
Estonia	21	0.2%	14	0.1%	40	0.4%	31	0.3%	24	0.3%
Latvia	25	0.3%	18	0.2%	27	0.3%	24	0.2%	20	0.2%
Monaco	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	24	0.2%	16	0.2%	15	0.2%
Serbia-Montenegro	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	24	0.2%	24	0.2%	11	0.1%
Ukraine	19	0.2%	16	0.2%	26	0.2%	26	0.3%	11	0.1%
Greenland	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%
Armenia	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%
Belarus	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Faeroe Islands	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	40	0.4%	41	0.4%	35	0.3%	39	0.4%	21	0.2%
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Total World	9670		10026		10603		10183		8942	