

**Figure 2.1.12. Geographic distribution  
International organizations by region of activity: 2006**

This table lists, for the different continents, regions and other groupings, the total number of organizations listed in this Yearbook series which are preoccupied with that grouping. An organization's preoccupation with or involvement in a particular region is determined on the basis of either its title or keywords in its "Aims" paragraph. See the Appendix "Contents of organization descriptions" for further information on that paragraph.

For each grouping, the first line of totals indicates the number of intergovernmental organizations involved in that region or group; the second line indicates the number of non-governmental organizations involved in that region or group; the third line indicates the total number of organizations, both intergovernmental or non-governmental, involved in that region or group.

The organizations are totalled by type, indicated by the letter code at the head of each column. In addition, totals are given at the end of each row by cluster. The organization 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

See the Appendix "Types of organization" for more information.

| REGION          | type  | TYPES OF ORGANIZATION |   |    |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |   |     |     |      |      | TOTALS BY CLUSTER |      |      |       |       | TOTAL<br>A-U |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|---|----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|------|------|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--------------|
|                 |       | A                     | B | C  | D    | E    | F    | G    | H    | J   | K   | N   | R | S   | T   | U    | I    | II                | III  | IV   | V     |       |              |
| Africa          | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 7  | 167  | 372  | 342  | 30   | 601  | 38  | 141 | 0   | 0 | 52  | 202 | 720  | 516  | 513               | 254  | 30   | 1359  | 2672  |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 11 | 671  | 439  | 928  | 1101 | 715  | 64  | 334 | 88  | 6 | 60  | 0   | 4008 | 1610 | 779               | 60   | 1189 | 4787  | 8425  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 18 | 838  | 811  | 1270 | 1131 | 1316 | 102 | 475 | 88  | 6 | 112 | 202 | 4728 | 2126 | 1292              | 314  | 1219 | 6146  | 11097 |              |
| America         | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 10 | 33   | 138  | 50   | 15   | 93   | 6   | 44  | 0   | 0 | 6   | 366 | 193  | 93   | 182               | 372  | 15   | 292   | 954   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 7  | 318  | 159  | 230  | 476  | 221  | 31  | 44  | 101 | 0 | 9   | 0   | 1037 | 555  | 203               | 9    | 577  | 1289  | 2633  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 17 | 351  | 297  | 280  | 491  | 314  | 37  | 88  | 101 | 0 | 15  | 366 | 1230 | 648  | 385               | 381  | 592  | 1581  | 3587  |              |
| Andes           | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 3    | 25   | 57   | 0    | 10   | 0   | 10  | 0   | 0 | 3   | 5   | 60   | 60   | 35                | 8    | 0    | 70    | 173   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 10   | 16   | 17   | 47   | 20   | 3   | 5   | 3   | 0 | 0   | 0   | 137  | 27   | 21                | 0    | 50   | 160   | 258   |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 13   | 41   | 74   | 47   | 30   | 3   | 15  | 3   | 0 | 3   | 5   | 197  | 87   | 56                | 8    | 50   | 230   | 431   |              |
| Caribbean       | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 49   | 224  | 168  | 9    | 96   | 8   | 85  | 0   | 0 | 13  | 41  | 320  | 217  | 309               | 54   | 9    | 424   | 1013  |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 364  | 137  | 311  | 157  | 244  | 7   | 55  | 32  | 0 | 4   | 0   | 672  | 675  | 192               | 4    | 189  | 923   | 1983  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 413  | 361  | 479  | 166  | 340  | 15  | 140 | 32  | 0 | 17  | 41  | 992  | 892  | 501               | 58   | 198  | 1347  | 2996  |              |
| Latin America   | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 70   | 174  | 167  | 5    | 72   | 8   | 52  | 0   | 0 | 18  | 60  | 328  | 237  | 226               | 78   | 5    | 408   | 954   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 4  | 888  | 280  | 595  | 493  | 625  | 45  | 107 | 57  | 4 | 38  | 0   | 1757 | 1487 | 391               | 38   | 550  | 2427  | 4893  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 4  | 958  | 454  | 762  | 498  | 697  | 53  | 159 | 57  | 4 | 56  | 60  | 2085 | 1724 | 617               | 116  | 555  | 2835  | 5847  |              |
| Central America | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 12   | 78   | 33   | 3    | 42   | 14  | 17  | 0   | 0 | 17  | 227 | 125  | 45   | 95                | 244  | 3    | 181   | 568   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 77   | 55   | 41   | 76   | 110  | 2   | 11  | 6   | 0 | 7   | 0   | 359  | 118  | 66                | 7    | 82   | 471   | 744   |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 89   | 133  | 74   | 79   | 152  | 16  | 28  | 6   | 0 | 24  | 227 | 484  | 163  | 161               | 251  | 85   | 652   | 1312  |              |
| Asia            | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 13 | 57   | 250  | 209  | 10   | 152  | 23  | 112 | 0   | 0 | 20  | 64  | 325  | 279  | 362               | 84   | 10   | 500   | 1235  |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 44 | 1113 | 378  | 771  | 895  | 423  | 57  | 177 | 123 | 9 | 79  | 0   | 2169 | 1928 | 564               | 79   | 1018 | 2649  | 6238  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 57 | 1170 | 628  | 980  | 905  | 575  | 80  | 289 | 123 | 9 | 99  | 64  | 2494 | 2207 | 926               | 163  | 1028 | 3149  | 7473  |              |
| ASEAN           | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 0    | 46   | 54   | 0    | 22   | 7   | 83  | 0   | 0 | 112 | 52  | 138  | 54   | 129               | 164  | 0    | 167   | 514   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 49   | 153  | 55   | 31   | 12   | 0   | 31  | 2   | 0 | 8   | 0   | 308  | 104  | 184               | 8    | 33   | 320   | 649   |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 49   | 199  | 109  | 31   | 34   | 7   | 114 | 2   | 0 | 120 | 52  | 446  | 158  | 313               | 172  | 33   | 487   | 1163  |              |
| Pacific         | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 6  | 62   | 188  | 180  | 15   | 68   | 0   | 39  | 0   | 0 | 18  | 175 | 170  | 248  | 227               | 193  | 15   | 238   | 921   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 27 | 648  | 185  | 365  | 456  | 193  | 26  | 100 | 135 | 2 | 64  | 0   | 936  | 1040 | 287               | 64   | 591  | 1155  | 3137  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 33 | 710  | 373  | 545  | 471  | 261  | 26  | 139 | 135 | 2 | 82  | 175 | 1106 | 1288 | 514               | 257  | 606  | 1393  | 4058  |              |
| Europe          | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 17 | 95   | 396  | 391  | 74   | 139  | 20  | 150 | 0   | 0 | 66  | 858 | 638  | 503  | 546               | 924  | 74   | 797   | 2844  |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 3  | 5613 | 2177 | 3280 | 1138 | 1989 | 85  | 389 | 368 | 3 | 134 | 0   | 8342 | 8896 | 2569              | 134  | 1506 | 10416 | 23521 |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 20 | 5708 | 2573 | 3671 | 1212 | 2128 | 105 | 539 | 368 | 3 | 200 | 858 | 8980 | 9399 | 3115              | 1058 | 1580 | 11213 | 26365 |              |
| European Union  | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 29   | 170  | 246  | 0    | 57   | 0   | 86  | 0   | 0 | 10  | 54  | 568  | 275  | 256               | 64   | 0    | 625   | 1220  |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 3  | 609  | 406  | 281  | 58   | 216  | 2   | 63  | 24  | 0 | 7   | 0   | 1147 | 893  | 469               | 7    | 82   | 1365  | 2816  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 3  | 638  | 576  | 527  | 58   | 273  | 2   | 149 | 24  | 0 | 17  | 54  | 1715 | 1168 | 725               | 71   | 82   | 1990  | 4036  |              |
| Nordic          | IGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 62   | 97   | 51   | 15   | 109  | 0   | 77  | 0   | 0 | 1   | 86  | 230  | 113  | 174               | 87   | 15   | 339   | 728   |              |
|                 | NGO   | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 510  | 138  | 177  | 58   | 489  | 8   | 27  | 9   | 0 | 57  | 0   | 777  | 687  | 165               | 57   | 67   | 1274  | 2250  |              |
|                 | Total | 0                     | 0 | 0  | 572  | 235  | 228  | 73   | 598  | 8   | 104 | 9   | 0 | 58  | 86  | 1007 | 800  | 339               | 144  | 82   | 1613  | 2978  |              |

| REGION                           | type  | TYPES OF ORGANIZATION |    |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |   |     |      |      | TOTALS BY CLUSTER |      |       |      |      | TOTAL<br>A-U |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|---|-----|------|------|-------------------|------|-------|------|------|--------------|
|                                  |       | A                     | B  | C   | D   | E    | F    | G   | H    | J   | K    | N   | R | S   | T    | U    | I                 | II   | III   | IV   | V    |              |
| Central and<br>Eastern Europe    | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 0   | 42   | 76   | 16  | 60   | 3   | 38   | 0   | 0 | 2   | 31   | 300  | 76                | 80   | 33    | 16   | 363  | 568          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 111 | 93   | 165  | 222 | 91   | 3   | 40   | 14  | 0 | 10  | 0    | 715  | 276               | 133  | 10    | 236  | 809  | 1464         |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 111 | 135  | 241  | 238 | 151  | 6   | 78   | 14  | 0 | 12  | 31   | 1015 | 352               | 213  | 43    | 252  | 1172 | 2032         |
| European<br>(others)             | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 43  | 63   | 71   | 13  | 45   | 5   | 22   | 0   | 0 | 20  | 247  | 93   | 114               | 85   | 267   | 13   | 143  | 622          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 3   | 173 | 62   | 96   | 108 | 60   | 2   | 30   | 22  | 0 | 13  | 0    | 384  | 272               | 92   | 13    | 130  | 446  | 953          |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 3   | 216 | 125  | 167  | 121 | 105  | 7   | 52   | 22  | 0 | 33  | 247  | 477  | 386               | 177  | 280   | 143  | 589  | 1575         |
| Arab                             | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 85  | 129  | 101  | 4   | 197  | 7   | 58   | 0   | 0 | 10  | 57   | 313  | 186               | 187  | 67    | 4    | 517  | 961          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 6   | 226 | 119  | 78   | 146 | 181  | 25  | 48   | 25  | 0 | 6   | 0    | 613  | 310               | 167  | 6     | 171  | 819  | 1473         |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 6   | 311 | 248  | 179  | 150 | 378  | 32  | 106  | 25  | 0 | 16  | 57   | 926  | 496               | 354  | 73    | 175  | 1336 | 2434         |
| Commonwealth                     | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 15  | 4   | 8    | 65   | 3   | 64   | 3   | 22   | 0   | 0 | 22  | 18   | 89   | 84                | 30   | 40    | 3    | 156  | 313          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 104 | 38  | 32   | 46   | 23  | 91   | 3   | 11   | 0   | 0 | 14  | 0    | 210  | 188               | 43   | 14    | 23   | 304  | 572          |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 119 | 42  | 40   | 111  | 26  | 155  | 6   | 33   | 0   | 0 | 36  | 18   | 299  | 272               | 73   | 54    | 26   | 460  | 885          |
| Developing<br>Countries          | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 5   | 35  | 181  | 186  | 46  | 93   | 9   | 70   | 31  | 0 | 19  | 37   | 296  | 226               | 251  | 56    | 77   | 398  | 1008         |
|                                  | NGO   | 11                    | 58 | 111 | 95  | 281  | 661  | 851 | 136  | 1   | 71   | 76  | 5 | 7   | 0    | 1322 | 936               | 357  | 7     | 927  | 1459 | 3686         |
|                                  | Total | 11                    | 58 | 116 | 130 | 462  | 847  | 897 | 229  | 10  | 141  | 107 | 5 | 26  | 37   | 1618 | 1162              | 608  | 63    | 1004 | 1857 | 4694         |
| Mediterranean                    | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 17  | 55   | 38   | 11  | 19   | 2   | 49   | 0   | 0 | 2   | 84   | 75   | 55                | 104  | 86    | 11   | 96   | 352          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 4   | 154 | 78   | 177  | 127 | 71   | 10  | 40   | 23  | 0 | 0   | 0    | 726  | 335               | 118  | 0     | 150  | 807  | 1410         |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 4   | 171 | 133  | 215  | 138 | 90   | 12  | 89   | 23  | 0 | 2   | 84   | 801  | 390               | 222  | 86    | 161  | 903  | 1762         |
| Non-aligned<br>Countries         | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 0   | 11   | 15   | 0   | 10   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 10  | 0    | 130  | 15                | 11   | 10    | 0    | 140  | 176          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 13  | 0   | 5    | 0    | 0   | 2    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0   | 0    | 17   | 13                | 5    | 0     | 0    | 19   | 37           |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 13  | 0   | 16   | 15   | 0   | 12   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 10  | 0    | 147  | 28                | 16   | 10    | 0    | 159  | 213          |
| Regional<br>Groupings<br>(other) | IGO   | 0                     | 0  | 21  | 21  | 65   | 26   | 0   | 19   | 6   | 13   | 0   | 0 | 0   | 123  | 46   | 68                | 78   | 123   | 0    | 71   | 340          |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 29  | 21   | 29   | 94  | 28   | 5   | 7    | 11  | 0 | 2   | 0    | 180  | 58                | 28   | 2     | 105  | 213  | 406          |
|                                  | Total | 0                     | 0  | 21  | 50  | 86   | 55   | 94  | 47   | 11  | 20   | 11  | 0 | 2   | 123  | 226  | 126               | 106  | 125   | 105  | 284  | 746          |
| IGOs                             | IGO   | 8                     | 0  | 141 | 816 | 3589 | 3280 | 413 | 2719 | 262 | 1821 | 188 | 0 | 454 | 9943 | 6935 | 4245              | 5410 | 10397 | 601  | 9916 | 30569        |
|                                  | NGO   | 0                     | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0                 | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0            |
|                                  | Total | 8                     | 0  | 141 | 816 | 3589 | 3280 | 413 | 2719 | 262 | 1821 | 188 | 0 | 454 | 9943 | 6935 | 4245              | 5410 | 10397 | 601  | 9916 | 30569        |