

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 2002-2006, 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 2002-2006. 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.

	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	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	131	1.3%	120	1.1%	123	1.1%	108	1.1%	90	1.0%
Egypt	72	0.7%	51	0.5%	63	0.6%	51	0.5%	49	0.6%
Morocco	45	0.4%	35	0.3%	37	0.3%	31	0.3%	35	0.4%
Kenya	27	0.3%	40	0.4%	26	0.2%	40	0.4%	26	0.3%
Ethiopia	14	0.1%	21	0.2%	22	0.2%	15	0.1%	25	0.3%
Tunisia	25	0.2%	28	0.3%	32	0.3%	27	0.3%	16	0.2%
Tanzania UR	22	0.2%	8	0.1%	17	0.2%	7	0.1%	15	0.2%
Nigeria	15	0.1%	16	0.1%	16	0.1%	21	0.2%	12	0.1%
Senegal	16	0.2%	23	0.2%	20	0.2%	14	0.1%	10	0.1%
Burkina Faso	6	0.1%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	9	0.1%
Sudan	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.0%	9	0.1%
Algeria	5	0.0%	12	0.1%	12	0.1%	9	0.1%	8	0.1%
Mali	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%
Cameroon	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	11	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%
Congo Brazzaville	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	1	0.0%	6	0.1%
Ghana	14	0.1%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	6	0.1%
Libya	8	0.1%	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	6	0.1%
Mauritius	7	0.1%	11	0.1%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	6	0.1%
Uganda	10	0.1%	17	0.2%	21	0.2%	13	0.1%	6	0.1%
Benin	5	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%
Gambia	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	6	0.1%	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	75	0.7%	92	0.8%	68	0.6%	67	0.7%	42	0.5%
Total Africa	525	5.1%	545	5.0%	534	5.0%	469	4.7%	399	4.5%
America										
USA	1168	11.3%	1285	11.7%	1286	11.9%	1157	11.5%	894	10.1%
Canada	276	2.7%	251	2.3%	248	2.3%	237	2.4%	230	2.6%
Brazil	128	1.2%	134	1.2%	123	1.1%	117	1.2%	110	1.2%
Mexico	123	1.2%	128	1.2%	122	1.1%	78	0.8%	81	0.9%
Argentina	55	0.5%	55	0.5%	77	0.7%	79	0.8%	66	0.7%
Peru	22	0.2%	32	0.3%	29	0.3%	29	0.3%	23	0.3%
Chile	53	0.5%	54	0.5%	60	0.6%	54	0.5%	22	0.2%
Colombia	17	0.2%	23	0.2%	26	0.2%	41	0.4%	22	0.2%
Puerto Rico	15	0.1%	13	0.1%	17	0.2%	12	0.1%	18	0.2%
Costa Rica	25	0.2%	19	0.2%	22	0.2%	14	0.1%	15	0.2%
Cuba	40	0.4%	51	0.5%	28	0.3%	42	0.4%	15	0.2%
Dominican Rep	19	0.2%	20	0.2%	16	0.1%	12	0.1%	13	0.1%
Ecuador	16	0.2%	17	0.2%	29	0.3%	15	0.1%	13	0.1%

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Trinidad-Tobago	7	0.1%	18	0.2%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	13	0.1%
Venezuela	18	0.2%	18	0.2%	11	0.1%	15	0.1%	13	0.1%
Uruguay	17	0.2%	36	0.3%	8	0.1%	28	0.3%	12	0.1%
Guatemala	8	0.1%	16	0.1%	18	0.2%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%
Jamaica	10	0.1%	26	0.2%	8	0.1%	15	0.1%	9	0.1%
Bahamas	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%
Panama	7	0.1%	29	0.3%	8	0.1%	11	0.1%	8	0.1%
Bolivia	14	0.1%	10	0.1%	7	0.1%	5	0.0%	7	0.1%
Virgin Is USA	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	2	0.0%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%
Other	61	0.6%	103	0.9%	58	0.5%	52	0.5%	32	0.4%
Total America	2106	20.3%	2352	21.4%	2226	20.6%	2037	20.3%	1640	18.5%
Australasia / Pacific										
Australia	248	2.4%	255	2.3%	253	2.3%	214	2.1%	202	2.3%
New Zealand	51	0.5%	54	0.5%	39	0.4%	42	0.4%	17	0.2%
Fiji	17	0.2%	13	0.1%	21	0.2%	10	0.1%	7	0.1%
Other	23	0.2%	17	0.2%	27	0.3%	19	0.2%	8	0.1%
Total Australasia / Pacific	339	3.3%	339	3.1%	340	3.2%	285	2.8%	234	2.6%
Asia										
Singapore	142	1.4%	125	1.1%	159	1.5%	184	1.8%	298	3.4%
China, HK & Macau	187	1.8%	138	1.3%	267	2.5%	243	2.4%	204	2.3%
South Korea	127	1.2%	93	0.8%	169	1.6%	192	1.9%	185	2.1%
Japan	235	2.3%	255	2.3%	232	2.2%	192	1.9%	166	1.9%
India	96	0.9%	118	1.1%	118	1.1%	122	1.2%	93	1.0%
Thailand	119	1.1%	123	1.1%	114	1.1%	95	0.9%	68	0.8%
Malaysia	85	0.8%	76	0.7%	92	0.9%	88	0.9%	52	0.6%
United Arab Emirates	16	0.2%	30	0.3%	37	0.3%	31	0.3%	39	0.4%
Taiwan	36	0.3%	39	0.4%	41	0.4%	32	0.3%	37	0.4%
Indonesia	52	0.5%	43	0.4%	34	0.3%	70	0.7%	29	0.3%
Philippines	40	0.4%	56	0.5%	29	0.3%	40	0.4%	25	0.3%
Vietnam	20	0.2%	29	0.3%	25	0.2%	35	0.3%	21	0.2%
Bahrain	6	0.1%	15	0.1%	9	0.1%	10	0.1%	13	0.1%
Israel	29	0.3%	11	0.1%	17	0.2%	14	0.1%	13	0.1%
Jordan	17	0.2%	6	0.1%	17	0.2%	17	0.2%	11	0.1%
Lebanon	20	0.2%	12	0.1%	22	0.2%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%
Sri Lanka	15	0.1%	18	0.2%	19	0.2%	18	0.2%	11	0.1%
Pakistan	10	0.1%	16	0.1%	19	0.2%	15	0.1%	10	0.1%
Iran	7	0.1%	14	0.1%	21	0.2%	25	0.2%	8	0.1%
Kazakhstan	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%	8	0.1%
Bangladesh	12	0.1%	16	0.1%	10	0.1%	6	0.1%	7	0.1%
Kuwait	7	0.1%	2	0.0%	6	0.1%	10	0.1%	6	0.1%
Saudi Arabia	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%
Qatar	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	10	0.1%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	95	0.9%	60	0.5%	69	0.6%	101	1.0%	27	0.3%
Total Asia	1381	13.3%	1309	11.9%	1549	14.4%	1567	15.6%	1353	15.3%

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Europe										
France	703	6.8%	756	6.9%	646	6.0%	649	6.5%	634	7.1%
Germany	543	5.2%	552	5.0%	565	5.2%	451	4.5%	434	4.9%
Netherlands	306	3.0%	313	2.8%	290	2.7%	362	3.6%	391	4.4%
Austria	275	2.7%	299	2.7%	296	2.7%	324	3.2%	382	4.3%
Spain	431	4.2%	427	3.9%	420	3.9%	411	4.1%	362	4.1%
UK	493	4.8%	502	4.6%	451	4.2%	451	4.5%	350	3.9%
Finland	183	1.8%	195	1.8%	168	1.6%	135	1.3%	325	3.7%
Italy	437	4.2%	535	4.9%	429	4.0%	427	4.2%	324	3.7%
Switzerland	378	3.7%	361	3.3%	359	3.3%	291	2.9%	288	3.2%
Belgium	364	3.5%	346	3.1%	337	3.1%	283	2.8%	239	2.7%
Sweden	184	1.8%	260	2.4%	187	1.7%	183	1.8%	176	2.0%
Greece	151	1.5%	186	1.7%	170	1.6%	150	1.5%	136	1.5%
Portugal	156	1.5%	144	1.3%	161	1.5%	134	1.3%	118	1.3%
Hungary	117	1.1%	122	1.1%	161	1.5%	132	1.3%	108	1.2%
Denmark	230	2.2%	187	1.7%	194	1.8%	149	1.5%	106	1.2%
Czech Rep	110	1.1%	125	1.1%	127	1.2%	116	1.2%	105	1.2%
Turkey	96	0.9%	106	1.0%	121	1.1%	122	1.2%	93	1.0%
Poland	108	1.0%	141	1.3%	120	1.1%	127	1.3%	91	1.0%
Norway	129	1.2%	145	1.3%	125	1.2%	115	1.1%	87	1.0%
Russia	94	0.9%	119	1.1%	121	1.1%	98	1.0%	75	0.8%
Croatia	49	0.5%	49	0.4%	57	0.5%	54	0.5%	51	0.6%
Slovenia	48	0.5%	52	0.5%	71	0.7%	41	0.4%	40	0.5%
Ireland	68	0.7%	73	0.7%	92	0.9%	75	0.7%	39	0.4%
Romania	36	0.3%	52	0.5%	45	0.4%	33	0.3%	33	0.4%
Bulgaria	27	0.3%	35	0.3%	37	0.3%	28	0.3%	28	0.3%
Estonia	17	0.2%	43	0.4%	32	0.3%	28	0.3%	28	0.3%
Slovakia	41	0.4%	27	0.2%	45	0.4%	28	0.3%	23	0.3%
Lithuania	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	26	0.2%	49	0.5%	22	0.2%
Cyprus	23	0.2%	24	0.2%	23	0.2%	28	0.3%	21	0.2%
Malta	20	0.2%	29	0.3%	28	0.3%	35	0.3%	21	0.2%
Iceland	31	0.3%	33	0.3%	70	0.6%	31	0.3%	19	0.2%
Latvia	18	0.2%	30	0.3%	28	0.3%	22	0.2%	15	0.2%
Serbia-Montenegro	2	0.0%	25	0.2%	24	0.2%	16	0.2%	14	0.2%
Ukraine	16	0.2%	26	0.2%	26	0.2%	11	0.1%	13	0.1%
Luxembourg	24	0.2%	30	0.3%	13	0.1%	38	0.4%	10	0.1%
Vatican	4	0.0%	8	0.1%	6	0.1%	3	0.0%	8	0.1%
Monaco	14	0.1%	25	0.2%	19	0.2%	17	0.2%	8	0.1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0.0%	6	0.1%	4	0.0%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%
Azerbaijan	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%
Macedonia	7	0.1%	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.0%	5	0.1%
Other	39	0.4%	28	0.3%	31	0.3%	34	0.3%	12	0.1%
Total Europe	5998	58.0%	6445	58.6%	6136	56.9%	5692	56.6%	5245	59.1%
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