

Figure 0.2.2. Current overview

Participation in international organizations by type and continent: 2007

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 2,344 African members of IGOs classified as conventional international bodies (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered); there are 3,250 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	2344	23265	25609	1719	31593	33312	1772	32761	34533
Unconventional international bodies	F	3679	13865	17544	3119	15482	18601	2862	14609	17471
Total		6023	37130	43153	4838	47075	51913	4634	47370	52004

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	372	6955	7327	2744	92224	94968	8951	186798	195749
Unconventional international bodies	F	841	3250	4091	6096	38183	44279	16597	85389	101986
Total		1213	10205	11418	8840	130407	139247	25548	272187	297735

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	4471	5002	9473	3722	6536	10258	3223	6374	9597
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	476	2009	2485	394	2359	2753	511	2555	3066
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	2290	2290	0	3271	3271	0	1492	1492
Total		4947	9301	14248	4116	12166	16282	3734	10421	14155

		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	851	1438	2289	6808	21974	28782	19075	41324	60399
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	140	704	844	1856	6985	8841	3377	14612	17989
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	386	386	0	3698	3698	0	11137	11137
Total		991	2528	3519	8664	32657	41321	22452	67073	89525

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	26	12	38	16	29	45	32	54	86
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	7298	0	7298	7773	0	7773	5179	0	5179
Total		7324	12	7336	7789	29	7818	5211	54	5265

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Autonomous conference series	S	13	8	21	75	91	166	162	194	356
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	1421	0	1421	17326	0	17326	38997	0	38997
Total		1434	8	1442	17401	91	17492	39159	194	39353

National bodies (Cluster IV)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	82	2910	2992	95	3708	3803	66	3507	3573
National organizations	N	0	482	482	0	1270	1270	0	1006	1006
Total		82	3392	3474	95	4978	5073	66	4513	4579

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	22	792	814	67	6155	6222	332	17072	17404
National organizations	N	0	386	386	0	2783	2783	0	5927	5927
Total		22	1178	1200	67	8938	9005	332	22999	23331

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

		Africa			America			Asia		
Description	Yearbook types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	2442	4754	7196	1043	5175	6218	1117	3702	4819
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	41	271	312	45	477	522	92	414	506
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1969	7876	9845	2033	9152	11185	1549	7439	8988
Total		4452	12901	17353	3121	14804	17925	2758	11555	14313

		Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
Description	Yearbook Types	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	172	731	903	1464	12314	13778	6238	26676	32914
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	16	87	103	162	1547	1709	356	2796	3152
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	329	2026	2355	3283	23625	26908	9163	50118	59281
Total		517	2844	3361	4909	37486	42395	15757	79590	95347

* 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