

Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution
Geographic distribution of international meetings: 2003-2007, 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 2003-2007. 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.

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	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	137	1.1%	140	1.2%	123	1.1%	102	1.0%	98	0.9%
Egypt	57	0.5%	72	0.6%	64	0.6%	62	0.6%	43	0.4%
Kenya	44	0.4%	29	0.2%	45	0.4%	28	0.3%	33	0.3%
Tunisia	31	0.3%	39	0.3%	33	0.3%	21	0.2%	23	0.2%
Morocco	37	0.3%	39	0.3%	37	0.3%	41	0.4%	21	0.2%
Ghana	18	0.1%	13	0.1%	15	0.1%	8	0.1%	18	0.2%
Ethiopia	22	0.2%	23	0.2%	17	0.1%	28	0.3%	17	0.2%
Uganda	18	0.1%	22	0.2%	16	0.1%	7	0.1%	17	0.2%
Mauritius	14	0.1%	16	0.1%	14	0.1%	6	0.1%	15	0.1%
Senegal	24	0.2%	21	0.2%	18	0.2%	10	0.1%	13	0.1%
Angola	17	0.1%	16	0.1%	15	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%
Burkina Faso	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	10	0.1%	9	0.1%	9	0.1%
Botswana	8	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%
Rwanda	4	0.0%	6	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	7	0.1%
Benin	6	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	6	0.1%
Cameroon	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%	7	0.1%	5	0.0%
Congo Brazzaville	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%	5	0.0%
Libyan AJ	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	5	0.0%
Mozambique	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	5	0.0%
Tanzania UR	8	0.1%	19	0.2%	10	0.1%	17	0.2%	5	0.0%
Zambia	12	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%	2	0.0%	5	0.0%
Other	96	0.8%	75	0.6%	77	0.7%	82	0.8%	36	0.3%
Total Africa	597	4.8%	591	4.9%	542	4.7%	469	4.5%	404	3.9%
America										
USA	1582	12.8%	1581	13.0%	1422	12.4%	1108	10.6%	1114	10.8%
Canada	315	2.5%	303	2.5%	286	2.5%	265	2.5%	275	2.7%
Mexico	144	1.2%	141	1.2%	89	0.8%	94	0.9%	116	1.1%
Brazil	148	1.2%	141	1.2%	146	1.3%	146	1.4%	113	1.1%
Argentina	58	0.5%	91	0.8%	91	0.8%	77	0.7%	48	0.5%
Chile	58	0.5%	69	0.6%	58	0.5%	36	0.3%	38	0.4%
Cuba	98	0.8%	47	0.4%	59	0.5%	22	0.2%	33	0.3%
Colombia	33	0.3%	29	0.2%	45	0.4%	26	0.2%	27	0.3%
Peru	33	0.3%	33	0.3%	31	0.3%	27	0.3%	22	0.2%
Costa Rica	22	0.2%	24	0.2%	14	0.1%	17	0.2%	17	0.2%
Dominican Rep	22	0.2%	18	0.1%	12	0.1%	17	0.2%	17	0.2%
Puerto Rico	14	0.1%	17	0.1%	13	0.1%	19	0.2%	16	0.2%
Uruguay	35	0.3%	9	0.1%	35	0.3%	15	0.1%	16	0.2%
Ecuador	18	0.1%	32	0.3%	18	0.2%	14	0.1%	12	0.1%

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Venezuela	18	0.1%	13	0.1%	15	0.1%	13	0.1%	12	0.1%
Guadeloupe	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	10	0.1%
Guatemala	17	0.1%	19	0.2%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	10	0.1%
Jamaica	28	0.2%	9	0.1%	16	0.1%	12	0.1%	10	0.1%
Martinique	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	8	0.1%
Trinidad-Tobago	18	0.1%	15	0.1%	13	0.1%	14	0.1%	8	0.1%
Barbados	18	0.1%	5	0.0%	7	0.1%	4	0.0%	7	0.1%
Panama	31	0.3%	9	0.1%	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	7	0.1%
Cayman Is	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	6	0.1%
Other	113	0.9%	75	0.6%	57	0.5%	60	0.6%	36	0.3%
Total America	2828	22.9%	2685	22.1%	2453	21.4%	2013	19.3%	1978	19.2%
Australasia / Pacific										
Australia	288	2.3%	283	2.3%	233	2.0%	245	2.3%	272	2.6%
New Zealand	61	0.5%	49	0.4%	49	0.4%	27	0.3%	41	0.4%
Polynesia Fr	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	7	0.1%
Samoa	4	0.0%	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.0%
Other	27	0.2%	44	0.4%	28	0.2%	17	0.2%	9	0.1%
Total Australasia / Pacific	380	3.1%	381	3.1%	314	2.7%	292	2.8%	334	3.2%
Asia										
Singapore	142	1.1%	170	1.4%	216	1.9%	300	2.9%	466	4.5%
Japan	280	2.3%	267	2.2%	224	2.0%	213	2.0%	448	4.3%
Korea Rep	140	1.1%	177	1.5%	206	1.8%	243	2.3%	268	2.6%
China, HK & Macao	167	1.3%	314	2.6%	297	2.6%	267	2.6%	255	2.5%
India	141	1.1%	132	1.1%	139	1.2%	128	1.2%	111	1.1%
Thailand	127	1.0%	125	1.0%	108	0.9%	75	0.7%	89	0.9%
Malaysia	83	0.7%	97	0.8%	106	0.9%	63	0.6%	79	0.8%
Philippines	59	0.5%	31	0.3%	44	0.4%	30	0.3%	56	0.5%
Indonesia	51	0.4%	36	0.3%	81	0.7%	34	0.3%	40	0.4%
Taiwan	47	0.4%	43	0.4%	37	0.3%	43	0.4%	39	0.4%
United Arab Emirates	33	0.3%	37	0.3%	34	0.3%	46	0.4%	36	0.3%
Vietnam	30	0.2%	27	0.2%	38	0.3%	23	0.2%	18	0.2%
Israel	14	0.1%	20	0.2%	16	0.1%	17	0.2%	17	0.2%
Jordan	7	0.1%	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	16	0.2%	13	0.1%
Sri Lanka	19	0.2%	19	0.2%	18	0.2%	12	0.1%	12	0.1%
Bahrain	14	0.1%	9	0.1%	11	0.1%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%
Qatar	6	0.0%	10	0.1%	6	0.1%	9	0.1%	11	0.1%
Iran Islamic Rep	17	0.1%	22	0.2%	29	0.3%	10	0.1%	10	0.1%
Oman	5	0.0%	5	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	9	0.1%
Cambodia	6	0.0%	6	0.0%	19	0.2%	5	0.0%	8	0.1%
Syrian AR	9	0.1%	19	0.2%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%
Lebanon	14	0.1%	24	0.2%	11	0.1%	12	0.1%	7	0.1%
Pakistan	16	0.1%	23	0.2%	17	0.1%	16	0.2%	7	0.1%
Kazakhstan	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%
Saudi Arabia	5	0.0%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%	10	0.1%	5	0.0%
Other	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	10	0.1%	4	0.0%	5	0.1%
Total Asia	1500	12.1%	1716	14.2%	1800	15.7%	1634	15.6%	2052	19.9%

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Europe										
France	829	6.7%	743	6.1%	752	6.5%	699	6.7%	598	5.8%
Germany	633	5.1%	633	5.2%	527	4.6%	519	5.0%	523	5.1%
Netherlands	344	2.8%	308	2.5%	388	3.4%	415	4.0%	423	4.1%
Italy	605	4.9%	492	4.1%	482	4.2%	384	3.7%	414	4.0%
Spain	454	3.7%	453	3.7%	440	3.8%	408	3.9%	393	3.8%
Austria	313	2.5%	315	2.6%	345	3.0%	414	4.0%	366	3.5%
UK	555	4.5%	500	4.1%	517	4.5%	426	4.1%	327	3.2%
Belgium	371	3.0%	369	3.0%	310	2.7%	284	2.7%	307	3.0%
Switzerland	387	3.1%	391	3.2%	318	2.8%	320	3.1%	284	2.8%
Finland	202	1.6%	174	1.4%	140	1.2%	339	3.2%	200	1.9%
Portugal	159	1.3%	180	1.5%	148	1.3%	138	1.3%	188	1.8%
Sweden	272	2.2%	191	1.6%	194	1.7%	194	1.9%	183	1.8%
Norway	152	1.2%	134	1.1%	133	1.2%	96	0.9%	132	1.3%
Greece	211	1.7%	187	1.5%	172	1.5%	162	1.6%	116	1.1%
Turkey	119	1.0%	134	1.1%	135	1.2%	117	1.1%	116	1.1%
Denmark	198	1.6%	201	1.7%	157	1.4%	115	1.1%	107	1.0%
Poland	156	1.3%	134	1.1%	158	1.4%	114	1.1%	104	1.0%
Czech Rep	136	1.1%	137	1.1%	145	1.3%	132	1.3%	97	0.9%
Hungary	139	1.1%	177	1.5%	135	1.2%	127	1.2%	97	0.9%
Russia	158	1.3%	150	1.2%	123	1.1%	111	1.1%	90	0.9%
Ireland	80	0.6%	98	0.8%	81	0.7%	46	0.4%	61	0.6%
Slovenia	56	0.5%	76	0.6%	51	0.4%	44	0.4%	53	0.5%
Croatia	54	0.4%	62	0.5%	58	0.5%	58	0.6%	46	0.4%
Romania	55	0.4%	49	0.4%	37	0.3%	41	0.4%	39	0.4%
Luxembourg	31	0.3%	18	0.1%	39	0.3%	14	0.1%	31	0.3%
Lithuania	23	0.2%	27	0.2%	52	0.5%	22	0.2%	27	0.3%
Slovakia	29	0.2%	50	0.4%	34	0.3%	32	0.3%	22	0.2%
Iceland	37	0.3%	71	0.6%	36	0.3%	24	0.2%	21	0.2%
Bulgaria	40	0.3%	41	0.3%	31	0.3%	36	0.3%	20	0.2%
Latvia	32	0.3%	28	0.2%	23	0.2%	25	0.2%	20	0.2%
Malta	30	0.2%	29	0.2%	37	0.3%	21	0.2%	20	0.2%
Serbia	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%	20	0.2%
Estonia	44	0.4%	33	0.3%	28	0.2%	28	0.3%	19	0.2%
Cyprus	25	0.2%	28	0.2%	34	0.3%	26	0.2%	16	0.2%
Monaco	27	0.2%	21	0.2%	18	0.2%	9	0.1%	16	0.2%
Ukraine	34	0.3%	32	0.3%	17	0.1%	30	0.3%	16	0.2%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6	0.0%	6	0.0%	3	0.0%	6	0.1%	11	0.1%
Vatican	8	0.1%	6	0.0%	3	0.0%	9	0.1%	6	0.1%
Other	67	0.5%	72	0.6%	74	0.6%	40	0.4%	21	0.2%
Total Europe	7071	57.1%	6750	55.7%	6375	55.5%	6035	57.8%	5550	53.8%
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Total World	12376		12123		11484		10443		10318	