

Figure 0.2.2. Current overview

Participation in international organizations by type and continent: 2008

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 2,362 African members of IGOs classified as conventional international bodies (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered); there are 3,202 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)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	2362	23692	26054	1735	32440	34175	1802	33441	35243
Unconventional international bodies	F	3685	14031	17716	3116	15291	18407	2857	14582	17439
Total		6047	37723	43770	4851	47731	52582	4659	48023	52682

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	381	7079	7460	2774	93794	96568	9054	190446	199500
Unconventional international bodies	F	819	3202	4021	6164	38694	44858	16641	85800	102441
Total		1200	10281	11481	8938	132488	141426	25695	276246	301941

Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	4473	4870	9343	3776	6396	10172	3359	6347	9706
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	439	1931	2370	350	2324	2674	481	2565	3046
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	2291	2291	0	3273	3273	0	1492	1492
Total		4912	9092	14004	4126	11993	16119	3840	10404	14244

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	854	1440	2294	6961	22406	29367	19423	41459	60882
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	141	689	830	1628	6864	8492	3039	14373	17412
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	386	386	0	3702	3702	0	11144	11144
Total		995	2515	3510	8589	32972	41561	22462	66976	89438

Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		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	7300	0	7300	7782	0	7782	5188	0	5188
Total		7326	12	7338	7798	29	7827	5220	54	5274

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		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	1419	0	1419	17347	0	17347	39036	0	39036
Total		1432	8	1440	17422	91	17513	39198	194	39392

National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	84	2907	2991	71	3598	3669	67	3462	3529
National organizations	N	0	609	609	0	1758	1758	0	1364	1364
Total		84	3516	3600	71	5356	5427	67	4826	4893

Description	Yearbook types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	22	790	812	66	5988	6054	310	16745	17055
National organizations	N	0	517	517	0	3684	3684	0	7932	7932
Total		22	1307	1329	66	9672	9738	310	24677	24987

Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

Description	Yearbook types	Africa			America			Asia		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	2479	4790	7269	975	4868	5843	1106	3705	4811
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	14	25	39	6	65	71	19	54	73
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	2053	7958	10011	2169	9171	11340	1604	7480	9084
Total		4546	12773	17319	3150	14104	17254	2729	11239	13968

Description	Yearbook Types	Australasia / Oceania			Europe			The World		
		IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total	IGO	NGO	Total
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	179	776	955	1423	12880	14303	6162	27019	33181
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	0	4	4	50	88	138	89	236	325
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	337	1931	2268	3602	23791	27393	9765	50331	60096
Total		516	2711	3227	5075	36759	41834	16016	77586	93602

* 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