

**Figure 0.2.3. Current overview**  
**Participation in intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) by continent: 2008**

These tables provide an overview of participation, through membership, of different continents in intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) of different organization types. The types are grouped within clusters\* (as introduced in Figure 0.1). The summary is by type and continent, with percentages. For example, there are 2,362 African members of IGOs classified as conventional international bodies (irrespective of where the IGO is headquartered), being 39.06% of the African members of IGOs in Cluster I, 26.09% of the African members of this type of IGO, 2.28% of the African members of all IGOs and 0.43% of the African members all organizations (whether IGO or NGO). Globally, there are 16597 members of IGOs classified as unconventional international bodies.

Figure 0.2.4. provides similar data for NGOs. Figures 0.2.1. and 0.2.2. are condensed versions of these data. Figure 2.1.1. has more detail on participation. For information on organization types in the *Yearbook of International Organizations*, see Appendix "Types of organization".

**International organizations (Cluster I)**

| Description                         | Yearbook types | Africa                         |                       |                   |               |                        | America                        |                       |                   |               |                        | Asia                           |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                     |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                     |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Conventional international bodies   | A-D            | 2362                           | 39,06%                | 26,09%            | 2,28%         | 0,43%                  | 1735                           | 35,77%                | 19,16%            | 1,67%         | 0,32%                  | 1802                           | 38,68%                | 19,90%            | 1,74%         | 0,33%                  |
| Unconventional international bodies | F              | 3685                           | 60,94%                | 22,14%            | 3,55%         | 0,67%                  | 3116                           | 64,23%                | 18,72%            | 3,01%         | 0,57%                  | 2857                           | 61,32%                | 17,17%            | 2,76%         | 0,52%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                        |                | <b>6047</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>23,53%</b>     | <b>5,83%</b>  | <b>1,10%</b>           | <b>4851</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>18,88%</b>     | <b>4,68%</b>  | <b>0,88%</b>           | <b>4659</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>18,13%</b>     | <b>4,49%</b>  | <b>0,85%</b>           |

| Description                         | Yearbook types | Australasia / Oceania          |                       |                   |               |                        | Europe                         |                       |                   |               |                        | The World                      |                       |                   |               |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
|                                     |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                     |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Conventional international bodies   | A-D            | 381                            | 31,75%                | 4,21%             | 0,37%         | 0,07%                  | 2774                           | 31,04%                | 30,64%            | 2,68%         | 0,50%                  | 9054                           | 35,24%                | 100,00%           | 8,73%         | 1,65%                  |
| Unconventional international bodies | F              | 819                            | 68,25%                | 4,92%             | 0,79%         | 0,15%                  | 6164                           | 68,96%                | 37,04%            | 5,95%         | 1,12%                  | 16641                          | 64,76%                | 100,00%           | 16,05%        | 3,03%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                        |                | <b>1200</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>4,67%</b>      | <b>1,16%</b>  | <b>0,22%</b>           | <b>8938</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>34,78%</b>     | <b>8,62%</b>  | <b>1,63%</b>           | <b>25695</b>                   | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>100,00%</b>    | <b>24,78%</b> | <b>4,68%</b>           |

**Dependent bodies (Cluster II)**

| Description                                  | Yearbook types | Africa                         |                       |                   |               |                        | America                        |                       |                   |               |                        | Asia                           |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                              |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                              |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies | E              | 4473                           | 91,06%                | 23,03%            | 4,31%         | 0,81%                  | 3776                           | 91,52%                | 19,44%            | 3,64%         | 0,69%                  | 3359                           | 87,47%                | 17,29%            | 3,24%         | 0,61%                  |
| Subsidiary and internal bodies               | K              | 439                            | 8,94%                 | 14,45%            | 0,42%         | 0,08%                  | 350                            | 8,48%                 | 11,52%            | 0,34%         | 0,06%                  | 481                            | 12,53%                | 15,83%            | 0,46%         | 0,09%                  |
| Religious orders and secular institutes      | R              | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |                | <b>4912</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>21,87%</b>     | <b>4,74%</b>  | <b>0,89%</b>           | <b>4126</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>18,37%</b>     | <b>3,98%</b>  | <b>0,75%</b>           | <b>3840</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>17,10%</b>     | <b>3,70%</b>  | <b>0,70%</b>           |

| Description                                  | Yearbook types | Australasia / Oceania          |                       |                   |               |                        | Europe                         |                       |                   |               |                        | The World                      |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                              |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                              |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies | E              | 854                            | 85,83%                | 4,40%             | 0,82%         | 0,16%                  | 6961                           | 81,05%                | 35,84%            | 6,71%         | 1,27%                  | 19423                          | 86,47%                | 100,00%           | 18,73%        | 3,54%                  |
| Subsidiary and internal bodies               | K              | 141                            | 14,17%                | 4,64%             | 0,14%         | 0,03%                  | 1628                           | 18,95%                | 53,57%            | 1,57%         | 0,30%                  | 3039                           | 13,53%                | 100,00%           | 2,93%         | 0,55%                  |
| Religious orders and secular institutes      | R              | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        | 0                              |                       |                   |               |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 |                | <b>995</b>                     | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>4,43%</b>      | <b>0,96%</b>  | <b>0,18%</b>           | <b>8589</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>38,24%</b>     | <b>8,28%</b>  | <b>1,56%</b>           | <b>22462</b>                   | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>100,00%</b>    | <b>21,66%</b> | <b>4,09%</b>           |

### Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

| Description                                    | Yearbook types | Africa                         |                       |                   |               |                        | America                        |                       |                   |               |                        | Asia                           |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Autonomous conference series                   | S              | 26                             | 0,35%                 | 16,05%            | 0,03%         | 0,00%                  | 16                             | 0,21%                 | 9,88%             | 0,02%         | 0,00%                  | 32                             | 0,61%                 | 19,75%            | 0,03%         | 0,01%                  |
| Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements | T              | 7300                           | 99,65%                | 18,70%            | 7,04%         | 1,33%                  | 7782                           | 99,79%                | 19,94%            | 7,51%         | 1,42%                  | 5188                           | 99,39%                | 13,29%            | 5,00%         | 0,94%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                   |                | <b>7326</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>18,69%</b>     | <b>7,07%</b>  | <b>1,33%</b>           | <b>7798</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>19,89%</b>     | <b>7,52%</b>  | <b>1,42%</b>           | <b>5220</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>13,32%</b>     | <b>5,03%</b>  | <b>0,95%</b>           |

| Description                                    | Yearbook types | Australasia / Oceania          |                       |                   |               |                        | Europe                         |                       |                   |               |                        | The World                      |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Autonomous conference series                   | S              | 13                             | 0,91%                 | 8,02%             | 0,01%         | 0,00%                  | 75                             | 0,43%                 | 46,30%            | 0,07%         | 0,01%                  | 162                            | 0,41%                 | 100,00%           | 0,16%         | 0,03%                  |
| Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements | T              | 1419                           | 99,09%                | 3,64%             | 1,37%         | 0,26%                  | 17347                          | 99,57%                | 44,44%            | 16,73%        | 3,16%                  | 39036                          | 99,59%                | 100,00%           | 37,65%        | 7,11%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                   |                | <b>1432</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>3,65%</b>      | <b>1,38%</b>  | <b>0,26%</b>           | <b>17422</b>                   | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>44,45%</b>     | <b>16,80%</b> | <b>3,17%</b>           | <b>39198</b>                   | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>100,00%</b>    | <b>37,81%</b> | <b>7,14%</b>           |

### National bodies (Cluster IV)

| Description                                     | Yearbook types | Africa                         |                       |                   |               |                        | America                        |                       |                   |               |                        | Asia                           |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                 |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                 |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Internationally oriented national organizations | G              | 84                             | 100,00%               | 27,10%            | 0,08%         | 0,02%                  | 71                             | 100,00%               | 22,90%            | 0,07%         | 0,01%                  | 67                             | 100,00%               | 21,61%            | 0,06%         | 0,01%                  |
| National organizations                          | N              | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                    |                | <b>84</b>                      | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>27,10%</b>     | <b>0,08%</b>  | <b>0,02%</b>           | <b>71</b>                      | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>22,90%</b>     | <b>0,07%</b>  | <b>0,01%</b>           | <b>67</b>                      | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>21,61%</b>     | <b>0,06%</b>  | <b>0,01%</b>           |

| Description                                     | Yearbook types | Australasia / Oceania          |                       |                   |               |                        | Europe                         |                       |                   |               |                        | The World                      |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                 |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                 |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Internationally oriented national organizations | G              | 22                             | 100,00%               | 7,10%             | 0,02%         | 0,00%                  | 66                             | 100,00%               | 21,29%            | 0,06%         | 0,01%                  | 310                            | 100,00%               | 100,00%           | 0,30%         | 0,06%                  |
| National organizations                          | N              | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  | 0                              |                       |                   | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                    |                | <b>22</b>                      | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>7,10%</b>      | <b>0,02%</b>  | <b>0,00%</b>           | <b>66</b>                      | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>21,29%</b>     | <b>0,06%</b>  | <b>0,01%</b>           | <b>310</b>                     | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>100,00%</b>    | <b>0,30%</b>  | <b>0,06%</b>           |

### Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

| Description                                                 | Yearbook types | Africa                         |                       |                   |               |                        | America                        |                       |                   |               |                        | Asia                           |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                             |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                             |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations | H              | 2479                           | 54,53%                | 40,23%            | 2,39%         | 0,45%                  | 975                            | 30,95%                | 15,82%            | 0,94%         | 0,18%                  | 1106                           | 40,53%                | 17,95%            | 1,07%         | 0,20%                  |
| Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed                | J              | 14                             | 0,31%                 | 15,73%            | 0,01%         | 0,00%                  | 6                              | 0,19%                 | 6,74%             | 0,01%         | 0,00%                  | 19                             | 0,70%                 | 21,35%            | 0,02%         | 0,00%                  |
| Currently excluded nonconventional bodies                   | U              | 2053                           | 45,16%                | 21,02%            | 1,98%         | 0,37%                  | 2169                           | 68,86%                | 22,21%            | 2,09%         | 0,39%                  | 1604                           | 58,78%                | 16,43%            | 1,55%         | 0,29%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                |                | <b>4546</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>28,38%</b>     | <b>4,38%</b>  | <b>0,83%</b>           | <b>3150</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>19,67%</b>     | <b>3,04%</b>  | <b>0,57%</b>           | <b>2729</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>17,04%</b>     | <b>2,63%</b>  | <b>0,50%</b>           |

| Description                                                 | Yearbook types | Australasia / Oceania          |                       |                   |               |                        | Europe                         |                       |                   |               |                        | The World                      |                       |                   |               |                        |
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|                                                             |                | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        | Percentage of members of . . . |                       |                   |               |                        |
|                                                             |                |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |                                | IGOs in regional type | IGOs of this type | IGOs globally | Organizations globally |
| Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations | H              | 179                            | 34,69%                | 2,90%             | 0,17%         | 0,03%                  | 1423                           | 28,04%                | 23,09%            | 1,37%         | 0,26%                  | 6162                           | 38,47%                | 100,00%           | 5,94%         | 1,12%                  |
| Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed                | J              | 0                              | 0,00%                 | 0,00%             | 0,00%         | 0,00%                  | 50                             | 0,99%                 | 56,18%            | 0,05%         | 0,01%                  | 89                             | 0,56%                 | 100,00%           | 0,09%         | 0,02%                  |
| Currently excluded nonconventional bodies                   | U              | 337                            | 65,31%                | 3,45%             | 0,33%         | 0,06%                  | 3602                           | 70,98%                | 36,89%            | 3,47%         | 0,66%                  | 9765                           | 60,97%                | 100,00%           | 9,42%         | 1,78%                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                |                | <b>516</b>                     | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>3,22%</b>      | <b>0,50%</b>  | <b>0,09%</b>           | <b>5075</b>                    | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>31,69%</b>     | <b>4,89%</b>  | <b>0,92%</b>           | <b>16016</b>                   | <b>100,00%</b>        | <b>100,00%</b>    | <b>15,45%</b> | <b>2,92%</b>           |

\* 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