

**Figure 2.1.14. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2008**

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. Countries listed had a minimum of 30 meetings in 2008.

After figure 2.1.15. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2008 – figure 2.1.14 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1079	9,73%
France	797	7,19%
Singapore	637	5,75%
Japan	575	5,19%
Spain	467	4,21%
Germany	440	3,97%
Netherlands	428	3,86%
Italy	413	3,73%
Belgium	383	3,46%
UK	349	3,15%
Austria	315	2,84%
Korea Rep	293	2,64%
Australia	273	2,46%
Canada	267	2,41%
Switzerland	232	2,09%
China	216	1,95%
Finland	168	1,52%
Greece	166	1,50%
Portugal	159	1,43%
Norway	145	1,31%
Hungary	145	1,31%
Denmark	141	1,27%
India	131	1,18%
Sweden	124	1,12%
Turkey	116	1,05%
Brazil	114	1,03%
Mexico	108	0,97%
Poland	106	0,96%
Czech Rep	103	0,93%
South Africa	101	0,91%
Malaysia	83	0,75%
Russia	80	0,72%
Slovenia	76	0,69%
Argentina	73	0,66%
Peru	66	0,60%
Thailand	64	0,58%
Croatia	64	0,58%
Ireland	62	0,56%
Egypt	60	0,54%
Hong Kong	55	0,50%
Morocco	51	0,46%
Romania	50	0,45%
New Zealand	44	0,40%
United Arab Emirates	42	0,38%
Philippines	39	0,35%
Bulgaria	37	0,33%
Taiwan	38	0,34%
Nigeria	37	0,33%
Chile	35	0,32%
Tunisia	32	0,29%
Luxembourg	33	0,30%
Indonesia	31	0,28%
Malta	31	0,28%
Meetings (listed here)	10174	91.78%
Total meetings in 2008	11085	