

Figure 2.1.6. Geographic distribution
Membership of international organizations, by region of activity: 2008

This table lists, for different continents, regions and other groupings, the total number of organizations listed in this Yearbook series which have members in that grouping.

For each grouping, the first line of totals indicates the number of intergovernmental organizations with members in that region or group; the second line indicates the number of non-governmental organizations with members in that region or group; the third line indicates the total number of organizations, both intergovernmental or non-governmental with members in that region or group.

The organizations are totalled by type, indicated by the letter code at the head of each column. In addition, totals are given at the end of each row by cluster. The organization 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

See the Appendix "Types of organization" for more information.

For a detailed analysis per country and per organization type, see Figure 2.1.1.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	N	R	S	T	U	I	II	III	IV	V	
<u>Continental groupings</u>																					
Africa																					
IGO	1	34	22	63	270	238	7	186	4	40	0	0	2	569	205	358	310	571	7	395	1641
NGO	32	446	901	1480	647	1525	459	519	6	293	195	502	4	0	1099	4384	1442	4	654	1624	8108
Total	33	480	923	1543	917	1763	466	705	10	333	195	502	6	569	1304	4742	1752	575	661	2019	9749
Africa, Central																					
IGO	1	32	15	29	142	131	5	90	0	14	0	0	2	304	85	208	156	306	5	175	850
NGO	24	316	272	321	190	600	154	190	2	83	29	271	1	0	360	1533	544	1	183	552	2813
Total	25	348	287	350	332	731	159	280	2	97	29	271	3	304	445	1741	700	307	188	727	3663
Africa, East																					
IGO	1	30	14	32	166	133	4	104	0	17	0	0	1	358	96	210	183	359	4	200	956
NGO	28	385	400	462	276	846	215	253	1	124	57	202	0	0	494	2121	602	0	272	748	3743
Total	29	415	414	494	442	979	219	357	1	141	57	202	1	358	590	2331	785	359	276	948	4699
Africa, Indian Ocean																					
IGO	1	27	11	16	120	99	4	67	0	10	0	0	1	276	49	154	130	277	4	116	681
NGO	24	264	205	240	156	395	95	155	1	61	24	112	0	0	249	1128	329	0	119	405	1981
Total	25	291	216	256	276	494	99	222	1	71	24	112	1	276	298	1282	459	277	123	521	2662
Africa, Maghreb																					
IGO	1	30	17	34	183	137	4	102	1	28	0	0	0	355	131	219	211	355	4	234	1023
NGO	26	340	374	595	256	550	106	265	2	102	35	72	1	0	406	1885	430	1	141	673	3130
Total	27	370	391	629	439	687	110	367	3	130	35	72	1	355	537	2104	641	356	145	907	4153
Africa, Sahel																					
IGO	1	27	13	40	179	147	4	125	3	18	0	0	1	316	109	228	197	317	4	237	983
NGO	24	286	240	323	208	576	139	218	2	71	23	170	0	0	381	1449	449	0	162	601	2661
Total	25	313	253	363	387	723	143	343	5	89	23	170	1	316	490	1677	646	317	166	838	3644
America																					
IGO	1	34	27	59	336	293	7	118	1	51	0	0	3	760	261	414	387	763	7	380	1951
NGO	31	448	1003	2397	955	1979	687	706	9	371	436	568	7	0	1580	5858	1894	7	1123	2295	11177
Total	32	482	1030	2456	1291	2272	694	824	10	422	436	568	10	760	1841	6272	2281	770	1130	2675	13128
America, Andean																					
IGO	1	33	13	24	155	135	4	48	1	18	0	0	0	507	115	206	173	507	4	164	1054
NGO	27	417	558	869	373	935	229	287	5	153	94	299	2	0	542	2806	825	2	323	834	4790
Total	28	450	571	893	528	1070	233	335	6	171	94	299	2	507	657	3012	998	509	327	998	5844
America, Caribbean																					
IGO	1	32	14	35	191	172	4	71	0	16	0	0	1	549	166	254	207	550	4	237	1252
NGO	25	406	533	794	349	878	280	287	4	132	141	220	2	0	590	2636	701	2	421	881	4641
Total	26	438	547	829	540	1050	284	358	4	148	141	220	3	549	756	2890	908	552	425	1118	5893
America, Caribbean (French speaking)																					
IGO	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	0	0	5	13
NGO	1	30	17	54	22	61	3	19	0	12	3	14	0	0	28	163	48	0	6	47	264
Total	1	30	17	55	27	63	3	21	0	12	3	14	0	0	31	166	53	0	6	52	277

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	N	R	S	T	U	I	II	III	IV	V		
America, Central																						
IGO	1	30	7	19	147	108	4	39	0	14	0	0	0	449	94	165	161	449	4	133	912	
NGO	25	336	300	512	228	647	186	201	3	87	60	133	1	0	391	1820	448	1	246	595	3110	
Total	26	366	307	531	375	755	190	240	3	101	60	133	1	449	485	1985	609	450	250	728	4022	
America, Latin																						
IGO	1	34	20	36	235	214	4	79	1	37	0	0	0	694	194	305	272	694	4	274	1549	
NGO	31	445	890	1584	656	1457	450	483	8	287	250	492	5	0	1031	4407	1435	5	700	1522	8069	
Total	32	479	910	1620	891	1671	454	562	9	324	250	492	5	694	1225	4712	1707	699	704	1796	9618	
America, North																						
IGO	1	33	21	35	263	223	6	77	0	41	0	0	3	522	158	313	304	525	6	235	1383	
NGO	31	444	980	2230	894	1874	621	606	9	350	419	467	6	0	1435	5559	1711	6	1040	2050	10366	
Total	32	477	1001	2265	1157	2097	627	683	9	391	419	467	9	522	1593	5872	2015	531	1046	2285	11749	
Asia																						
IGO	1	34	29	53	310	286	5	140	4	60	0	0	5	535	228	403	370	540	5	372	1690	
NGO	32	448	998	2238	955	1849	546	589	10	384	311	399	9	0	1320	5565	1738	9	857	1919	10088	
Total	33	482	1027	2291	1265	2135	551	729	14	444	311	399	14	535	1548	5968	2108	549	862	2291	11778	
Pacific																						
IGO	1	33	16	14	139	149	3	48	0	25	0	0	2	364	90	213	164	366	3	138	884	
NGO	30	432	867	1435	615	1308	377	342	3	278	294	167	4	0	879	4072	1060	4	671	1224	7031	
Total	31	465	883	1449	754	1457	380	390	3	303	294	167	6	364	969	4285	1224	370	674	1362	7915	
Pacific, South																						
IGO	1	33	16	14	139	149	3	48	0	25	0	0	2	364	90	213	164	366	3	138	884	
NGO	30	432	867	1435	615	1308	377	342	3	278	294	167	4	0	879	4072	1060	4	671	1224	7031	
Total	31	465	883	1449	754	1457	380	390	3	303	294	167	6	364	969	4285	1224	370	674	1362	7915	
Macronesia																						
IGO	1	19	2	6	63	57	1	24	0	7	0	0	0	76	23	85	70	76	1	47	279	
NGO	5	71	18	56	39	90	15	30	0	14	2	11	0	0	56	240	64	0	17	86	407	
Total	6	90	20	62	102	147	16	54	0	21	2	11	0	76	79	325	134	76	18	133	686	
Europe																						
IGO	1	34	28	84	413	360	10	163	5	89	0	0	6	1019	315	507	502	1025	10	483	2527	
NGO	33	448	1014	3792	1478	2611	696	1223	8	444	440	635	6	0	2439	7898	2557	6	1136	3670	15267	
Total	34	482	1042	3876	1891	2971	706	1386	13	533	440	635	12	1019	2754	8405	3059	1031	1146	4153	17794	
Europe, Central/Eastern																						
IGO	1	34	24	44	285	244	6	86	4	55	0	0	4	744	161	347	340	748	6	251	1692	
NGO	32	441	918	2592	1040	1823	343	465	3	341	182	228	5	0	1004	5806	1609	5	525	1472	9417	
Total	33	475	942	2636	1325	2067	349	551	7	396	182	228	9	744	1165	6153	1949	753	531	1723	11109	
Europe, Nordic																						
IGO	1	34	16	44	260	217	3	68	1	61	0	0	3	694	187	312	321	697	3	256	1589	
NGO	30	426	879	2785	1053	1854	306	832	3	347	234	77	5	0	1370	5974	1477	5	540	2205	10201	
Total	31	460	895	2829	1313	2071	309	900	4	408	234	77	8	694	1557	6286	1798	702	543	2461	11790	
Europe, Scandinavia																						
IGO	1	33	15	42	246	212	3	66	1	60	0	0	3	680	179	303	306	683	3	246	1541	
NGO	30	423	858	2704	1008	1785	285	812	3	327	220	66	5	0	1305	5800	1401	5	505	2120	9831	
Total	31	456	873	2746	1254	1997	288	878	4	387	220	66	8	680	1484	6103	1707	688	508	2366	11372	
Europe, Western																						
IGO	1	34	26	75	399	341	7	131	3	83	0	0	5	983	274	477	482	988	7	408	2362	
NGO	33	448	1012	3739	1463	2549	659	1207	8	436	433	634	6	0	2376	7781	2533	6	1092	3591	15003	
Total	34	482	1038	3814	1862	2890	666	1338	11	519	433	634	11	983	2650	8258	3015	994	1099	3999	17365	
Organization membership																						
ACP-EU partnership agreement (Cotonou agreement)																						
IGO	1	34	31	144	550	461	10	265	4	103	0	0	6	1135	425	671	653	1141	10	694	3169	
NGO	33	448	1019	4244	1623	2832	756	1408	13	494	455	668	6	0	2676	8576	2785	6	1211	4097	16675	
Total	34	482	1050	4388	2173	3293	766	1673	17	597	455	668	12	1135	3101	9247	3438	1147	1221	4791	19844	
African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group)																						
IGO	1	34	23	94	357	293	8	204	3	47	0	0	2	656	270	445	404	658	8	477	1992	
NGO	32	442	861	1684	712	1600	494	570	7	308	222	518	4	0	1161	4619	1538	4	716	1738	8615	
Total	33	476	884	1778	1069	1893	502	774	10	355	222	518	6	656	1431	5064	1942	662	724	2215	10607	
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)																						
IGO	1	32	23	14	167	159	4	69	1	30	0	0	3	332	136	229	197	335	4	206	971	
NGO	30	437	725	1048	514	1150	336	295	5	191	152	247	6	0	683	3390	952	6	488	983	5819	
Total	31	469	748	1062	681	1309	340	364	6	221	152	247	9	332	819	3619	1149	341	492	1189	6790	

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Caribbean Community (CARICOM)																						
IGO	1	29	10	24	155	135	3	46	0	13	0	0	1	411	101	199	168	412	3	147	929	
NGO	21	322	307	383	222	570	191	183	2	79	79	121	0	0	365	1603	422	0	270	550	2845	
Total	22	351	317	407	377	705	194	229	2	92	79	121	1	411	466	1802	590	412	273	697	3774	
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)																						
IGO	1	32	21	29	204	168	4	40	2	42	0	0	3	455	89	251	246	458	4	131	1090	
NGO	29	404	713	1498	615	1142	224	190	5	258	100	83	3	0	519	3786	956	3	324	714	5783	
Total	30	436	734	1527	819	1310	228	230	7	300	100	83	6	455	608	4037	1202	461	328	845	6873	
Commonwealth Secretariat																						
IGO	1	34	31	107	485	417	8	199	4	94	0	0	5	861	349	590	579	866	8	552	2595	
NGO	32	448	1013	3773	1521	2665	730	1029	15	485	447	505	8	0	2298	7931	2511	8	1177	3342	14969	
Total	33	482	1044	3880	2006	3082	738	1228	19	579	447	505	13	861	2647	8521	3090	874	1185	3894	17564	
Council of Europe (CE)																						
IGO	1	34	28	84	411	360	10	163	5	89	0	0	6	1018	314	507	500	1024	10	482	2523	
NGO	33	448	1014	3791	1477	2609	696	1223	8	443	440	635	6	0	2437	7895	2555	6	1136	3668	15260	
Total	34	482	1042	3875	1888	2969	706	1386	13	532	440	635	12	1018	2751	8402	3055	1030	1146	4150	17783	
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)																						
IGO	1	33	16	29	174	154	7	113	2	18	0	0	1	410	130	233	192	411	7	245	1088	
NGO	30	406	486	535	329	894	253	295	2	128	67	252	1	0	590	2351	709	1	320	887	4268	
Total	31	439	502	564	503	1048	260	408	4	146	67	252	2	410	720	2584	901	412	327	1132	5356	
European Economic Area (EEA)																						
IGO	1	33	23	73	383	327	7	147	4	84	0	0	5	992	292	457	467	997	7	443	2371	
NGO	33	448	1008	3743	1457	2554	666	1213	8	431	432	632	6	0	2394	7786	2520	6	1098	3615	15025	
Total	34	481	1031	3816	1840	2881	673	1360	12	515	432	632	11	992	2686	8243	2987	1003	1105	4058	17396	
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)																						
IGO	1	34	19	46	215	185	3	60	1	57	0	0	3	687	160	285	272	690	3	221	1471	
NGO	31	430	905	2755	1034	1795	326	849	4	312	236	181	4	0	1215	5916	1527	4	562	2068	10077	
Total	32	464	924	2801	1249	1980	329	909	5	369	236	181	7	687	1375	6201	1799	694	565	2289	11548	
European Union (EU)																						
IGO	1	33	23	73	384	329	8	149	4	85	0	0	5	1005	294	459	469	1010	8	447	2393	
NGO	33	448	1008	3749	1459	2567	671	1213	8	431	435	633	6	0	2401	7805	2523	6	1106	3622	15062	
Total	34	481	1031	3822	1843	2896	679	1362	12	516	435	633	11	1005	2695	8264	2992	1016	1114	4069	17455	
Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)																						
IGO	1	34	29	130	529	471	8	272	6	102	0	0	5	993	407	665	631	998	8	685	2987	
NGO	32	448	1005	3059	1220	2289	635	848	15	440	308	611	9	0	1745	6833	2271	9	943	2608	12664	
Total	33	482	1034	3189	1749	2760	643	1120	21	542	308	611	14	993	2152	7498	2902	1007	951	3293	15651	
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)																						
IGO	1	34	27	82	418	365	11	161	4	90	0	0	6	1086	314	509	508	1092	11	479	2599	
NGO	33	448	1019	3914	1529	2670	761	1255	11	448	474	678	8	0	2528	8084	2655	8	1235	3794	15776	
Total	34	482	1046	3996	1947	3035	772	1416	15	538	474	678	14	1086	2842	8593	3163	1100	1246	4273	18375	
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)																						
IGO	1	34	30	93	453	402	12	172	3	96	0	0	8	1134	369	560	549	1142	12	544	2807	
NGO	33	448	1020	4266	1602	2797	798	1325	17	481	485	685	10	0	2648	8564	2768	10	1283	3990	16615	
Total	34	482	1050	4359	2055	3199	810	1497	20	577	485	685	18	1134	3017	9124	3317	1152	1295	4534	19422	
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)																						
IGO	1	34	28	88	433	377	13	170	5	93	0	0	6	1100	326	528	526	1106	13	501	2674	
NGO	33	448	1019	3975	1543	2697	775	1263	13	457	476	683	8	0	2554	8172	2683	8	1251	3830	15944	
Total	34	482	1047	4063	1976	3074	788	1433	18	550	476	683	14	1100	2880	8700	3209	1114	1264	4331	18618	
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)																						
IGO	1	33	19	15	155	150	3	58	1	23	0	0	2	306	144	218	178	308	3	203	910	
NGO	29	436	762	1043	491	1161	301	314	4	238	124	228	3	0	656	3431	957	3	425	974	5790	
Total	30	469	781	1058	646	1311	304	372	5	261	124	228	5	306	800	3649	1135	311	428	1177	6700	
Southern African Development Community (SADC)																						
IGO	1	33	17	27	171	155	6	107	0	24	0	0	2	389	112	233	195	391	6	219	1044	
NGO	32	433	766	976	472	1231	359	345	3	223	153	277	4	0	744	3438	972	4	512	1092	6018	
Total	33	466	783	1003	643	1386	365	452	3	247	153	277	6	389	856	3671	1167	395	518	1311	7062	
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)																						
IGO	1	34	31	75	419	386	9	150	4	88	0	0	7	1014	323	527	507	1021	9	477	2541	
NGO	33	448	1020	3903	1580	2711	781	1065	16	479	475	653	10	0	2493	8115	2712	10	1256	3574	15667	
Total	34	482	1051	3978	1999	3097	790	1215	20	567	475	653	17	1014	2816	8642	3219	1031	1265	4051	18208	
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)																						
IGO	1	32	17	36	181	160	4	89	3	27	0	0	1	392	125	246	208	393	4	217	1068	
NGO	27	419	594	974	371	872	230	292	6	180	94	88	2	0	502	2886	639	2	324	800	4651	
Total	28	451	611	1010	552	1032	234	381	9	207	94	88	3	392	627	3132	847	395	328	1017	5719	

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	N	R	S	T	U		I	II	III	IV	V	A-U
Inter-continental groupings																						
Arab																						
IGO	1	32	19	44	232	192	4	137	3	36	0	0	1	488	173		288	268	489	4	313	1362
NGO	30	429	687	1173	453	1054	268	391	6	219	113	135	2	0	686		3373	807	2	381	1083	5646
Total	31	461	706	1217	685	1246	272	528	9	255	113	135	3	488	859		3661	1075	491	385	1396	7008
Development, LDCs																						
IGO	1	32	18	82	342	267	8	199	3	52	0	0	3	561	231		400	394	564	8	433	1799
NGO	30	419	558	1092	524	1229	357	415	4	213	93	423	2	0	838		3328	1160	2	450	1257	6197
Total	31	451	576	1174	866	1496	365	614	7	265	93	423	5	561	1069		3728	1554	566	458	1690	7996
Francophone																						
IGO	1	34	32	120	518	447	10	269	5	96	0	0	4	1067	391		634	614	1071	10	665	2994
NGO	33	448	1016	3901	1576	2724	723	1146	13	483	447	600	5	0	2468		8122	2659	5	1170	3627	15583
Total	34	482	1048	4021	2094	3171	733	1415	18	579	447	600	9	1067	2859		8756	3273	1076	1180	4292	18577
Islamic																						
IGO	1	34	29	93	397	345	8	223	5	82	0	0	6	753	297		502	479	759	8	525	2273
NGO	32	447	923	2296	920	1838	461	638	10	356	193	405	7	0	1261		5536	1681	7	654	1909	9787
Total	33	481	952	2389	1317	2183	469	861	15	438	193	405	13	753	1558		6038	2160	766	662	2434	12060
Mediterranean																						
IGO	1	34	28	73	406	339	6	156	4	75	0	0	4	923	264		475	481	927	6	424	2313
NGO	33	447	1001	3533	1384	2375	536	1027	9	423	345	593	3	0	2054		7389	2400	3	881	3090	13763
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