
9.1.1 What meetings are counted in this report?

This report is extracted from the Union of International Associations (UIA) database, which is the source of UIA's flagship publications: the *International Congress Calendar* and the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. At the time of producing this edition there were 523,764 meetings in the UIA meetings database of which 485,157 meet the criteria for inclusion in this report. Of these 485,157 meetings 473,937 took place in 2020 or earlier, 6,473 took place in 2021, and 4,747 are scheduled for 2022 or later. Some events take place in more than one city and are counted in this report for each city separately.

Meetings included in this report are divided into three types. The types are indicated by letters: type A, type B and type C. These letters have, in themselves, no significance in relation to the meetings they group and are used merely for convenience.

Type A: Meetings of international associations

Type A meetings conform to all the following criteria:

- The meeting must have a clear link to an international association included in the UIA database, the source of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. (See also below "What is an 'international organization'".)
- The meeting can be linked to either an international non-governmental organization (INGO) or an intergovernmental organization (IGO).
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its frequency. A meeting can be a one-off event, part of a regular series, or part of an irregular series.
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its location. A meeting series can be held always in the same location, or rotate according to a pattern between locations, or change locations randomly.
- The meeting is eligible for inclusion regardless of its participant numbers.

Included in this report are 5,684 Type A meetings for 2021.

Type A meetings are included in all tables in this report.

Types "B" and "C": Other international meetings

Type B meetings conform to all the following criteria:

- The meeting does not qualify for Type A but is nonetheless considered to be of significant international associative character.
- The meeting lasts at least three days
- The meeting has either a concurrent exhibition or at least 300 participants.
- At least 40 percent of the meeting's participants are from countries other than the host country and at least five nationalities are represented.

Logically, all meetings counted as Type B are also counted as Type C.

Included in this report are 77 Type B meetings for 2021.

Type C meetings conform to all the following criteria:

- The meeting does not qualify for Type A but is nonetheless considered to be of significant international associative character.
- The meeting lasts at least two days.
- The meeting has either a concurrent exhibition or at least 250 participants.

Logically, meetings counted as Type C are *not* all counted as Type B.

Included in this report are 107 Type C meetings for 2021.

Types "B" and "C" meetings are included only in some tables in this report.

On average, 900-1,200 new organization descriptions are added to the database annually.