

Figure 4.4.
Links between international organizations by subject
Edition 61, 2024/2025 (data collected in 2023)

This table indicates the number of citations from international organizations active in subject fields within a given level of the subject matrix (see Figure 5.1.) to other international organizations active in subject fields within another level of the matrix.

The matrix levels are indicated by the column and row headings: e.g. the label W0 indicates level 0 of the matrix, the label W1 indicates level 1 of the matrix, and so on. The general headings of the matrix rows given here in the left column apply also to the matrix rows given as column headings.

A distinction is made between intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and between the organizations citing others and organizations being cited by others. Specifically, for each row of the matrix the following counts are given:

- intergovernmental organizations citing other intergovernmental organizations (IGO citing IGO)
- intergovernmental organizations citing non-governmental organizations (IGO citing NGO)
- intergovernmental organizations citing both intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (IGO citing Total)
- non-governmental organizations citing intergovernmental organizations (NGO citing IGO)
- non-governmental organizations citing other non-governmental organizations (NGO citing NGO)
- non-governmental organizations citing both intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (NGO citing Total)
- organizations (whether intergovernmental or non-governmental) citing intergovernmental organizations (Total citing IGO)
- organizations (whether intergovernmental or non-governmental) citing non-governmental organizations (Total citing NGO)
- organizations (whether intergovernmental or non-governmental) citing both intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (Total citing Total)

For example:

- IGOs active in the field of "Biosciences" (matrix level W1: "Biosphere") cite IGOs active in the field of "Conservation" (matrix level 6: "Innovative change - structure") in 1,239 cases: row W1-IGO citing IGO, column W6.
- NGOs active in the field of "Biosciences" (matrix level W1: "Biosphere") cite NGOs active in the field of "Conservation" (matrix level W6: "Innovative change - structure") in 2,800 cases: row W1-NGO citing NGO, column W6.
- NGOs active in the subject field "Health Care" (matrix level 3: "Social action - context") cite IGOs active in the subject field "Community" (matrix level 7: "Innovative change - context") in 3,632 cases: row W3-NGO citing IGO, column W7.

Note that editorial discretion is used when an organization cites links with large numbers of other bodies, especially when such contact is temporary or tenuous: e.g. foundations funding large numbers of NGOs; IGOs collaborating in specific projects of NGOs not otherwise recognized.

Note that the total number of citations given in this table may differ from the totals given in other tables due to intervening editorial work.

MATRIX ROW NUMBER AND HEADING			MATRIX COLUMNS										
			W0	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	TOTAL
W0 Cosmosphere/ Geosphere	IGO citing	IGO	2607	618	3707	3647	2262	2629	2183	663	807	263	19386
		NGO	1500	550	1637	1108	830	336	890	280	254	48	7433
		Total	4107	1168	5344	4755	3092	2965	3073	943	1061	311	26819
	NGO citing	IGO	1783	446	3027	2847	1645	2524	1912	598	645	251	15678
		NGO	7383	2036	7078	4024	3134	1590	2869	1151	827	178	30270
		Total	9166	2482	10105	6871	4779	4114	4781	1749	1472	429	45948
	Total citing	IGO	4390	1064	6734	6494	3907	5153	4095	1261	1452	514	35064
		NGO	8883	2586	8715	5132	3964	1926	3759	1431	1081	226	37703
		Total	13273	3650	15449	11626	7871	7079	7854	2692	2533	740	72767
W1 Biosphere	IGO citing	IGO	619	1026	1834	2331	1004	1248	1239	382	429	108	10220
		NGO	372	754	891	851	352	201	507	275	199	28	4430
		Total	991	1780	2725	3182	1356	1449	1746	657	628	136	14650
	NGO citing	IGO	671	1030	3131	3358	1222	2356	1710	744	569	168	14959
		NGO	1993	12898	7254	8792	2229	1657	2800	1573	1018	250	40464
		Total	2664	13928	10385	12150	3451	4013	4510	2317	1587	418	55423
	Total citing	IGO	1290	2056	4965	5689	2226	3604	2949	1126	998	276	25179
		NGO	2365	13652	8145	9643	2581	1858	3307	1848	1217	278	44894
		Total	3655	15708	13110	15332	4807	5462	6256	2974	2215	554	70073
W2 Social action (structure)	IGO citing	IGO	2830	1437	14827	13436	6159	8276	6699	3210	2952	632	60458
		NGO	1474	1298	7530	4598	1922	1439	2363	2005	806	336	23771
		Total	4304	2735	22357	18034	8081	9715	9062	5215	3758	968	84229
	NGO citing	IGO	2102	1278	16032	12650	6031	11558	8361	4994	2898	841	66745
		NGO	6621	7180	51521	27551	9673	10704	13327	14204	5210	2342	148333
		Total	8723	8458	67553	40201	15704	22262	21688	19198	8108	3183	215078
	Total citing	IGO	4932	2715	30859	26086	12190	19834	15060	8204	5850	1473	127203
		NGO	8095	8478	59051	32149	11595	12143	15690	16209	6016	2678	172104
		Total	13027	11193	89910	58235	23785	31977	30750	24413	11866	4151	299307

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			W0	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	TOTAL
W3 Social action (context)	IGO citing	IGO	2786	1865	12697	15581	5561	8058	6107	3479	3042	659	59835
		NGO	1429	1391	5388	5100	1642	1357	2089	1436	729	204	20765
		Total	4215	3256	18085	20681	7203	9415	8196	4915	3771	863	80600
	NGO citing	IGO	1558	1302	10520	11083	3947	8409	5745	3632	2095	560	48851
		NGO	3902	8897	27499	38971	6839	11049	8960	9495	3495	1783	120890
		Total	5460	10199	38019	50054	10786	19458	14705	13127	5590	2343	169741
	Total citing	IGO	4344	3167	23217	26664	9508	16467	11852	7111	5137	1219	108686
		NGO	5331	10288	32887	44071	8481	12406	11049	10931	4224	1987	141655
		Total	9675	13455	56104	70735	17989	28873	22901	18042	9361	3206	250341
W4 Concept formation (structure)	IGO citing	IGO	1801	802	6453	6071	3693	4100	3613	1324	1553	338	29748
		NGO	1072	785	3985	2685	1524	892	1610	1062	474	209	14298
		Total	2873	1587	10438	8756	5217	4992	5223	2386	2027	547	44046
	NGO citing	IGO	1031	515	4420	3912	2443	3556	2973	1174	966	375	21365
		NGO	3058	2420	10171	7108	6717	2550	3955	2387	1187	411	39964
		Total	4089	2935	14591	11020	9160	6106	6928	3561	2153	786	61329
	Total citing	IGO	2832	1317	10873	9983	6136	7656	6586	2498	2519	713	51113
		NGO	4130	3205	14156	9793	8241	3442	5565	3449	1661	620	54262
		Total	6962	4522	25029	19776	14377	11098	12151	5947	4180	1333	105375
W5 Concept formation (context)	IGO citing	IGO	1506	766	6205	6811	2937	6016	3227	2143	1579	325	31515
		NGO	1055	944	5143	3676	1444	1577	1816	1854	568	328	18405
		Total	2561	1710	11348	10487	4381	7593	5043	3997	2147	653	49920
	NGO citing	IGO	485	263	2844	3115	1259	3137	1475	1289	573	178	14618
		NGO	1489	1551	10310	10656	2389	9900	3823	5216	1725	1080	48139
		Total	1974	1814	13154	13771	3648	13037	5298	6505	2298	1258	62757
	Total citing	IGO	1991	1029	9049	9926	4196	9153	4702	3432	2152	503	46133
		NGO	2544	2495	15453	14332	3833	11477	5639	7070	2293	1408	66544
		Total	4535	3524	24502	24258	8029	20630	10341	10502	4445	1911	112677
W6 Innovative change (structure)	IGO citing	IGO	1284	816	5428	5265	2824	3763	3630	1264	1355	285	25914
		NGO	616	594	2785	1930	1004	582	1608	681	433	95	10328
		Total	1900	1410	8213	7195	3828	4345	5238	1945	1788	380	36242
	NGO citing	IGO	1016	643	5183	4395	2422	4293	3753	1687	1205	411	25008
		NGO	2840	3030	13961	9068	3967	4068	8931	4913	2659	661	54098
		Total	3856	3673	19144	13463	6389	8361	12684	6600	3864	1072	79106
	Total citing	IGO	2300	1459	10611	9660	5246	8056	7383	2951	2560	696	50922
		NGO	3456	3624	16746	10998	4971	4650	10539	5594	3092	756	64426
		Total	5756	5083	27357	20658	10217	12706	17922	8545	5652	1452	115348
W7 Innovative change (context)	IGO citing	IGO	302	216	2419	2967	885	2043	1163	1220	590	142	11947
		NGO	282	411	2979	2141	608	838	1004	1424	350	224	10261
		Total	584	627	5398	5108	1493	2881	2167	2644	940	366	22208
	NGO citing	IGO	373	383	3895	3228	1416	3725	1677	2072	655	208	17632
		NGO	968	1487	13284	8777	2162	5162	4417	8331	1961	1167	47716
		Total	1341	1870	17179	12005	3578	8887	6094	10403	2616	1375	65348
	Total citing	IGO	675	599	6314	6195	2301	5768	2840	3292	1245	350	29579
		NGO	1250	1898	16263	10918	2770	6000	5421	9755	2311	1391	57977
		Total	1925	2497	22577	17113	5071	11768	8261	13047	3556	1741	87556
W8 Experiential (values)	IGO citing	IGO	622	349	2929	3184	1510	1820	1681	703	968	140	13906
		NGO	304	251	1295	1003	423	292	673	298	241	37	4817
		Total	926	600	4224	4187	1933	2112	2354	1001	1209	177	18723
	NGO citing	IGO	290	222	1683	1516	667	1283	1046	602	451	96	7856
		NGO	629	864	4886	3209	950	1767	2289	2017	1411	347	18369
		Total	919	1086	6569	4725	1617	3050	3335	2619	1862	443	26225
	Total citing	IGO	912	571	4612	4700	2177	3103	2727	1305	1419	236	21762
		NGO	933	1115	6181	4212	1373	2059	2962	2315	1652	384	23186
		Total	1845	1686	10793	8912	3550	5162	5689	3620	3071	620	44948
W9 Experiential (modes)	IGO citing	IGO	142	66	520	586	224	323	240	173	111	53	2438
		NGO	98	78	530	390	197	114	246	166	56	32	1907
		Total	240	144	1050	976	421	437	486	339	167	85	4345
	NGO citing	IGO	70	42	604	479	266	598	253	325	96	48	2781
		NGO	150	217	2171	1645	367	1040	585	1123	345	472	8115
		Total	220	259	2775	2124	633	1638	838	1448	441	520	10896
	Total citing	IGO	212	108	1124	1065	490	921	493	498	207	101	5219
		NGO	248	295	2701	2035	564	1154	831	1289	401	504	10022
		Total	460	403	3825	3100	1054	2075	1324	1787	608	605	15241