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INTERNATIONAL GENEVA FACTS AND FIGURES

ORGANIZATIONS AND SECRETARIATS (44)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intergovernmental organizations, international institutions and secretariats with headquarters agreement ⁽¹⁾ (24 in Geneva): ACWL, ALIPH, ATT Secretariat, BIS (Basel), CERN, EFTA, GAVI Alliance, GCERF, Global Fund, IBE/UNESCO*, ICDO, ICRC, IFRC, ILO*, IOM, IPU, ITU*, OSCE Court, OTIF (Bern), South Centre, UNOG, UPOV, UPU* (Bern), WHO*, WIPO*, WMO* and WTO (* 7 specialized agencies) 	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quasi-governmental international organizations with tax agreement ⁽²⁾ (4 in Geneva): IATA, IEC, ISO, IUCN (Gland), SITA and WADA (Lausanne, European Office) 	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other international bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities ⁽³⁾ (10 in Geneva): IOC (Lausanne), DNDi, FIND, GAIN, GICHD, HD Centre, ICoCa, Interpeace, MMV, MPP and WEF 	11

United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) is made up of a Secretariat and:

- Bodies with headquarters in Geneva: ECE-UNO, ITC (UNCTAD/WTO), OHCHR, UNCC, UNCTAD, UNHCR, UNIDIR, UNISDR, UNITAR, UNRISD, etc.
- Bodies with regional office for Europe in Geneva: UNDP (NY), UNEP (Nairobi), UNICEF (NY), OCHA (NY), etc.
- Bodies with liaison office in Geneva: UNFPA (NY), UN-Habitat (Nairobi), WFP (Rome), etc.
- Specialized agencies with liaison office in Geneva: FAO (Rome), UNESCO (Paris), UNIDO (Vienna), UN Women (NY), UNWTO (Madrid), etc.
- Common UN administrative services with headquarters or office in Geneva: CEB (NY), ICC, NGLS, OIOS (NY), UNOPS (Copenhagen), UNJSPF (NY), UNPA (NY, Vienna, Geneva), etc.

Particular cases:

- The [Conference on Disarmament](#) (CD) is not a UN body, but an autonomous body which receives the support of the UN system; its secretariat is provided by DDA (Geneva office).
- [UNAIDS](#) is a program cosponsored by ILO, UN Women, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, WFP, WHO and World Bank.
- [IAEA](#) (Vienna), although the agency was established under the aegis of the UN, strictly speaking IAEA is not a UN specialized agency; it has a liaison office in Geneva.

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NGO's in Geneva ⁽⁴⁾ 	~750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International sport federations and organizations based in the canton of Vaud ⁽⁵⁾ 	~60

¹ According to the Host State Act, these bodies are intergovernmental organizations, international institutions or secretariats established under an international treaty and the Swiss Federal Council has concluded headquarters agreements with them.

² According to the Host State Act, these organizations are quasi-governmental international organizations with and the Swiss Federal Council has concluded tax agreements with them.

³ According to the Host State Act, these are other international bodies and the Swiss Federal Council has concluded agreements on privileges and immunities or on the status.

⁴ For detailed information, see the Geneva University study «Mapping Ngo's in International Geneva», August 2019 (<https://www.ge.ch/document/ecosysteme-dynamique-plus-750-ong-geneve>).

⁵ IOC chose Lausanne, canton of Vaud, for establishing its headquarters since 1915. Various international sport federations are based in this area ([Internet link \(fr\)](#))

FOREIGN STATES REPRESENTED IN GENEVA (177)

▪ Foreign States represented in Geneva by a permanent Mission (with Switzerland) ⁽⁶⁾	177
▪ Permanent missions to UNOG/IO ⁽⁷⁾	178
▪ Permanent missions separate to WTO ⁽⁸⁾	36
▪ Permanent representations separate to CD ⁽⁹⁾	14
▪ Special missions	10
▪ Permanent delegations of international organizations (observer offices) ⁽¹⁰⁾	18
▪ Other entities ⁽¹¹⁾	<u>2</u>
Total number of missions, representations and delegations	258
▪ Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG/IO based outside Geneva (abroad) ⁽¹²⁾	5

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organizations in Geneva <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Multilateral Division → Host Country Division → Permanent Representative to CD ▪ Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the WTO and EFTA (ECE-UN, UNCTAD, ITC)
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SPECIAL MISSIONS (10)

<p><u>Delegations of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federation of Russia at the Special Subcommittee of Checking ▪ United States of America at the Special Subcommittee of Checking ▪ Ukraine at the Special Subcommittee of Checking ▪ Republic of Belarus at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections ▪ Republic of Kazakhstan at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections ▪ Federation of Russia at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections ▪ United States of America at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections ▪ Ukraine at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections ▪ Federation of Russia at the Permanent Advisory Commission ▪ United States of America at the Permanent Advisory Commission

⁶ All States mentioned in this list have a permanent mission to UNOG and to the other international organizations. Some States also have a separate mission/representation to WTO and/or to CD. States: see list on page 3.

⁷ Holy See and Palestine, non-members of the UN, are represented in Geneva by an Observer Permanent Mission to UNOG. N.B. it does not mean that Switzerland recognizes Palestine as a State.

⁸ WTO has 164 members and 23 observer governments. 36 members have a separate mission to WTO: Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, New-Zealand, Norway, Panama, Pakistan, Philippine, Russian Federation, Separate Customs Territory of TPKM, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America and Uruguay.

⁹ 14 members States of the CD have a separate representation to the Conference: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Ukraine. The 65 members States of the CD are represented in Geneva.

¹⁰ Permanent delegations of international organizations: ALO, AU, Commonwealth, Council of Europe, EPLO, EU, GCC, IDLO, LAS, OACPS, OECS, OIC, OIF, PAM, PIF, PPD, UPEACE and World Bank.

¹¹ Other entities (UN observers offices): International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

¹² Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG based outside Geneva (abroad): Antigua and Barbados (London), Belize (New York), Dominica (London), Solomon Islands (Brussels) and UEMOA (observer office/Brussels).

UN MEMBERS STATES AND NON-MEMBERS IN GENEVA (178)

1. Afghanistan	62. Germany	123. Pakistan
2. Albania	63. Ghana	124. Panama
3. Algeria	64. Greece	125. Paraguay
4. Andorra	65. Grenada	126. Peru
5. Angola	66. Guatemala	127. Philippines
6. Argentina	67. Guinea	128. Poland
7. Armenia	68. Guyana	129. Portugal
8. Australia	69. Haiti	130. Qatar
9. Austria	70. Honduras	131. Republic of Korea
10. Azerbaijan	71. Hungary	132. Republic of Moldova
11. Bahamas	72. Iceland	133. Romania
12. Bahrain	73. India	134. Russian Federation
13. Bangladesh	74. Indonesia	135. Rwanda
14. Barbados	75. Iran (Rep. Of)	136. Saint Lucia
15. Belarus	76. Iraq	137. San Marino
16. Belgium	77. Ireland	138. Saudi Arabia
17. Bhutan	78. Israel	139. Senegal
18. Bolivia	79. Italy	140. Serbia
19. Bosnia and Herzegovina	80. Jamaica	141. Seychelles
20. Botswana	81. Japan	142. Sierra Leone
21. Brazil	82. Jordan	143. Singapore
22. Brunei Darussalam	83. Kazakhstan	144. Slovakia
23. Bulgaria	84. Kenya	145. Slovenia
24. Burkina Faso	85. Kuwait	146. Somalia
25. Burundi	86. Kyrgyzstan	147. South Africa
26. Cabo Verde	87. Lao People's Dem. Rep.	148. South Sudan
27. Cambodia	88. Latvia	149. Spain
28. Cameroon	89. Lebanon	150. Sri Lanka
29. Canada	90. Lesotho	151. Sudan
30. Central African Rep.	91. Liberia	152. Sweden
31. Chad	92. Libya	153. Switzerland
32. Chile	93. Liechtenstein	154. Syrian Arab Republic
33. China	94. Lithuania	155. Tajikistan
34. Colombia	95. Luxembourg	156. Thailand
35. Comoros	96. Madagascar	157. Timor-Leste
36. Congo	97. Malawi	158. Togo
37. Costa Rica	98. Malaysia	159. Trinidad and Tobago
38. Côte d'Ivoire	99. Maldives	160. Tunisia
39. Croatia	100. Mali	161. Turkey
40. Cuba	101. Malta	162. Turkmenistan
41. Cyprus	102. Marshall Islands	163. Uganda
42. Czech Republic	103. Mauritania	164. Ukraine
43. Dem. Rep. of Korea	104. Mauritius	165. United Arab Emirates
44. Dem. Rep. of the Congo	105. Mexico	166. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
45. Denmark	106. Monaco	167. United Rep. of Tanzania
46. Djibouti	107. Mongolia	168. United States of America
47. Dominican Republic	108. Montenegro	169. Uruguay
48. Ecuador	109. Morocco	170. Uzbekistan
49. Egypt	110. Mozambique	171. Vanuatu
50. El Salvador	111. Myanmar	172. Venezuela
51. Equatorial Guinea	112. Nambia	173. Viet Nam
52. Eritrea	113. Nauru	174. Yemen
53. Estonia	114. Nepal	175. Zambia
54. Eswatini (formerly Swaziland, May 2018)	115. Netherlands	176. Zimbabwe
55. Ethiopia	116. New Zealand	
56. Fiji	117. Nicaragua	
57. Finland	118. Niger	
58. France	119. Nigeria	
59. Gabon	120. North Macedonia (formerly the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, February 2019)	
60. Gambia	121. Norway	
61. Georgia	122. Oman	
		Non-members (observers)
		177. Holy See
		178. Palestine (State of)

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC's) (46) ⁽¹³⁾

1. Afghanistan	18. <u>Guinea Bissau</u>	35. Sierra Leone
2. Angola	19. Haiti	36. <u>Solomon Islands</u>
3. Bangladesh	20. <u>Kiribati</u>	37. Somalia
4. <u>Benin</u>	21. Lao People's Dem Rep	38. Sudan
5. Bhutan	22. Lesotho	39. South Sudan
6. Burkina Faso	23. Liberia	40. Timor-Leste
7. Burundi	24. Madagascar	41. Togo
8. Cambodia	25. Malawi	42. <u>Tuvalu</u>
9. Central African Republic	26. Mali	43. Uganda
10. Chad	27. Mauritania	44. United Rep of Tanzania
11. Democratic Rep of Congo	29. Myanmar	45. Yemen
12. Djibouti	30. Nepal	46. Zambia
13. Eritrea	31. Niger	
14. Ethiopia	32. Rwanda	
15. Gambia	33. <u>Sao Tome and Principe</u>	
16. Guinea	34. Senegal	

YEARLY EXPENSES FOR ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

In 2019 ⁽¹⁴⁾

- CHF~ **5.770 bn** for organizations with headquarters agreement
- CHF ~ **200 m** for organizations with tax agreement
- CHF ~ **420 m** for int. bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities

STAFF MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS (approximate numbers)

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| ▪ Organizations with <u>headquarters agreement</u> in Switzerland ⁽¹⁵⁾ | ~ 22,500 |
| ▪ Organizations with <u>tax agreement</u> in Switzerland | ~ 1,100 |
| ▪ Bodies with <u>agreement on privileges and immunities</u> in Switzerland | ~ 1,400 |
| ▪ Non-governmental organizations ⁽⁴⁾ | ~ 2,700 |
| ▪ Jobs in the permanent missions, representations and delegations in Geneva ⁽¹⁴⁾ | ~ 4,000 |

MEETINGS AND DELEGATES

In 2019 ⁽¹⁴⁾

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| ▪ Meetings and conferences organized by the organizations based in Geneva | 3,489 |
| ▪ Delegates and experts coming in Geneva for the meetings and conferences | 182,003 |

VISITS IN GENEVA

In 2019 ⁽¹⁶⁾

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| ▪ Visits by Heads of State/Government, Ministers and other officials | 4,790 |
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¹³ The list of the LDC's is drawn up by the UNCTAD (UNO). The countries underlined are not represented in Geneva by a permanent mission (6). All LDC's are members of the UNO, 32 are members of the WTO and 5 are members of the CD.

¹⁴ For detailed information, see the survey on the international organizations in Geneva published by the OCSTAT (No 14 - oct. 2020) (<http://www.ge.ch/statistique/>).

¹⁵ Figures based on the number of FDFA legitimization cards.

¹⁶ Geneva Airport data concerning the welcoming services, on arrival or departure.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE – GENEVA (CICG) ⁽¹⁷⁾

In 2019

▪ Conferences organized	95
▪ Delegates attending conferences	34,836
▪ Conferences with less than 200 delegates	47
▪ Conferences with 200 to 500 delegates	28
▪ Conferences with 500 to 1,000 delegates	11
▪ Conferences with more than 1,000 delegates	9

CONFERENCE CENTRE OF VAREMBE (CCV) ⁽¹⁶⁾

In 2019

▪ Conferences organized	87
▪ Delegates attending conferences	4'200
▪ Conferences with less than 50 delegates	65
▪ Conferences with 50 to 100 delegates	11
▪ Conference with more than 100 delegates	11

BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (FIPOI) ⁽¹⁸⁾

▪ Insurance's value of the buildings (excluding land ⁽¹⁹⁾) provided by the Swiss Confederation and owned by FIPOI (<u>31.12.2019</u>)	CHF 694 m
▪ Amount of interest-free loans extended to organizations based in Geneva for the construction of their buildings ⁽²⁰⁾ (amounts remaining to refund to the <u>31.12.2019</u>)	CHF 591 m

▪ <u>Buildings financed by a FIPOI loan:</u>	Centre William Rappard" (WTO), CERN, IBE, ICRC, IFRC, ILO, IOM, IPU, ITU, IUCN, UNAIDS, UNOG, WHO, WMO
▪ <u>Buildings owned by FIPOI:</u>	ITC (UNCTAD/WTO), CICG, Grand-Montfleury 48, Morillons 13, Morillons 13-15, Varembé 1-3, "Immeuble Administratif de Montbrillant" (UNHCR), "Immeuble Administratif de Varembé" 7, "Immeuble Administratif de Varembé 9-11", "Immeuble Avenue de France", International House of Environment (IHE 1/ 2), "Parking Place des Nations", "La Pastorale", "Salle William Rappard" (WTO)
▪ <u>Buildings managed by FIPOI:</u>	"Palais Wilson" (OHCHR)

OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA ⁽²¹⁾

Examples (non-exhaustive list):

- Building Foundation for International Organizations (FIPOI)
- Diplomatic Club of Geneva
- Foundation for Geneva
- Geneva Press Club
- International Geneva Welcome Centre (CAGI)
- International Circle of Geneva

¹⁷ The CICG, property of FIPOI, is freely available to the international organizations and, under some conditions, the NGOs. Depending on availability, the conference rooms can be rented to private companies. The CICG also administers the Conference Centre of Varembé (CCV).

¹⁸ The FIPOI is a non-profit-making private foundation created jointly by the Swiss Confederation and the State of Geneva in 1964. Its purpose is to facilitate the establishment of international organizations in the canton of Geneva. It finances, builds, administers and maintains buildings placed at the disposal of international organizations with headquarters in Geneva. FIPOI owns the CICG.

¹⁹ The State of Geneva grants the surface rights free of charge (approx. value: CHF ~ 300 m.).

²⁰ The Swiss Confederation grants interest-free loans (for 50 years) through the FIPOI to the international organizations for the construction of their buildings.

²¹ These institutions support the Swiss authorities in their role as host country, contribute to the influence of international Geneva and to the city's continuation as the seat of international organizations.