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## INTERNATIONAL GENEVA FACTS AND FIGURES

### ORGANISATIONS AND SECRETARIATS (46)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Intergovernmental organisations, international institutions and secretariats</b> with <a href="#">headquarters agreement</a> <sup>(1)</sup> (<b>25 in Geneva</b>): ACWL, ALIPH, ATT Secretariat, BIS (Basel), CERN, EFTA, GAVI Alliance, GCERF, Global Fund, IBE/UNESCO*, ICDO, ICRC, IFRC, ILO*, IOM, IPU, ITU*, NATO, OSCE Court, OTIF (Bern), South Centre, UNOG, UPOV, UPU* (Bern), WHO*, WIPO*, WMO* and WTO (* 7 specialized agencies).</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Quasi-governmental international organisations</b> with <a href="#">tax agreement</a> <sup>(2)</sup> (<b>3 in Geneva</b>): IATA, IEC, ISO, IUCN (Gland) and WADA (Lausanne, European Office).</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Other international bodies</b> with <a href="#">agreement on privileges and immunities</a> <sup>(3)</sup> (<b>12 in Geneva</b>): Afghan Fund, IOC (Lausanne), DNDi, FIND, GAIN, GARDP, GICHD, HD Centre, ICoCa, Interpeace, MMV, MPP and WEF.</li> </ul>	<b>13</b>

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

- Bodies with headquarters in Geneva: ECE-UNO, ITC (UNCTAD/WTO), OHCHR, 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), UNRWA (Gaza/Amman), 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 ORGANISATIONS (NGO's)

▪ NGO's in Geneva <sup>(4)</sup>	<b>~ 750</b>
▪ International sport federations and organisations based in the canton of Vaud <sup>(5)</sup>	<b>~ 60</b>

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> For detailed information, see the Geneva University study «Mapping Ngo's in International Geneva», August 2019 ([Internet link \(fr\)](#)).

<sup>5</sup> 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 (184)

▪ Foreign States represented in Geneva by a permanent Mission (with Switzerland) <sup>(6)</sup>	<b>184</b>
▪ Permanent missions to UNOG/IO <sup>(7)</sup>	<b>185</b>
▪ Permanent missions separate to WTO <sup>(8)</sup>	<b>38</b>
▪ Permanent representations separate to CD <sup>(9)</sup>	<b>15</b>
▪ Special missions	<b>10</b>
▪ Permanent delegations of international organisations (observer offices) <sup>(10)</sup>	<b>18</b>
▪ Other entities <sup>(11)</sup>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Total number of missions, representations and delegations</b>	<b>268</b>
▪ Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG/IO based outside Geneva (abroad) <sup>(12)</sup>	<b>5</b>

## HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS

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

<p><u>Delegations of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federation of Russia at the Special Subcommittee of Checking</li> <li>▪ United States of America at the Special Subcommittee of Checking</li> <li>▪ Ukraine at the Special Subcommittee of Checking</li> <li>▪ Republic of Belarus at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections</li> <li>▪ Republic of Kazakhstan at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections</li> <li>▪ Federation of Russia at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections</li> <li>▪ United States of America at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections</li> <li>▪ Ukraine at the Common Commission of the Respect and Inspections</li> <li>▪ Federation of Russia at the Permanent Advisory Commission</li> <li>▪ United States of America at the Permanent Advisory Commission</li> </ul>
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<sup>6</sup> All States mentioned in this list have a permanent mission to UNOG and to the other international organisations. Some States also have a separate mission/representation to WTO and/or to CD. States: see list on page 3.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> WTO has 166 members and 23 observer governments. 38 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, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Kazakhstan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, New-Zealand, Norway, Panama, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Separate Customs Territory of TPKM, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Türkiye, United States of America and Uruguay.

<sup>9</sup> 15 members States of the CD have a separate representation to the Conference: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, 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.

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

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

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

## UN MEMBERS STATES AND NON-MEMBERS IN GENEVA (185)

1. Afghanistan	63. Germany	124. Norway
2. Albania	64. Ghana	125. Oman
3. Algeria	65. Greece	126. Pakistan
4. Andorra	66. Grenada	127. Panama
5. Angola	67. Guatemala	128. Papua New Guinea
6. Antigua and Barbuda	68. Guinea	129. Paraguay
7. Argentina	69. Guyana	130. Peru
8. Armenia	70. Haiti	131. Philippines
9. Australia	71. Honduras	132. Poland
10. Austria	72. Hungary	133. Portugal
11. Azerbaijan	73. Iceland	134. Qatar
12. Bahamas	74. India	135. Republic of Korea
13. Bahrain	75. Indonesia	136. Republic of Moldova
14. Bangladesh	76. Iran (Rep. Of)	137. Romania
15. Barbados	77. Iraq	138. Russian Federation
16. Belarus	78. Ireland	139. Rwanda
17. Belgium	79. Israel	140. Saint Lucia
18. Bhutan	80. Italy	141. Samoa
19. Bolivia	81. Jamaica	142. San Marino
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina	82. Japan	143. Sao Tomé and Principe
21. Botswana	83. Jordan	144. Saudi Arabia
22. Brazil	84. Kazakhstan	145. Senegal
23. Brunei Darussalam	85. Kenya	146. Serbia
24. Bulgaria	86. Kiribati	147. Seychelles
25. Burkina Faso	87. Kuwait	148. Sierra Leone
26. Burundi	88. Kyrgyzstan	149. Singapore
27. Cabo Verde	89. Lao People's Dem. Rep.	150. Slovakia
28. Cambodia	90. Latvia	151. Slovenia
29. Cameroon	91. Lebanon	152. Somalia
30. Canada	92. Lesotho	153. South Africa
31. Central African Rep.	93. Liberia	154. South Sudan
32. Chad	94. Libya	155. Spain
33. Chile	95. Liechtenstein	156. Sri Lanka
34. China	96. Lithuania	157. Sudan
35. Colombia	97. Luxembourg	158. Suriname
36. Comoros	98. Madagascar	159. Sweden
37. Congo	99. Malawi	160. Switzerland
38. Costa Rica	100. Malaysia	161. Syrian Arab Republic
39. Côte d'Ivoire	101. Maldives	162. Tajikistan
40. Croatia	102. Mali	163. Thailand
41. Cuba	103. Malta	164. Timor-Leste
42. Cyprus	104. Marshall Islands	165. Togo
43. Czech Republic	105. Mauritania	166. Trinidad and Tobago
44. Dem. Rep. of Korea	106. Mauritius	167. Tunisia
45. Dem. Rep. of the Congo	107. Mexico	168. Türkiye
46. Denmark	108. Micronesia	169. Turkmenistan
47. Djibouti	109. Monaco	170. Uganda
48. Dominican Republic	110. Mongolia	171. Ukraine
49. Ecuador	111. Montenegro	172. United Arab Emirates
50. Egypt	112. Morocco	173. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
51. El Salvador	113. Mozambique	174. United Rep. of Tanzania
52. Equatorial Guinea	114. Myanmar	175. United States of America
53. Eritrea	115. Namibia	176. Uruguay
54. Estonia	116. Nauru	177. Uzbekistan
55. Eswatini (formerly Swaziland, May 2018)	117. Nepal	178. Vanuatu
56. Ethiopia	118. Netherlands	179. Venezuela
57. Fiji	119. New Zealand	180. Viet Nam
58. Finland	120. Nicaragua	181. Yemen
59. France	121. Niger	182. Zambia
60. Gabon	122. Nigeria	183. Zimbabwe
61. Gambia	123. North Macedonia (formerly the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, February 2019)	<b>Non-members (observers)</b>
62. Georgia		184. Holy See
		185. Palestine (State of)

## LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC's) (45) <sup>(13)</sup>

1. Afghanistan	17. <u>Guinea Bissau</u>	33. Senegal
2. Angola	18. Haiti	34. Sierra Leone
3. Bangladesh	19. Kiribati	35. <u>Solomon Islands</u>
4. <u>Benin</u>	20. Lao People's Dem Rep	36. Somalia
5. Burkina Faso	21. Lesotho	37. Sudan
6. Burundi	22. Liberia	38. South Sudan
7. Cambodia	23. Madagascar	39. Timor-Leste
8. Central African Republic	24. Malawi	40. Togo
9. Chad	25. Mali	41. <u>Tuvalu</u>
10. Comoros	26. Mauritania	42. Uganda
11. Democratic Rep of Congo	27. Mozambique	43. United Rep of Tanzania
12. Djibouti	28. Myanmar	44. Yemen
13. Eritrea	29. Nepal	45. Zambia
14. Ethiopia	30. Niger	
15. Gambia	31. Rwanda	
16. Guinea	32. Sao Tome and Principe	

## YEARLY EXPENSES FOR ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA

In 2023 <sup>(14)</sup>

- **CHF~ 6.453 bn** for organisations with headquarters agreement
- **CHF ~ 151 m** for organisations with tax agreement
- **CHF ~ 500 m** for int. bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities

## STAFF MEMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS (approximate numbers)

▪ Organisations with <u>headquarters agreement</u> in Switzerland <sup>(15)</sup>	~ <b>25,000</b>
▪ Organisations with <u>tax agreement</u> in Switzerland	~ <b>900</b>
▪ Bodies with <u>agreement on privileges and immunities</u> in Switzerland	~ <b>1,700</b>
▪ Non-governmental organisations <sup>(14)</sup>	~ <b>3,200</b>
▪ Jobs in the permanent missions, representations and delegations in Geneva <sup>(15)</sup>	~ <b>4,000</b>

## MEETINGS AND DELEGATES

In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, meetings continued to be held in face-to-face, teleconference or hybrid format

In 2023 <sup>(14)</sup>

▪ Meetings and conferences organized by the organisations based in Geneva	<b>6,571</b>
▪ Delegates and experts who attended these meetings and conferences	<b>581,750</b>

## VISITS IN GENEVA

In 2023 <sup>(16)</sup>

- Visits by Heads of State/Government, Ministers and other officials

**4,083**

<sup>13</sup> 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 (4). All LDC's are members of the UNO, 34 are members of the WTO and 5 are members of the CD.

<sup>14</sup> For detailed information, see the survey on the international organisations in Geneva published by the OCSTAT (No 14 - dec. 2023) (<http://www.ge.ch/statistique/>).

<sup>15</sup> Figures based on the number of FDFA legitimization cards.

<sup>16</sup> Geneva Airport data concerning the welcoming services, on arrival or departure.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE – GENEVA (CICG) <sup>(17)</sup>

### In 2023

▪ Conferences organized	<b>98</b>
▪ Delegates attending conferences	<b>30,511</b>
▪ Conferences with less than 200 delegates	<b>50</b>
▪ Conferences with 200 to 500 delegates	<b>29</b>
▪ Conferences with 500 to 1,000 delegates	<b>11</b>
▪ Conferences with more than 1,000 delegates	<b>8</b>

## CONFERENCE CENTRE OF VAREMBE (CCV) <sup>(17)</sup>

### In 2023

▪ Conferences organized	<b>112</b>
▪ Delegates attending conferences	<b>4,277</b>
▪ Conferences with less than 50 delegates	<b>87</b>
▪ Conferences with 50 to 100 delegates	<b>20</b>
▪ Conference with more than 100 delegates	<b>5</b>

## BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (FIPOI) <sup>(18)</sup>

▪ Insurance's value of the buildings (excluding land <sup>(19)</sup> ) provided by the Swiss Confederation and owned by FIPOI (31.12.2024)	<b>CHF 735 m</b>
▪ Amount of interest-free loans extended to organisations based in Geneva for the construction of their buildings <sup>(20)</sup> (amounts remaining to refund to the 31.12.2024)	<b>CHF 798 m</b>

▪ <u>Buildings financed by a FIPOI loan:</u>	Centre William Rappard" (WTO), CERN, IBE, ICRC, IFRC, ILO, IOM, IPU, ITU, IUCN, OTIF, UNAIDS, UNOG, WHO, WMO
▪ <u>Buildings owned by FIPOI:</u>	CICG, Grand-Montfleury 48, "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), ITC (UNCTAD/WTO), "La Pastorale", Morillons 13, Morillons 13-15, "Parking Place des Nations", "Salle William Rappard" (WTO), Varembé 1-3
▪ <u>Buildings managed by FIPOI:</u>	"Palais Wilson" (OHCHR)

## OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA <sup>(21)</sup>

### Examples (non-exhaustive list):

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

<sup>17</sup> The CICG, property of FIPOI, is freely available to the international organisations 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).

<sup>18</sup> 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 organisations. It finances, builds, administers and maintains buildings placed at the disposal of international organisations having their headquarters in Geneva or wishing to set up in Geneva. FIPOI owns the CICG.

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

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

<sup>21</sup> 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 organisations.