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# INTERNATIONAL GENEVA FACTS AND FIGURES

# **ORGANISATIONS AND SECRETARIATS (46)**

•	Intergovernmental organisations, international institutions and secretariats with <a href="headquarters agreement">headquarters agreement</a> (1) (25 in Geneva): 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).	28
	<ul> <li>Quasi-governmental international organisations with <u>tax agreement</u> (2)</li> <li>(3 in Geneva): IATA, IEC, ISO, IUCN (Gland) and WADA (Lausanne, European Office).</li> </ul>	5
•	<ul> <li>Other international bodies with <u>agreement on privileges and immunities</u> (3)</li> <li>(12 in Geneva): Afghan Fund, IOC (Lausanne), DNDi, FIND, GAIN, GARDP, GICHD, HD Centre, ICoCa, Interpeace, MMV, MPP and WEF.</li> </ul>	13

#### 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 <u>Conference on Disarmament</u> (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).
- <u>UNAIDS</u> 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>
 ∼750

 International sport federations and organisations based in the canton of Vaud <sup>(5)</sup>
 ∼ 60

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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> IOC chose Lausanne, canton of Vaud, for establishing its headquarters since 1915. Various international sport federations are based in this area (<u>Internet link (fr)</u>).

#### **FOREIGN STATES REPRESENTED IN GENEVA (185)**

Foreign States represented in Geneva by a permanent Mission (with Switzerland) (6)	185
<ul> <li>Permanent missions to UNOG/IO <sup>(7)</sup></li> <li>Permanent missions separate to WTO <sup>(8)</sup></li> </ul>	186 38
Permanent representations separate to CD (9)	15
Special missions	10
<ul> <li>Permanent delegations of international organisations (observer offices) (10)</li> <li>Other entities (11)</li> </ul>	19 
Total number of missions, representations and delegations	270
<ul> <li>Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG/IO based outside Geneva (abroad) (12)</li> </ul>	4

#### **HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS**

- Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organisations in Geneva
  - → Multilateral Division
  - → Host Country Division
  - → Permanent Representative to CD
- Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the WTO and EFTA (ECE-UN, UNCTAD, ITC)

# **SPECIAL MISSIONS** (10)

#### Delegations of:

- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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.

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>&</sup>lt;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.

Permanent delegations of international organisations: ALO, AU, Commonwealth, Council of Europe, EAA, 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.

Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG based outside Geneva (abroad). Belize (New York), Benin (Paris), Solomon Islands (Brussels) and UEMOA (observer office/Brussels).

# **UN MEMBERS STATES AND NON-MEMBERS IN GENEVA** (186)

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

# LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC's) (44) (13)

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

#### YEARLY EXPENSES FOR ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA

# <u>In 20</u>23 (14)

- 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)

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

#### **MEETINGS AND DELEGATES**

In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, meetings continued to be held in face-to-face, teleconference or hybrid format  $\underline{\ln 2023}$  (14)

Meetings and conferences organized by the organisations based in Geneva

Delegates and experts who attended these meetings and conferences

581,750

6.571

# **VISITS IN GENEVA**

In 2023 <sup>(16)</sup>
■ Visits by Heads of State/Government, Ministers and other officials

The list of the LDC's is drawn up by the UNCTAD (UNO). The countries <u>underlined</u> 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.

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>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Figures based on the number of FDFA legitimation cards.

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

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE - GENEVA (CICG) (17)

In 2024	
Conferences organized	81
Delegates attending conferences	33,535
Conferences with less than 200 delegates	41
Conferences with 200 to 500 delegates	17
<ul> <li>Conferences with 500 to 1,000 delegates</li> </ul>	14
<ul> <li>Conferences with more than 1,000 delegates</li> </ul>	9

# **CONFERENCE CENTRE OF VAREMBE (CCV) (17)**

In 2024	
Conferences organized	86
Delegates attending conferences	4,025
<ul> <li>Conferences with less than 50 delegates</li> </ul>	56
<ul> <li>Conferences with 50 to 100 delegates</li> </ul>	24
Conference with more than 100 delegates	6

### **BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (FIPOI)** (18)

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

Buildings financed by a FIPOI loan: Centre William Rappard" (WTO), CERN, IBE, ICRC, IFRC,

ILO, IOM, IPU, ITU, IUCN, OTIF, UNAIDS, UNOG, WHO,

**WMO** 

Buildings owned by FIPOI:
 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

Buildings managed by FIPOI: "Palais Wilson" (OHCHR)

### OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA (21)

# 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).

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  $\sim 300$  m.).

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

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.