



Geneva, 18 November 2019

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⁾ 	~40

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.

FOREIGN STATES REPRESENTED IN GENEVA (179)

▪ Foreign States represented in Geneva by a permanent Mission (with Switzerland) ⁽⁶⁾	179
▪ Permanent missions to UNOG/IO ⁽⁷⁾	180
▪ 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	260
▪ Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG/IO based outside Geneva (abroad) ⁽¹²⁾	4

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS

▪ 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)

SPECIAL MISSIONS (10)

<u>Delegations of:</u> <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: ACP Group, ALO, AU, Commonwealth, Council of Europe, EPLO, EU, GCC, IDLO, LAS, 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) and UEMOA (observer office/Brussels).

UN MEMBERS STATES AND NON-MEMBERS IN GENEVA (180)

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

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC's) (47) ⁽¹³⁾

1. Afghanistan	18. <u>Guinea Bissau</u>	35. Sierra Leone
2. Angola	19. Haiti	36. Solomon Islands
3. Bangladesh	20. <u>Kiribati</u>	37. Somalia
4. Benin	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. Comoros	28. Mozambique	45. Vanuatu
12. Democratic Rep of Congo	29. Myanmar	46. Yemen
13. Djibouti	30. Nepal	47. Zambia
14. Eritrea	31. Niger	
15. Ethiopia	32. Rwanda	
16. Gambia	33. <u>Sao Tome and Principe</u>	
17. Guinea	34. Senegal	

YEARLY EXPENSES FOR ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

In 2018 ⁽¹⁴⁾

- CHF~ **5.683 bn** for organizations with headquarters agreement
- CHF ~ **173 m** for organizations with tax agreement
- CHF ~ **442 m** for int. bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities

STAFF MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSIONS (approximate numbers)

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| ▪ 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 2018 ⁽¹⁴⁾

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ▪ Meetings and conferences organized by the organizations based in Geneva | ~ 3,236 |
| ▪ Delegates and experts coming in Geneva for the meetings and conferences | ~ 207,147 |

VISITS IN GENEVA

In 2017 ⁽¹⁶⁾

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| ▪ Visits by Heads of State/Government, Ministers and other officials | 4,688 |
|--|--------------|

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 (4). All LDC's are members of the UNO, 33 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 19 - oct. 2019) (<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 2018

▪ Conferences organized	105
▪ Delegates attending conferences	31,739
▪ Conferences with less than 200 delegates	52
▪ Conferences with 200 to 500 delegates	29
▪ Conferences with 500 to 1,000 delegates	14
▪ Conferences with more than 1,000 delegates	11

CONFERENCE CENTRE OF VAREMBE (CCV) ⁽¹⁶⁾

In 2018

▪ Conferences organized	111
▪ Delegates attending conferences	8'700
▪ Conferences with less than 50 delegates	78
▪ Conferences with 50 to 100 delegates	26
▪ Conference with more than 100 delegates	7

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>31.12.2018</u>)	CHF 684 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>31.12.2018</u>)	CHF 503 m

▪ <u>Buildings financed by a FIPOI loan:</u>	Centre William Rappard" (WTO), CERN, ICRC, IFRC, ILO, IPU, ITU, IUCN, UNAIDS, UNOG, WIPO, WHO, WMO
▪ <u>Buildings owned by FIPOI:</u>	ITC (UNCTAD/WTO), CICG, FCIG Grand-Montfleury 48, FCIG Morillons 13, FCIG Morillons 13-15, FCIG Varembe 1-3, "Immeuble Administratif de Montbrillant" (UNHCR), "Immeuble Administratif de Varembe" 7, "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 Varembe (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.