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INTERNATIONAL GENEVA FACTS AND FIGURES

ORGANISATIONS AND SECRETARIATS (46)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intergovernmental organisations, international institutions and secretariats with headquarters agreement ⁽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 style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quasi-governmental international organisations with tax agreement ⁽²⁾ (3 in Geneva): IATA, IEC, ISO, IUCN (Gland) and WADA (Lausanne, European Office). 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other international bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities ⁽³⁾ (12 in Geneva): Afghan Fund, IOC (Lausanne), DNDi, FIND, GAIN, GARDP, GICHD, HD Centre, ICoCa, Interpeace, MMV, MPP and WEF. 	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 [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 ⁽⁴⁾	~ 750
▪ International sport federations and organisations based in the canton of Vaud ⁽⁵⁾	~ 60

¹ 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.

² 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.

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 ([Internet link \(fr\)](#)).

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 (185)

▪ Foreign States represented in Geneva by a permanent Mission (with Switzerland) ⁽⁶⁾	185
▪ Permanent missions to UNOG/IO ⁽⁷⁾	186
▪ Permanent missions separate to WTO ⁽⁸⁾	38
▪ Permanent representations separate to CD ⁽⁹⁾	15
▪ Special missions	10
▪ Permanent delegations of international organisations (observer offices) ⁽¹⁰⁾	19
▪ Other entities ⁽¹¹⁾	<u>2</u>
Total number of missions, representations and delegations	270
▪ Permanent missions and delegations to UNOG/IO based outside Geneva (abroad) ⁽¹²⁾	4

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organisations 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 organisations. 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 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

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): Belize (New York), Benin (Paris), Solomon Islands (Brussels) and UEMOA (observer office/Brussels).

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

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. Guinea	130. Paraguay
7. Argentina	70. Guyana	131. Peru
8. Armenia	71. Haiti	132. Philippines
9. Australia	72. Honduras	133. Poland
10. Austria	73. Hungary	134. Portugal
11. Azerbaijan	74. Iceland	135. Qatar
12. Bahamas	75. India	136. Republic of Korea
13. 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
18. Bhutan	81. Italy	142. Samoa
19. Bolivia	82. Jamaica	143. San Marino
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina	83. Japan	144. Sao Tomé and Principe
21. Botswana	84. Jordan	145. Saudi Arabia
22. Brazil	85. Kazakhstan	146. Senegal
23. Brunei Darussalam	86. Kenya	147. Serbia
24. Bulgaria	87. Kiribati	148. Seychelles
25. Burkina Faso	88. Kuwait	149. Sierra Leone
26. Burundi	89. Kyrgyzstan	150. Singapore
27. Cabo Verde	90. 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
32. Chad	95. Libya	156. Spain
33. Chile	96. Liechtenstein	157. Sri Lanka
34. China	97. Lithuania	158. Sudan
35. Colombia	98. Luxembourg	159. Suriname
36. Comoros	99. Madagascar	160. Sweden
37. Congo	100. Malawi	161. Switzerland
38. Costa Rica	101. Malaysia	162. Syrian Arab Republic
39. Côte d'Ivoire	102. Maldives	163. Tajikistan
40. Croatia	103. Mali	164. Thailand
41. 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
45. Dem. Rep. of the Congo	108. Mexico	169. Türkiye
46. Denmark	109. Micronesia	170. Turkmenistan
47. Djibouti	110. Monaco	171. Uganda
48. Dominica	111. Mongolia	172. Ukraine
49. Dominican Republic	112. Montenegro	173. United Arab Emirates
50. Ecuador	113. Morocco	174. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
51. Egypt	114. Mozambique	175. United Rep. of Tanzania
52. El Salvador	115. Myanmar	176. United States of America
53. Equatorial Guinea	116. Namibia	177. Uruguay
54. Eritrea	117. Nauru	178. Uzbekistan
55. Estonia	118. Nepal	179. Vanuatu
56. Eswatini (formerly Swaziland, May 2018)	119. Netherlands	180. Venezuela
57. Ethiopia	120. New Zealand	181. Viet Nam
58. Fiji	121. Nicaragua	182. Yemen
59. Finland	122. Niger	183. Zambia
60. France	123. Nigeria	184. Zimbabwe
61. Gabon	124. North Macedonia (formerly the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, February 2019)	Non-members (observers)
62. Gambia		185. Holy See
63. Georgia		186. Palestine (State of)

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

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

YEARLY EXPENSES FOR ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA

In 2024 ⁽¹⁴⁾

- **CHF~ 6.329 bn** for organisations with headquarters agreement
- **CHF ~ 165 m** for organisations with tax agreement
- **CHF ~ 506 m** for int. bodies with agreement on privileges and immunities

STAFF MEMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS AND MISSIONS (approximate numbers)

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| ▪ Organisations with <u>headquarters agreement</u> in Switzerland ⁽¹⁵⁾ | ~ 25,000 |
| ▪ Organisations with <u>tax agreement</u> in Switzerland | ~ 800 |
| ▪ Bodies with <u>agreement on privileges and immunities</u> in Switzerland | ~ 1,500 |
| ▪ Non-governmental organisations ⁽¹⁴⁾ | ~ 3,800 |
| ▪ Jobs in the permanent missions, representations and delegations in Geneva ⁽¹⁵⁾ | ~ 4,000 |

MEETINGS AND DELEGATES

In 2024 ⁽¹⁴⁾

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| ▪ Meetings and conferences <u>in person</u> organized by the organisations based in Geneva | 4,250 |
| ▪ Delegates and experts <u>in person</u> who attended these meetings and conferences | 261,100 |

VISITS IN GENEVA

In 2024 ⁽¹⁶⁾

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| ▪ Visits by Heads of State/Government, Ministers and other officials | ~ 4,000 |
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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 (4). All LDC's are members of the UNO, 34 are members of the WTO and 5 are members of the CD.

¹⁴ For detailed information, see the survey on the international organisations in Geneva published by the OCSTAT (No 12 - nov. 2025) (<http://www.ge.ch/statistique/>).

¹⁵ Figures based on the number of FDFA legitimization cards.

¹⁶ Geneva Airport data concerning the welcoming services.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE – GENEVA (CICG) ⁽¹⁷⁾

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

CONFERENCE CENTRE OF VAREMBE (CCV) ⁽¹⁷⁾

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

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 (31.12.2024)	CHF 735 m						
▪ 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)	CHF 798 m						
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▪ <u>Buildings managed by FIPOI:</u>	"Palais Wilson" (OHCHR)						

OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA ⁽²¹⁾

<u>Examples</u> (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	

¹⁷ 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).

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 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.

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 organisations 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 organisations.