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List of intergovernmental organizations participating in the activities of UNCTAD

Rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board provide for the participation of intergovernmental bodies whose activities are relevant to UNCTAD functions in the deliberations of the Conference, the Board and its subsidiary organs. In 1965, at its second session, the Board approved applications from 22 intergovernmental bodies. By mid-February 2024, that number had increased to 117. The list of organizations follows.



I. Intergovernmental bodies (117)

| | | <i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i> |
|-------------|--|---|
| ACP Group | African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States | TDB XVIII |
| – | ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly ¹ | TDB XXXVII (II) |
| ADB | African Development Bank | UNCTAD III |
| AFREXIMBANK | African Export-Import Bank | TDB/EX (18) |
| AGC | African Groundnut Council | TDB V |
| AFRICA-RE | African Reinsurance Corporation | TDB XIX |
| AU | African Union ² | TDB II |
| AARDO | Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization ³ | UNCTAD II |
| AITIC | Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation | TD/B/EX(36) |
| CAF | Andean Development Corporation (Corporación Andina de Fomento) | TDB XII (I) |
| ARADO | Arab Administrative Development Organization ⁴ | TDB XVIII |
| AAAID | Arab Authority for Agriculture Investment and Development | TDB /EX (31) |
| BADEA | Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (Banque arabe pour le développement économique en Afrique) | TDB XVIII |
| AFFP | Arab Federation of Fish Producers | TDB XXV (I) |
| AFOS | Arab Federation of Shipping | TDB XX |
| AFESD | Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development | UNCTAD IV |
| AFTAAAC | Arab Fund for Technical Assistance to African and Arab Countries | TDB XXII (II) |
| AIDMO | Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization ⁵ | TDB XVIII |
| ALO | Arab Labour Organization | TDB XLI (II) |

¹ No existing acronym; formerly ACP-EEC Joint Assembly.

² Formerly Organization of African Unity (OAU).

³ Formerly Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization (AARRO).

⁴ Formerly Arab Organization of Administrative Sciences.

⁵ Formerly Arab Industrial Development Organization, incorporating the Arab Organization for Standardization and Metrology (ASMO), which already had participatory status with UNCTAD, and the Arab Organization for Mineral Resources (AOMR).

| | | <i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i> |
|----------|--|---|
| ALECSO | Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization | TDB XVIII |
| AMU | Arab Maghreb Union | TDB XXXIX (II) |
| AMF | Arab Monetary Fund | TDB XXII |
| AOAD | Arab Organization for Agricultural Development | TDB XVIII |
| ATO | Arab Tourism Organization ⁶ | TDB XVIII |
| APT | Asia-Pacific Telecommunity | TDB XLI (II) |
| AALCO | Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization ⁷ | UNCTAD II |
| ACU | Asian Clearing Union | UNCTAD IV |
| ASIAN-RE | Asian Reinsurance Corporation | TDB XX |
| AATPO | Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations | TDB XVIII |
| APEF | Association of Iron Ore Exporting Countries (Association des pays exportateurs de minerai de fer) | TDB XVII |
| ANRPC | Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries | UNCTAD V |
| ATPC | Association of Tin Producing Countries | TDB XXXV (I) |
| CARICOM | Caribbean Community | TDB VIII |
| CDB | Caribbean Development Bank | UNCTAD III |
| COCATRAM | Central American Commission on Maritime Transport (Comisión Centroamericana de Transporte Marítimo) | TDB XXXIX (II) |
| CCSBSIF | Central American Council of Controllers of Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Institutions (Consejo Centroamericano de Superintendentes de Bancos, de Seguros y de otras Instituciones Financieras) | TDB XVII |
| SICA | Central American Integration System (Sistema de Integración Centroamericana) | TDB XLI (I) |
| BCEAO | Central Bank of West African States (Banque Centrale des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest) | TDB XXX |
| CPA | Cocoa Producers' Alliance | TDB III |
| CFC | Common Fund for Commodities | TDB XXXVII (II) |
| COMESA | Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa | TDB/EX (25) |

⁶ Formerly Arab Tourism Union (ATU).

⁷ Formerly Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC).

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| CIS | Commonwealth of Independent States | TDB XL (II) |
| CS | Commonwealth Secretariat | UNCTAD II |
| CPLP | Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa) | TDB/EX (23) |
| GCC | Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf | TDB XXXVII (II) |
| CAEU | Council of Arab Economic Unity | TDB IV |
| CCC | Customs Cooperation Council ⁸ | TDB III |
| CEMAC | Economic and Monetary Community of Central African States (Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale) ⁹ | UNCTAD II |
| CEPGL | Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (Communauté économique des pays des grands lacs) | TDB XVII |
| ECOWAS | Economic Community of West African States | TDB XVII (I) |
| ECO | Economic Cooperation Organization | TDB XXXIV (I) [UNCTAD IV] |
| ENTENTE | Entente Council (Conseil de l'Entente) | TDB XVII |
| EDB | Eurasian Development Bank | TDB LVI |
| EEC | Eurasian Economic Commission | TD/B/EX (57) |
| EFTA | European Free Trade Association | TDB II |
| EU | European Union ¹⁰ | TDB II |
| JUNAC | General Secretariat of the Andean Community ¹¹ | TDB XII (I) |
| GEPLACEA | Group of Latin-American and Caribbean Sugar Exporting Countries (Grupo de Países Latinoamericanos y del Caribe Exportadores de Azúcar) | TDB XXXIV (I) |
| HCOPIL | Hague Conference on Private International Law | TDB XXX |
| IACO | Inter-African Coffee Organization | TDB V |

⁸ While the official name of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) remains unchanged, effective 3 October 1994, the Council adopted the informal working name of World Customs Organization (WCO) to be used on all correspondence, participants list and nameplates.

⁹ Formerly Central African Customs and Economic Union (UDEAC) (Union douanière et économique de l'Afrique Centrale).

¹⁰ Formerly European Community (EC).

¹¹ Formerly Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC) (Junta del Acuerdo de Cartagena).

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|----------|--|---|
| IORA | Indian Ocean Rim Association | TDB LXI |
| CIMA | Inter-African Conference of Insurance Markets ¹² (Conférence interafricaine des marchés d'assurances) | TDB V |
| IDB | Inter-American Development Bank | TDB II |
| CIPEC | Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries (Conseil intergouvernemental des pays exportateurs de cuivre) | TDB X (I) |
| OTIF | Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail ¹³ | TDB XIV (I) |
| ISCOS | Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping | TDB XXXIV (II) |
| IBEC | International Bank for Economic Cooperation | TDB XIV (I) |
| INBAR | International Bamboo and Rattan Organization | TD/B/70 |
| ICPE | International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises ¹⁴ | TDB XIX |
| ICCO | International Cocoa Organization | TDB XIV (I) |
| ICO | International Coffee Organization | TDB II |
| ICSG | International Copper Study Group | TDB EX (12) |
| ICAC | International Cotton Advisory Committee | TDB II |
| INTERPOL | International Criminal Police Organization | TDB XXIX |
| ICTB | International Customs Tariffs Bureau | TDB XXXVIII (II) |
| IGC | International Grains Council ¹⁵ | TDB II |
| UNIDROIT | International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Institut international pour l'unification du droit privé) | TDB IX (I) |
| IIB | International Investment Bank | TDB XIV (I) |
| IJSG | International Jute Study Group ¹⁶ | TDB XXX |
| ILZSG | International Lead and Zinc Study Group | TDB II |
| INRO | International Natural Rubber Organization | TDB XXV (I) |

¹² Formerly International Conference of African States on Insurance Supervision (CICA).

¹³ The Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) (Office central des transports internationaux ferroviaires) acts for the permanent secretariat of OTIF.

¹⁴ Formerly International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries.

¹⁵ Formerly International Wheat Council (IGC).

¹⁶ Formerly International Jute Organization (IJO).

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|----------|---|---|
| IOOC | International Olive Oil Council | TDB II |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration | TDB XXII (I) |
| OIML | International Organization of Legal Metrology (Organisation internationale de métrologie légale) | UNCTAD IV |
| OIV | International Organization of Vine and Wine | TDB EX (75) |
| IRSG | International Rubber Study Group | TDB II |
| ISO | International Sugar Organization ¹⁷ | TDB II |
| ITPA | International Tea Promotion Association | TDB XXI |
| ITTO | International Tropical Timber Organization | UNCTAD VII |
| IWSG | International Wool Study Group | TDB II |
| IsDB | Islamic Development Bank | UNCTAD IV |
| ILAI | Italo-Latin American Institute | UNCTAD III |
| SELA | Latin American Economic System (Sistema Económico Latinoamericano) | TDB XVI (II) |
| OLADE | Latin American Energy Organization (Organización Latinoamericana de Energía) | TDB XVI (I) |
| ALADI | Latin American Integration Association (Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración) | TDB II |
| LARF | Latin American Reserve Fund ¹⁸ | UNCTAD V |
| RITLA | Latin American Technological Information Network | TD/B/EX(34) |
| LAS | League of Arab States | TDB II |
| MRU | Mano River Union | TDB XV (I) |
| MOWCA | Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa ¹⁹ | TDB XXII |
| OPECFUND | OPEC Fund for International Development | TDB X (S) |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development | TDB II |
| OIF | Organisation internationale de la francophonie ²⁰ | TDB XXV (I) |

¹⁷ Formerly International Sugar Council (ISC).

¹⁸ Formerly Andean Reserve Fund (ARF).

¹⁹ Formerly Ministerial Conference of African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR).

²⁰ Formerly Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique (ACCT).

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|-------|--|---|
| OAS | Organization of American States | TDB II |
| OAPEC | Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries | UNCTAD IV |
| OECS | Organization of Eastern Caribbean States | TDB LVI |
| OIC | Organization of Islamic Cooperation | TDB XVII |
| OPEC | Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries | TDB II |
| PIFS | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat ²¹ | TDB XV (I) |
| CPCM | Permanent Consultative Committee of the Maghreb (Comité permanent consultatif du Maghreb) | UNCTAD II |
| SIECA | Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (Secretaría Permanente del Tratado General de Integración Económica Centroamericana) | TDB II |
| – | South Centre | TDB/EX (19) |
| SACU | Southern African Customs Union | TDB/EX(41) |
| UASC | Union of African Shippers' Councils | TDB XXXIV (II) |
| UPEB | Union of Banana Exporting Countries (Unión de Países Exportadores de Banano) | TDB XVI (II) |
| WAEMU | West African Economic and Monetary Union ²² (Union économique et monétaire ouest africaine) | TDB XIV (I) |
| WAMA | West African Monetary Agency ²³ | TDB XVI (I) |

II. International organization of parliamentarians (1)

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| IPU | Inter-Parliamentary Union ²⁴ |
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²¹ Formerly South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation.

²² Formerly West African Economic Community (CEAO) (Communauté économique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest).

²³ Formerly West African Clearing House (WACH).

²⁴ As per the decision taken by the fifty-third executive session of the Board of June 2011, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was added to this list.