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* The present list of intergovernmental organizations has been updated, as decided by the Trade and Development Board at its seventy-seventh executive session, held from 3 to 5 February 2025.



I. Intergovernmental bodies (99)

		<i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i>
OACPS	Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States ¹	TD/B/EX(77) [TDB XVIII]
–	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly ²	TDB XXXVII (II)
ADB	African Development Bank	UNCTAD III
AFREXIMBANK	African Export-Import Bank	TDB/EX(18)
AFRICA-RE	African Reinsurance Corporation	TDB XIX
AU	African Union ³	TDB II
AARDO	Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization ⁴	UNCTAD II
CAF	Andean Development Corporation (Corporación Andina de Fomento)	TDB XII (I)
ARADO	Arab Administrative Development Organization ⁵	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
AFOS	Arab Federation of Shipping	TDB XX
AFESD	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	UNCTAD IV
AIDSMO	Arab Industrial Development Standardization and Mining Organization ⁶	TD/B/EX(77) [TDB XVIII]
ALO	Arab Labour Organization	TDB XLI (II)
ALECSO	Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization	TDB XVIII
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union	TDB XXXIX (II)

¹ Formerly African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group).

² No existing acronym; formerly ACP-EEC Joint Assembly.

³ Formerly Organization of African Unity (OAU).

⁴ Formerly Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization (AARRO).

⁵ Formerly Arab Organization of Administrative Sciences.

⁶ Formerly Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO).

		<i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i>
AMF	Arab Monetary Fund	TDB XXII
AOAD	Arab Organization for Agricultural Development	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
ANRPC	Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries	UNCTAD V
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)
CCSBSO	Central American Council of Superintendents of Banks, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions ⁸	TD/B/EX(77) [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)
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)

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

⁸ The name of the organization has been changed to English, Central American Council of Controllers of Banks, Insurance Companies and Other Financial Institutions, while the legal acronym (CCSBSIF) remains as derived from the original Spanish name (Consejo Centroamericano de Superintendentes de Bancos, de Seguros y de otras Instituciones Financieras).

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GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council ⁹	TD/B/EX(77) [TDB XXXVII (II)]
CAEU	Council of Arab Economic Unity	TDB IV
WCO	World Customs Organization ¹⁰	TD/B/EX(77) [TDB III]
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central African States (Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale) ¹¹	UNCTAD II
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 ¹²	TDB II
JUNAC	General Secretariat of the Andean Community ¹³	TDB XII (I)
HCOFIL	Hague Conference on Private International Law	TDB XXX
IACO	Inter-African Coffee Organization	TDB V
IORA	Indian Ocean Rim Association	TDB LXI
CIMA	Inter-African Conference of Insurance Markets ¹⁴ (Conférence interafricaine des marchés d'assurances)	TDB V
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank	TDB II

⁹ Formerly Cooperation Council for the Arab States of Gulf, changed to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

¹⁰ Formerly Customs Cooperation Council (CCC).

¹¹ Formerly Central African Customs and Economic Union (UDEAC) (Union douanière et économique de l'Afrique Centrale).

¹² Formerly European Community (EC).

¹³ Formerly Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC) (Junta del Acuerdo de Cartagena).

¹⁴ Formerly International Conference of African States on Insurance Supervision (CICA).

		<i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i>
OTIF	Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail ¹⁵	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 ¹⁶	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 ¹⁷	TDB II
UNIDROIT	International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (Institut international pour l'unification du droit privé)	TDB IX (I)
IJSG	International Jute Study Group ¹⁸	TDB XXX
ILZSG	International Lead and Zinc Study Group	TDB II
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	TD/B/EX (75)
IRSG	International Rubber Study Group	TDB II
ISO	International Sugar Organization ¹⁹	TDB II

¹⁵ The Central Office for International Carriage by Rail (OCTI) (Office central des transports internationaux ferroviaires) acts for the permanent secretariat of OTIF.

¹⁶ Formerly International Centre for Public Enterprises in Developing Countries.

¹⁷ Formerly International Wheat Council (IGC).

¹⁸ Formerly International Jute Organization (IJO).

¹⁹ Formerly International Sugar Council (ISC).

		<i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i>
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization	UNCTAD VII
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 ²⁰	UNCTAD V
LAS	League of Arab States	TDB II
MOWCA	Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa ²¹	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 ²²	TDB XXV (I)
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 ²³	TDB XV (I)
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)

²⁰ Formerly Andean Reserve Fund (ARF).

²¹ Formerly Ministerial Conference of African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR).

²² Formerly Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique (ACCT).

²³ Formerly South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation.

		<i>Session of Conference or Board at which admitted</i>
SACU	Southern African Customs Union	TDB/EX(41)
UASC	Union of African Shippers' Councils	TDB XXXIV (II)
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union ²⁴ (Union économique et monétaire ouest africaine)	TDB XIV (I)
WAMA	West African Monetary Agency ²⁵	TDB XVI (I)

II. International organization of parliamentarians (3)

IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union ²⁶	TD/B/EX(53)
PARLATINO	Latin American Parliament (Parlamento Latinoamericano) ²⁷	TD/B/EX(77) [XL(II)]
PAM	Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean ²⁸	TD/B/EX(77) [TD/B/EX(36)]

²⁴ Formerly West African Economic Community (CEAO) (Communauté économique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest).

²⁵ Formerly West African Clearing House (WACH).

²⁶ 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.

²⁷ As decided by the Board at its seventy-seventh executive session, the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO) was moved from the list of non-governmental organizations to the present list.

²⁸ As decided by the Board at its seventy-seventh executive session, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) was moved from the list of non-governmental organizations to the present list.