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FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Official publications from other countries are those materials that are published by governments in a variety of formats. These are intended for wide public distribution and not just for internal purposes. Many of the documents are now available online through official government websites.

Gateways/Portals to Official Foreign Government Websites

Foreign Governments: Comprehensive Web Site Listings (University of Michigan Library Documents Center)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/forcomp.html>

Provides links to both national and local governments.

The links for national governments are divided into:

- Comprehensive Lists = include links to web sites that have gathered together web sites from other organizations. These include:
 - Regional Lists = include links to Eurasia Research Center website and United Nations and Decolonization website
 - Ministry Lists = links to various ministries, eg. environmental ministers, national libraries, parliaments of the world, etc.
 - Foreign Embassies = links to websites that have gathered together websites for embassies, consular offices, etc.

The links for local governments are divided into:

- European Local Government Officers Data Base
- International Chamber of Commerce Directory
- Official City Web Sites
- Sister Cities International

Sample Pages:

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS Comprehensive Web Site Listings

[Frames Index](#) | [No-Frames Version](#)

[University Library](#) > [Documents Center](#) > [Foreign](#) > [Comprehensive Directories](#)



[NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS](#)
[Comprehensive](#) | [Embassies](#)
[Ministry Lists](#) | [Regional Lists](#)

[LOCAL GOVERNMENTS](#)

National Governments

Comprehensive Lists

- **Admynet - World**
 - Meta index to information for over 200 countries
 - Includes government, defense, sports, cities, health, industries, environment, universities
 - Arranged by country with separate indexes for subjects and regions
 - Although Admynet is French, the text for this segment is English
- **Foreign Governments (Intl.Docs.Task Force)**
 - Approximately 400 links to agencies in about 80 countries
 - Focus on ministries, parliaments, and statistics
- **Foreign Governments via Yahoo**
 - Foreign government web sites
- **Google Web Directory: Regional**
 - Annotated guide to the best web sites by and about countries, arranged alphabetically by country and/or region
 - Coverage varies depending on country
 - Includes some government web sites as well as business, society, culture, entertainment, and news
- **Governments on the WWW**
 - Comprehensive listings of national, regional, and municipal government sites as well political party information for most Eastern and Western European Countries
 - Includes language of site and name of government agency translated into English
 - Lengthy sections for African, American, Asian, and Oceanic governments with national web sites and embassies
 - Table in each section lists number of entries and when last updated
- **Independent States of the World (State Dept)**
 - List of independent countries
 - Includes short and long form of name, capital, and official two-digit abbreviation

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (IGOs)

The Union of International Associations, the "...world's oldest, biggest and most comprehensive source of information on global civil society...", in its publication, *Yearbook of International Organizations*, defines intergovernmental organizations as bodies:

- a. being based on a formal instrument of agreement between the governments of nation states;
- b. including three or more nation states as parties to the agreement;
- c. possessing a permanent secretariat performing ongoing tasks.

In most cases, intergovernmental organizations are created through international treaties or agreements. The organization is then registered and listed in the *Yearbook of International Organizations*.

Gateways/Portals to Intergovernmental Organizations

- *International Documents Collections* (Northwestern University Library)
<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/resource/internat/igo.html>

Includes:

- *Intergovernmental Organization Search Engine* from Indiana University
- List of IGO websites in alphabetical order. Includes links to press releases and publications.

Sample Page:

Links to IGOs:

[A-D | E-H | I-N | O-T | U-V | W-Z]

[Selection Criteria](#)

[A-D]

- African Development Bank <http://www.afdb.org/>
Publications http://www.afdb.org/knowledge/home_publications.htm
- African Union (AU) <http://www.africa-union.org/>
- Andean Community <http://www.comunidadandina.org/endex.htm>
Documents <http://www.comunidadandina.org/ingles/documents.htm>
Statistics <http://www.comunidadandina.org/ingles/statis.htm>
- Arctic Council <http://www.arctic-council.org/>
- Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme <http://www.grida.no/amap/amap.htm>
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation <http://www.apecsec.org.sg/>
- Asian and Pacific Coconut Community <http://www.apcc.org.sg/>
- Asian Development Bank <http://www.adb.org/>
Economics and Statistics <http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp>
Publications <http://www.adb.org/Publications/default.asp>
- Asian Productivity Organization <http://www.apo-tokyo.org/>
- Asociacion Latinoamericana de Integracion <http://www.aladi.org/>
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations <http://www.aseansec.org/>
- Helsinki Commission - Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission <http://www.helcom.fi/>
- Bank for International Settlements <http://www.bis.org>
- CAB International <http://www.cabi.org/>

- *International Organizations and Related Information* (University of Michigan Library Documents Center)
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/intl.html>

Gives links to selected IGOs and IGO programs

Sample Page:

latest headlines

International Organizations and Related Information

[University Library](#) > [Documents Center](#) > [International Agencies](#)

[INTRODUCTION](#)

[GENERAL LISTS of LINKS and GUIDES](#)

[LINKS to NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION \(NGO\) COLLECTIONS](#)

[LIST of INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS \(IGOs\)](#)

[A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z](#)

[SEARCH IGO WEBSITES \(Indiana University Bloomington\)](#)

[TREATIES](#)
[International Treaties](#) | [U.S. Treaties](#) | [Indian Treaties](#)

[INTERNATIONAL JOBS](#)

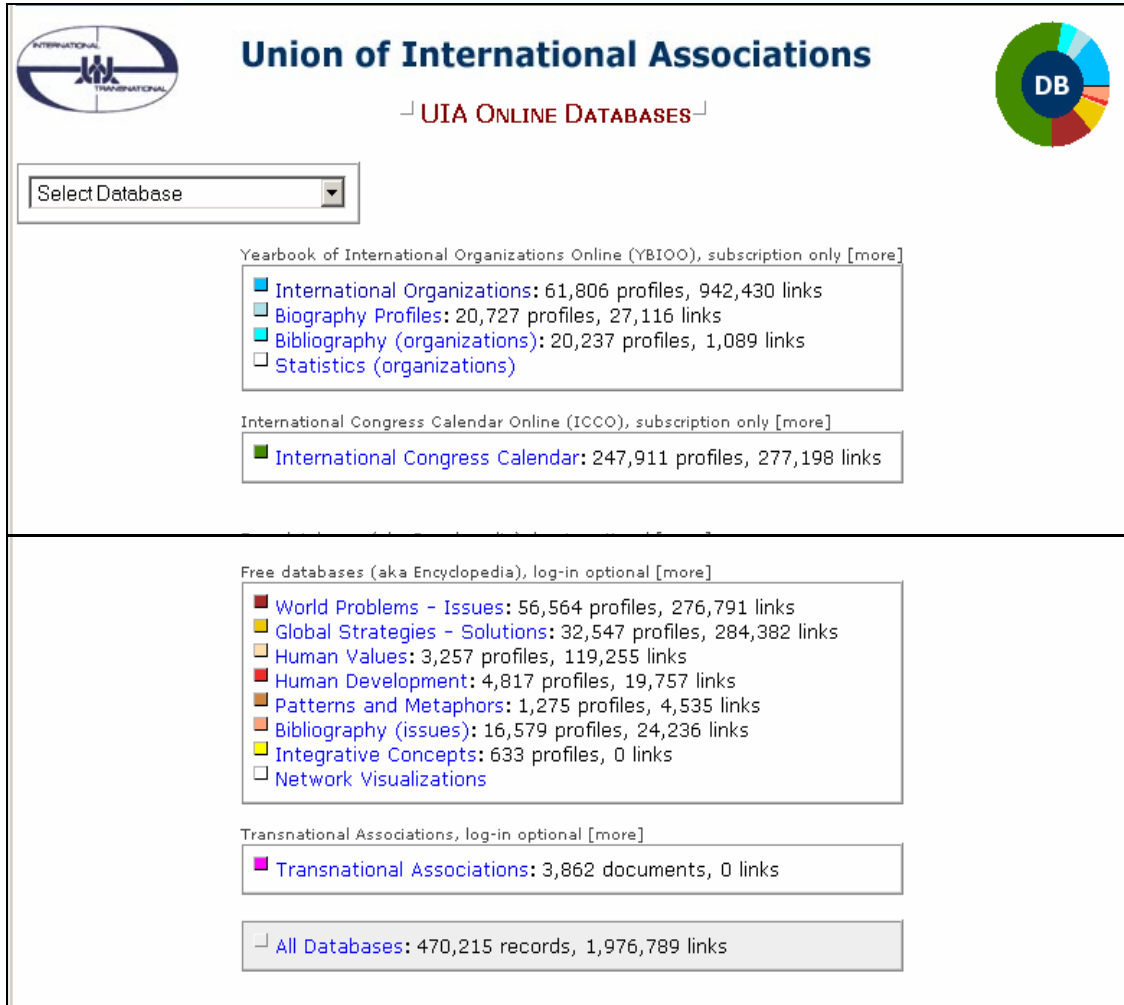
[MODEL UN AND DEBATE SIMULATIONS](#)

[RELATED INFORMATION](#)
[FBIS](#) | [Foreign Government](#) | [Human Rights](#) | [International Relations](#) | [Law-of-the-Sea](#) | [News](#) | [LEXIS-NEXIS Academic](#) | [Radio Free Europe](#) | [Voice of America](#) | [World News Connections](#) | [Statistics](#) | [United States Policy](#) | [Return to Documents Center](#)

- *Union of International Associations (UIA)*
<http://www.uia.be/>

- *UIA Online Databases*
<http://www.diversitas.org/db/x.php>

Sample Page:



Union of International Associations

UIA ONLINE DATABASES

Select Database

Yearbook of International Organizations Online (YBIOO), subscription only [more]

- International Organizations: 61,806 profiles, 942,430 links
- Biography Profiles: 20,727 profiles, 27,116 links
- Bibliography (organizations): 20,237 profiles, 1,089 links
- Statistics (organizations)

International Congress Calendar Online (ICCO), subscription only [more]

- International Congress Calendar: 247,911 profiles, 277,198 links

Free databases (aka Encyclopedia), log-in optional [more]

- World Problems - Issues: 56,564 profiles, 276,791 links
- Global Strategies - Solutions: 32,547 profiles, 284,382 links
- Human Values: 3,257 profiles, 119,255 links
- Human Development: 4,817 profiles, 19,757 links
- Patterns and Metaphors: 1,275 profiles, 4,535 links
- Bibliography (issues): 16,579 profiles, 24,236 links
- Integrative Concepts: 633 profiles, 0 links
- Network Visualizations

Transnational Associations, log-in optional [more]

- Transnational Associations: 3,862 documents, 0 links

All Databases: 470,215 records, 1,976,789 links

NB. Most of these databases require subscription and, therefore, the information is inaccessible. At this time, there are no universities in Canada who have a subscription to this database.

- *Links to International Organizations Selected From Yearbook of International Organizations*
<http://www.uia.org/extlinks/pub.php>

Includes the most comprehensive list IGOs and NGOs on the Internet. These "...pages are generated from information storied in the database used to create the *Yearbook of International Organizations*".

NB. These links take you to the UIA Database, again, not accessible, except by subscription.

Sample Pages:



WEB SITE
DATABASES

Union of International Associations



Access: [secure](#) | [normal](#)

LINKS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED FROM [Yearbook of International Organizations](#)

- ◆ International Organizations by
 - ◇ Name (alphabetically) (read the FAQs first)
 - ◇ Subject Areas (read the FAQs first)
 - ◇ Regional Groupings & IGO List (read the FAQs first)
- ◆ Multi-Organization & International Organization Resource Sites
 - ◇ Publications, Resources and Services of the UIA
 - ◇ Links to other multi-organization and resource sites
 - ◇ WWW Guides to Organization Acronyms and Abbreviations
- ◆ International Congresses/Meetings/Conferences
 - ◇ Conference Related Organizations and Link Sites
 - ◇ United Nations Conferences/Events
 - ◇ Links to New/Announced International Events Web Pages
 - ◇ Examples of International Events Pages
- ◆ InterNet and WWW Resources & Meta-Indexes
 - ◇ Search Engines & Meta-Indexes
 - ◇ Misc. Tools and Resources

Search Engine for Searching Intergovernmental Organizations

Intergovernmental Organization Search Engine (Indiana University, Bloomington)
<http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pagelid=4173>

This is an experimental search engine developed by David Oldenkamp and Indiana University. It is used for finding information from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs). "The IGO Search searches across hundreds of IGO websites, enabling users to research topics...",

There are a variety of ways to conduct a search including:

- Google Search
- Swiki Search (a custom search portal and widget, a combination of a search and a wiki)
- PSS! Search

Sample Pages:

Government Information--International Documents

IGO Web Search:

This is an experimental web search that you can use to find information from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) such as the United Nations, World Bank, IMF, and related organizations. Please provide any and all feedback to [David Oldenkamp](#) regarding this search tool. Thanks!

Google Search (using 355 core IGO urls):

Swiki Search (using over 100 core IGO urls):

swiki search

ECA ECE ECLAC Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean ESCAP Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations intergovernmental organizations International Telecommunication Union **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights** UNAIDS UNDP UNEP UNICEF united nations United Nations Development Programme United Nations Industrial Development Organization World Health Organization World Tourism Organization

PSSI Search (using IGO names as "seed" keywords)

Your Search:

NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) has defined a nongovernmental organization as:

"Any international organization which is not established by inter-governmental agreement shall be considered as a non-governmental organization for the purpose of these arrangements, including organizations which accept members designated by government authorities, provided that such membership does not interfere with the free expression of views of the organization."

There is some disagreement on this definition and no clear one exists.

The abbreviation INGO (international nongovernmental organization) tends to be used by the academic community. The abbreviation NGO (nongovernmental organization) is favoured by the United Nations system. The academic community uses NGO to refer to a national NGO. The organizations themselves tend to refer to themselves as NGOs rather than INGOs.

There is no single formal procedure for registering NGOs. There are several approaches including:

- Registration in the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. International NGOs are listed and profiled.

- International and national NGOs may apply for a consultative relationship with intergovernmental bodies like the United Nations, UNESCO, Council of Europe, etc.

Nongovernmental Organizations Websites: A Selection

NGOs That Have Consultative Status with an IGO

- *NGO Global Network* (consultative status with the United Nations)
<http://www.ngo.org/>

This is the homepage of nongovernmental organizations associated with the United Nations. It includes links to the organizations. There is an alphabetical listing as well as listings by subject/category.

Sample Page:



Alphabetic listing of NGOs affiliated with the United Nations

- [Abolition 2000](#)
- [AFARM](#)
- [American Humanist Association](#)
- [Association for Progressive Communications](#)
- [Association "FOR SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT"](#)
- [Baha'i International Community](#)
- [Center for International Cooperation](#)
- [Center of Concern](#)
- [Earth Charter](#)
- [Education With Enterprise Trust](#)
- [Education International](#)
- [Experiment in International Living](#)
- [The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute](#)
- [GCS \(Global Cooperation Society\) International](#)
- [Global Education Associates](#)
- [Global Policy Forum](#)
- [Good Neighbors International](#)
- [The Hague International Model United Nations](#)
- [Information Habitat: Where Information Lives](#)
- [INFG - International Network for Girls](#)
- [Institute for Development Research \(IDR\)](#)
- [Institute of World Affairs](#)
- [International Agency for Economic Development](#)
- [IACFERHC](#)

- *United Nations at Geneva (UNOG)*(consultative status with ECOSOC of the United Nations)
[http://www.unog.ch/80256EE60057E07D/\(httpHomepages\)/80A3DF6327DDD70180256F040066C85C?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EE60057E07D/(httpHomepages)/80A3DF6327DDD70180256F040066C85C?OpenDocument)

Includes nongovernmental organizations that have Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Includes a searchable NGO database.

Sample Page:

The screenshot shows the website for the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The main heading is "Non-Governmental Organizations". A quote reads: "Expanding and deepening the relationship with non-governmental organizations will further strengthen both the United Nations and the intergovernmental debates on issues of global importance". Below this, it mentions a report by the Secretary-General. The text explains that the UN works with civil society on global concerns and that NGOs can engage with the UN through consultative status with ECOSOC or association with the Department of Public Information (DPI). A sidebar on the left includes links for "NGO Liaison", "Accreditation", "Available Facilities", "NGO Database", "CONTRACTS", "FAQS", and "PRINT PAGE". A calendar on the right shows April 2008. At the bottom, there is a link to "UNOGUNITAR Geneva Lecture Series".

Includes an NGO Database that is searchable.

Sample Page:

Non-Governmental Organizations

NGO Database

The searchable Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Database is compiled by the NGO Liaison Office of the Director-General's Office at UNOG. It contains information about the organizations that have Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations ([ECOSOC](#)).

Please use the drop down selection boxes and/or enter the name of the organisation you are looking and press 'go' to search the database.

To make a label file click [here](#)

ECOSOC Category:

Field of Activity:

Name of Organisation:

GO

Related Information

FURTHER INFORMATION

- List of NGOs having Consultative Status with ECOSOC
- List of NGOs having Consultative Status with ECOSOC with Headquarters or an Office of Representation in Switzerland

The Calendar

April 2008

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Example: The NGO database is searchable by field of activity.

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Details about the organization including the URL for their website are provided:

Sample Results Page for a search on Environment as a Field of Activity:

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT (APE)			
ECOSOC Cat.:	SPEC.	Main Rep. to UNOG:	Ms. Yousriya Loza Sawiris
Sp. Agency:		Address:	32 Qala, CAIRO, , Egypt,
Activity:	ENVIRONMENTAL, , ,	Telephone:	(1-202) 510 27 23
Address:	32 Qala, CAIRO, , , Egypt	Fax:	(1-202) 510 01 49
Telephone:	(20-2) 510 27 23	E-mail:	yousriya@intouch.com
Fax:	(20-2) 512 6150		
E-mail:	ape@idsc.gov.eg		
Website:	www.ape.org.eg		
Chief Admin.:	Ms. Nadine Barsoum	Contact Person at NGO HQ:	Ms. Yousriya Loza Sawiris
President:	Ms. Yousriya Loza Sawiris		

[back to search results](#)

- *Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)* (consultative status with the Council of Europe)

<http://www.coe.int/T/E/NGO/public/>

Since its foundation the Council of Europe has developed working relations with non-governmental organisations which: (i) directly represent the general public, (ii) are relays for efficient mutual communication, (iii) can furnish advice and take action. In most areas, the Council of Europe works in close co-operation with non-governmental organisations which it considers an essential part of the democratic process.

- *List of INGOs Enjoying Participatory Status with the Council of Europe*
http://www.coe.int/t/e/ngo/public/participatory_status/list_of_ngos/liste_de_s_OING_2006_internet.asp#TopOfPage

Sample Page:

The screenshot shows the Council of Europe's website for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The header includes the text 'NGOs' and 'Non-Governmental Organisations'. A navigation menu on the left lists various categories such as 'Ngo', 'Public', and 'Participatory status'. The main content area displays the title 'Liste des OING dotées du statut participatif auprès du Conseil de l'Europe 2007' and '2007 List of INGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe'. Below the title, there are two text blocks: one in French and one in English, both mentioning that names of NGOs are marked with an asterisk. A list of NGOs is shown, starting with 'A' and listing the 'Académie européenne de Médecine de Réadaptation (AEMR)'. The contact information for the AEMR is provided, including the name of the president, Mr. Gustaaf LANKHORST, and the secretary general, M. Jean-Pierre DIDIER.

- o *Database of INGOs (NGO Database)*
<http://coe-ngo.org/WebForms/NgoList.aspx?L=en>

Sample Page:

The screenshot shows the search interface for the Council of Europe's NGO database. The header includes the text 'Council of Europe' and 'Non-Governmental Organisations'. A navigation menu at the top lists various categories such as 'Languages', 'Multimedia', 'Intranet', 'Search', 'Contact', and 'About Council of Europe'. The main content area features a search form with a 'Keyword' field and a 'Search' button. Below the search form, there are three dropdown menus for 'Countries', 'Grouping', and 'Areas of competence', all set to 'All'. There are also two checkboxes: 'Entitlement to lodge collective complaints (European Social Charter)' and 'Members of the Liaison Committee'.

The database is searchable by keyword, Countries, Grouping (eg. Civil Society and Democracy in Europe, Countryside and Environment, Education and culture, Human Rights, etc.), and Areas of competence (eg. Health, Human Rights, Rule of Law, etc.)

Sample Page of search on Rule of Law:

- *Registry of Civil Society Organizations within the Organization of American States* (consultative status with the Organization of American States (OAS)) http://www.civil-society.oas.org/Pages/Registry_ENG.htm

Sample Page:

- Also includes links to other civil society organizations not necessarily affiliated with the OAS.

Links to Civil Society Organizations

http://www.civil-society.oas.org/Pages/LINKS_CS0_ENG.htm

Sample Page:

	Human Rights / Social Justice
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Anthropological Association (AAA) • American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) - Human Rights Resources • American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) • Amnesty International • Andean Commission of Jurists (ACJ) • Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos (APDH) • Asociación Negra de Defensa y Promoción de Derechos Humanos (ASONEDH) • Asociación Nicaragüense Pro-Derechos Humanos (ANPDH) • Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH) • Baptist World Aid (BWA) • B'nai B'rith International • Canadian Committee to Protect Journalists (CCPJ) / Freedom of Expression • Canadian Human Rights Foundation (CHRF) • Casa Alianza-Covenant House, Latin America • Center of Concern • Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) • Centro de DDHH Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez (PRODH) • Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular (CINEP) • Centro para la Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Civiles (CIPDC) • Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPRODEH) • Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Centro América (CODEHUCA) • Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala (CDHG) • Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Honduras (CODEH) • Comisión EcuMénica de Derechos Humanos (CEDHU)