



# The United Nations System

## UN Principal Organs

- General Assembly
- Security Council
- Economic and Social Council
- Secretariat
- International Court of Justice
- Trusteeship Council<sup>6</sup>

**Subsidiary Bodies**  
Main and other sessional committees  
Disarmament Commission  
Human Rights Council  
International Law Commission  
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

**Subsidiary Bodies**  
Counter-terrorism committees  
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)  
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)  
Military Staff Committee  
Peacekeeping operations and political missions  
Sanctions committees (ad hoc)  
Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

**Functional Commissions**  
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
Narcotic Drugs  
Population and Development  
Science and Technology for Development  
Social Development  
Statistics  
Status of Women  
Sustainable Development  
United Nations Forum on Forests

**Regional Commissions**  
**ECA** Economic Commission for Africa  
**ECE** Economic Commission for Europe  
**ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean  
**ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
**ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

**Other Bodies**  
Committee for Development Policy  
Committee of Experts on Public Administration  
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations  
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues  
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names  
Other sessional and standing committees and expert, ad hoc and related bodies

**Funds and Programmes<sup>1</sup>**  
**UNCTAD** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
• **ITC** International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)  
**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme  
• **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund  
• **UNV** United Nations Volunteers  
**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme  
**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme  
**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
**UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund  
**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
**UNRWA<sup>2</sup>** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East  
**UN-Women** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women  
**WFP** World Food Programme

**Research and Training Institutes**  
**UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute  
**UNIDIR<sup>2</sup>** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

**UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research  
**UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development  
**UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College  
**UNU** United Nations University

**Other Entities**  
**UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS  
**UNISDR** United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction  
**UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services

**Related Organizations**  
**CTBTO Preparatory Commission** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization  
**IAEA<sup>1,3</sup>** International Atomic Energy Agency  
**OPCW** Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
**WTO<sup>1,4</sup>** World Trade Organization

**Specialized Agencies<sup>1,5</sup>**  
**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization  
**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development  
**ILO** International Labour Organization  
**IMF** International Monetary Fund  
**IMO** International Maritime Organization  
**ITU** International Telecommunication Union  
**UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization  
**UPU** Universal Postal Union  
**WHO** World Health Organization  
**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization  
**WMO** World Meteorological Organization  
**World Bank Group**  
• **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
• **ICSID** International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes  
• **IDA** International Development Association  
• **IFC** International Finance Corporation  
• **MIGA** Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

**Departments and Offices**  
**EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
**DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
**DFS** Department of Field Support  
**DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management  
**DM** Department of Management  
**DPA** Department of Political Affairs  
**DPI** Department of Public Information  
**DPKO** Department of Peacekeeping Operations  
**DSS** Department of Safety and Security  
**OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
**OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
**OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services  
**OLA** Office of Legal Affairs  
**OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa  
**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict  
**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict  
**UNODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs  
**UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva  
**UN-OHRLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States  
**UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi  
**UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

**Notes:**  
<sup>1</sup> The United Nations, its Funds and Programmes, the Specialized Agencies, IAEA and WTO are all members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).  
<sup>2</sup> UNRWA and UNIDIR report only to the General Assembly (GA).  
<sup>3</sup> IAEA reports to the Security Council and the GA.  
<sup>4</sup> WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.  
<sup>5</sup> Specialized Agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).  
<sup>6</sup> The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.  
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