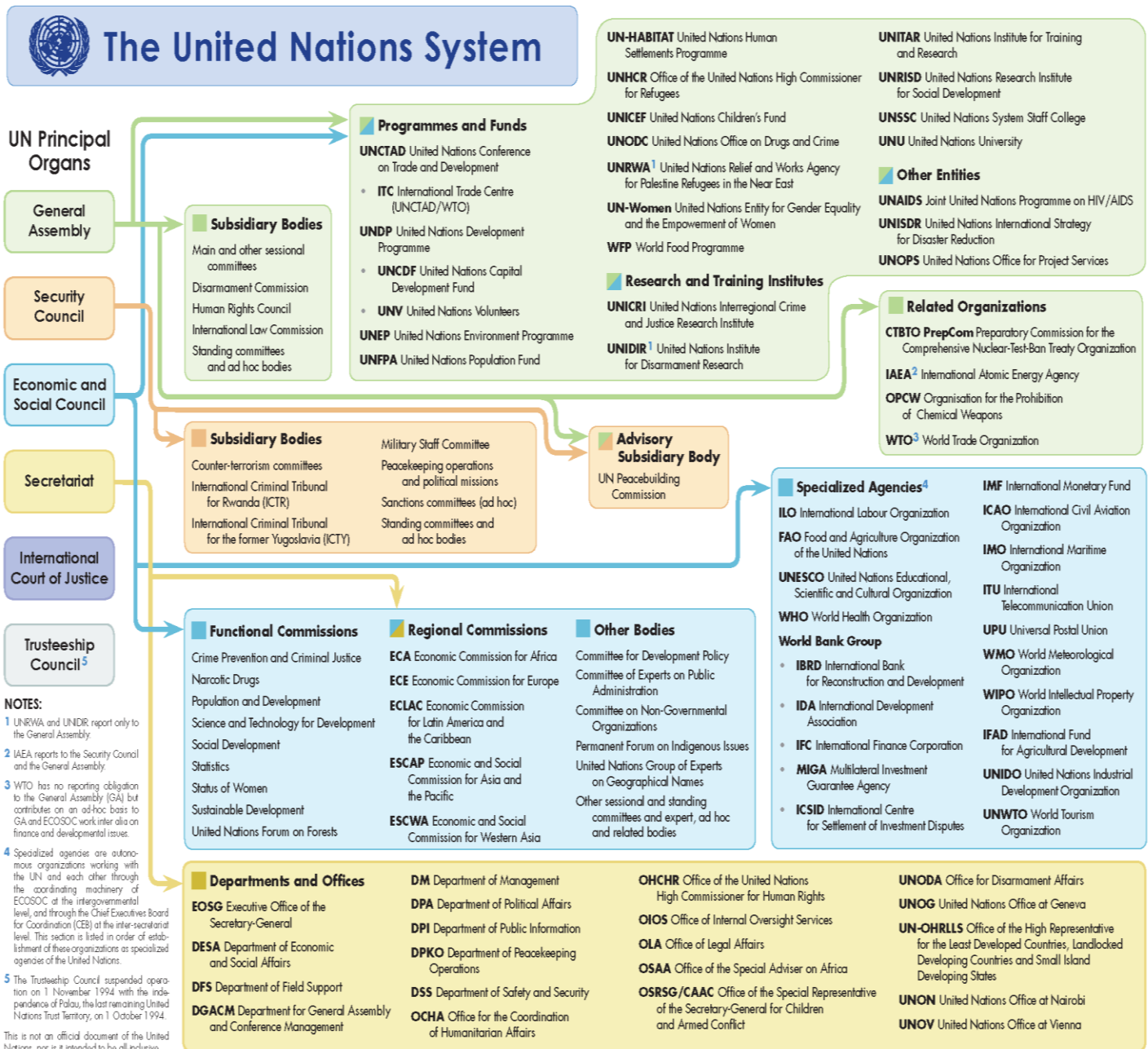




United Nations Umbrella Organizations

There are many organizations, programs, and funds that fall under the United Nations system's six principal organs. The graphic below shows their structure and composition. Among these organizations are recognizable names such as UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), and WHO (World Health Organization). Detailed in this document are those UN organizations that deal with international development.



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Programs and Funds

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – www.undp.org

Description: The United Nations Development Program is a UN body committed to global poverty reduction and achieving sustainable developmental growth. It concentrates on four main areas – the Millennium Development Goals, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, and sustainable development. The UNDP puts out a yearly Human Development Report, which focuses on key issues in global development and offers policy proposals and solutions for improvement.

Employment Opportunities: <http://jobs.undp.org>

Countries: The UNDP has a presence in 177 countries and territories worldwide. These are divided into five regional bureaus, including Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) – www.unep.org

Description: The mission of UNEP is “to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations”. Its many thematic areas of concentration include climate change, disasters and conflicts, ecosystem management, environmental governance, managing harmful substances, and resource efficiency.

Employment: www.unep.org/vacancies

Countries: UNEP conducts programs worldwide and has regional offices for Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America, and West Asia.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) – www.unfpa.org

Description: The UNFPA describes its purpose as delivering “a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.” To such ends, the body focuses on achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health, promoting reproductive rights, reducing maternal mortality, and meeting the Millennium Development Goals concerning such issues.

Employment: www.unfpa.org/employment

Countries: The UNFPA has a presence in 166 countries and territories worldwide, including 17 regional offices.

United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT) – www.unhabitat.org

Description: The purpose of UN-HABITAT is to “promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.” The agency concentrates on such topics as urban development and management, water sanitation and infrastructure, social inclusion, land and housing, urban economy and financing shelter, environment and climate change, and risk and disaster management.

Employment: www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=12&catid=435

Countries: UN-HABITAT has a very large presence worldwide, with activities being conducted in 219 separate countries, territories, and areas.

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR) – www.unhcr.org

Description: UNHCR aims to aid refugees and displaced peoples across the globe. The agency is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to “lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide.” Areas of focus include asylum and migration, global needs assessment, capacity building, the environment, and emergency response.

Employment: www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c491.html

Countries: UNHCR has a presence in more than 125 countries worldwide.

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – www.unicef.org

Description:

UNICEF works to promote the rights of the child and to ensure that children around the world have a safe future and the ability to fulfill their potential. UNICEF describes their purpose as “[working] with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease, and discrimination place in a child’s path.” Their main focus areas are child survival and development, basic education and gender equality, HIV/AIDS and children, child protection, and policy advocates and partnerships.

Employment: www.unicef.org/about/employ

Countries:

UNICEF is active in more than 190 countries, territories, and areas globally.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) – www.unwomen.org

Description: UN-Women, as stated in its full name, works towards gender equality and empowerment for women across the globe. It is a merger of four separate older bodies: the Division for the

Advancement of Women (DAW), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), the Office of the Special Advisor on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women (OSAGI), and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). UN-Women's focus areas include violence against women, peace and security, leadership and participation, economic empowerment, and the Millennium Development Goals.

Employment: www.unwomen.org/about-us/employment

Countries: UN-Women has 90 country, program, and liaison offices, and maintains an even larger global presence.

Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) – www.unaids.org

Description: UNAIDS describes its mission as “leading and inspiring the world in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support. Its targets and commitments include reducing sexual transmission, preventing HIV among drug users, eliminating new HIV infections among children, avoiding TB deaths, closing the resource gap, eliminating gender inequalities, eliminating stigma and discrimination, eliminating travel restrictions, and strengthening HIV integration. UNAIDS works in cooperation with 10 other previously established UN cosponsors, including the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and the World Bank, among others.

Employment: www.unaids.org/en/aboutunaids/workatunaidssecretariat

Countries: UNAIDS has over 80 country offices and 7 regional offices, and carries out its work in 180 countries and territories worldwide.

World Food Program (WFP) – www.wfp.org

Description: The World Food Program’s mission is to eradicate poverty and hunger around the world, eventually eliminating the need for such assistance. They list their objectives as saving lives and protecting livelihoods in emergencies, preparing for emergencies, restoring and rebuilding lives after emergencies, reducing chronic hunger and undernutrition, and strengthening the capacity of countries to reduce hunger.

Employment: www.wfp.org/about/vacancies

Countries: The World Food Program provides assistance to people in need in 75 countries worldwide.

Specialized Agencies

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) – www.fao.org

Description: According to FAO’s Website, “FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world

economy.” The organization’s headquarters is in Rome, Italy. In order to carry out its mandate, the organization looks at key factors such as forestry sustainability, potential food crises, and water scarcity. FAO is a knowledge sharing entity, whose job is to develop and share data and trends as well as suggesting policy changes to their member countries.

Employment Opportunities - www.fao.org/employment/en

Countries: In total, the FAO has had 193 member countries. Of those countries, 62 nations are classified as Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries, which remain the focus of attention of FAO.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – www.ifad.org

Description: IFAD was created in the 1970s as an organization dedicated to fighting against world hunger through supporting good agriculture processes in countries around the world. They believe that poverty and starvation are often the result of economic structural issues and are not always a result of food shortages. In particular, IFAD funds eligible communities living mostly in rural areas.

Employment Opportunities - www.ifad.org/job

Countries: IFAD conducts projects in 115 nations around the world.

International Labour Organization (ILO) – www.ilo.org

Description: The International Labour Organization was founded in 1919 as a response to World War I and later joined the United Nations in 1946 as its first specialized agency. ILO is a representative body to workers, employers, and governments. It acts to serve the three parties and create international working standards, while promoting human rights and social stability in the workplace.

Employment Opportunities - <https://erecruit.ilo.org>

Countries: ILO has a total of 185 member countries.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) – www.imf.org

Description: The International Monetary Fund provides technical and monetary assistance to countries with economies in need. Their objectives are “working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.” Its main areas of work include surveillance, or monitoring the financial and economic policies of member countries and macroeconomic developments, technical assistance, or aiding low- and middle-income countries in implementing the best economic practices, and lending, or assisting countries that cannot otherwise afford to meet their international debt obligations.

Employment: www.imf.org/external/np/adm/rec/recruit.htm

Countries: The IMF is comprised of 188 member countries.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) – www.unesco.org

Description: UNESCO was founded with the idea of promoting education, the natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information. UNESCO's theme areas include education for all, advancing the sciences, sustaining the planet, ocean protection, promoting peace, ethics and dialogue, preserving our heritage, fostering creativity, defending freedom of expression, and building knowledge societies.

Employment: <http://en.unesco.org/careers>

Countries: UNESCO has 195 members and more than 50 field offices globally.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) – www.unido.org

Description: UNIDO states its mission as “reducing poverty through sustainable industrial development.” Its areas of concentration are poverty reduction through productive activities, trade-capacity building, and environment and energy. They accomplish this through providing technical assistance, analytical and policy advisory services, and standard-setting and compliance.

Employment: www.unido.org/employment.html

Countries: UNIDO maintains a worldwide presence, with 46 regional, country, and desk offices globally.

World Bank Group – www.worldbank.org

Description: The World Bank focuses its financial and technical assistances towards the aims of reducing poverty and supporting development. Its sector and thematic strategies include environmental action plans, water resource management, and gender and development. The five subsidiary bodies of the World Bank Group are the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

Employment: www.worldbank.org/careers

Countries: The largest body of the World Bank Group, the International Bank for Development and Reconstruction, is comprised of 188 member countries.

World Health Organization (WHO) – www.who.int

Description: The World Health Organization is the body of the United Nations responsible for health related matters, including “providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries, and monitoring and assessing health trends.” The WHO’s six-point agenda to improve global health consists of promoting development, fostering health security, strengthening health systems, harnessing research, information, and evidence, enhancing partnerships, and improving performance.

Employment: www.who.int/employment/en/index.html

Countries: The WHO consists of 194 member states.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – www.wipo.int

Description: WIPO lists its mission as “promoting innovation and creativity for the economic, social, and cultural development of all countries, through a balanced and effective international intellectual property system.” It promotes this mission through providing technical services, legal assistance, creation of infrastructure, and promoting development.

Employment: www.wipo.int/erecruitment/en

Countries: WIPO consists of 185 member states.

World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) – www.unwto.org

Description: The United Nations World Tourism organization is devoted to the development and promotion of responsible, sustainable, and universally accessible tourism. UNWTO views tourism as a driver of economic growth, inclusive development, and environmental sustainability. Its current projects include consulting on tourism and biodiversity, hotel energy solutions, the protection of children, and tourism and poverty alleviation.

Employment: www2.unwto.org/en/about/employment

Countries: UNWTO is made up of 155 member countries.

Related Organizations

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) – www.iaea.org

Description: The IAEA assists with nuclear cooperation and peace, and promotes safe, secure, and peaceful nuclear technologies. Its departments and areas of concentration include nuclear applications, nuclear energy, safety and security, safeguards, and technical cooperation.

Employment: www.iaea.org/About/Jobs

Countries: The IAEA consists of 159 member states.

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) – www.opcw.org

Description: The OPCW is the implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention. To this end, the body aims to destroy all existing chemical weapons, monitor the chemical weapons industry to prevent the creation of new chemical weapons, to provide assistance to members who face chemical threats, and to foster international cooperation in achieving these goals.

Employment: www.opcw.org/jobs

Countries: The OPCW has 188 member states.

World Trade Organization (WTO) – www.wto.org

Description: The World Trade Organization consists of member states who have all agreed to a particular set of trade agreements and acts as a forum for discussing new trade rules and to resolve trade disputes between its members. Its ultimate aim is to foster open markets, economic growth, and worldwide development.

Employment: www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/vacan_e.htm

Countries: The WTO consists of 159 member states and 25 observer states.