While the United Nations is an international organization, the United Nations System is the whole network of international organizations, treaties and conventions that were created by the United Nations.

The United Nations System is based on five active principal organs (formerly six, the UN Trusteeship Council suspended operations in 1994):

- UN General Assembly
- UN Security Council
- UN Economic and Social Council
- UN Secretariat
- International Court of Justice

In addition separate organizations, often subordinate to the principal organs, have been created to solve specialized tasks.

**General Assembly**

The following Bodies report directly to the General Assembly.

**Main Committees**

**Subsidiary Bodies**

- Committees
- Commissions
- Boards
- Councils and Panel
- Working Groups and other

**Advisory Subsidiary Body**

- United Nations Peacebuilding Commission

**Programmes and Funds**

- International Trade Centre (ITC)
- **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** (UNHCR)
- **United Nations Children's Fund** (UNICEF)
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** (UNCTAD)
- **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP)
- **United Nations Capital Development Fund** (UNCDF)
- **United Nations Development Fund for Women** (UNIFEM)
- **United Nations Volunteers** (UNV)

- **United Nations Drug Control Programme** (UNDCP)
- **United Nations Environment Programme** (UNEP)
- **United Nations Human Settlements Programme** (UN-HABITAT)
- **United Nations Population Fund** (UNFPA)
- **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East** (UNRWA)

- **United Nations World Food Programme** (WFP)

**Research and Training Institutes**

- **United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research** (UNIDIR)
- **United Nations Institute for Training and Research** (UNITAR)
- **United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute** (UNICRI)
- **United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women** (UN-INSTRAW)
- **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development** (UNRISD)

**Other UN Entities**

- **International Computing Centre** (ICC)
- **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS** (UNAIDS)
- **United Nations Office for Project Services** (UNOPS)
- **United Nations System Staff College** (UNSSC)
- **United Nations University** (UNU)

**Security Council**

The following bodies report directly to the Security Council.

**Subsidiary Bodies**

- **1540 Committee**
- **Counter-Terrorism Committee**
- **International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia** (ICTY)
- **International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda** (ICTR)
- Military Staff Committee
- **Peacekeeping Operations and Missions**
- Sanctions Committees
- Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees
- **UN Compensation Commission**
- Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict
- Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

### Advisory Subsidiary Body

- United Nations Peacebuilding Commission

### Economic and Social Council

The following bodies report directly to Economic and Social Council.

#### Functional Commissions

- **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**
- Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- **Commission on Population and Development**
- Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- Commission for Social Development
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Commission on Sustainable Development
- Statistical Commission
- United Nations Forum on Forests

#### Regional Commissions

- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

#### Standing Committees

- Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Committee for Programme and Coordination

#### Ad hoc bodies
- Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

**Expert Bodies composed of governmental experts**

- Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
- United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

**Expert Bodies composed of members serving in their personal capacity**

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**Other related Bodies**

- Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
- International Narcotics Control Board
- Committee for the United Nations Population Award
- Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

**Trusteeship Council**

**International Court of Justice**

**Secretariat**

**Specialized Agencies, Related Organizations, Funds, and other UN Entities:**

**Specialized Agencies**

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- Universal Postal Union (UPU)
United Nations System

- World Bank Group
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- International Development Association (IDA)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Related Organizations

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Preparatory Commission for the Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

Secretariats of Conventions

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

UN Trust Funds

- United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)
- United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)