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UN and other Important World Organizations: List of the major organizations

1. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)



Established in: 1865

Headquarters: Geneva

Purpose: Sets international regulations for radio telegraph, telephone and space radio communications.

2. International Labour Organisation (ILO)



Established in: 1919

Headquarters: Geneva

Purpose: To improve conditions and living standards of workers.

3. International Monetary Fund (IMF)



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Headquarters: Washington DC

Purpose: Promotes international monetary cooperation.

4. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)



Established in: 1945

Headquarters: New York

Purpose: To promote children's welfare all over the world.

5. Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)



Established in: 1945

Headquarters: Rome

Purpose: To improve the living conditions of the rural population.

6. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)



Headquarters: Paris

Purpose: To promote collaboration among nations through education science and culture.

7. World Health Organisation (WHO)



Established in: 1948

Headquarters: Geneva

Purpose: Attainment of highest possible level of health by all people.

8. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



Established in: 1957

Headquarters: Vienna

Purpose: To promote peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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9. International Development Association (IDA)



Established in: 1960

Headquarters: Washington DC

Purpose: An affiliate of the World Bank, it aims to help underdeveloped countries raise living standards.

10. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Established in: 1965

Headquarters: New York

Purpose: Helps developing countries increase the wealth producing capabilities of their natural and human resources.

11. United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)



Headquarters: Nairobi (Kenya)

Purpose: Promotes international cooperation in human environment.

12. World Trade Organisation (WTO)



Established in: 1995

Headquarters: Geneva

Purpose: Setting rules for world trade to reduce traffic.

13. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)



Established in: 1997

Headquarters: Vienna (Kenya)

Purpose: To prevent illicit trafficking and abuse of drug, crime prevention.

14. UN Women



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Headquarters: New York

Purpose: To enable member states to achieve gender equality and women empowerment.

15. World Tourism Organization (UWTO)



Established in: 1974

Headquarters: Madrid, Spain

Responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

16. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)



Established in: 14 July 1967

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Its main aim is to encourage creative activity, to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world

17. European Union (EU)



Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium

Founded in: 1993, Maastricht, Netherlands

It allows the free flow of goods and people, except for random spot checks for crime and drugs. The EU transmits state-of-the-art technologies to it.

18. Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)



Image Source: Weforum.org

Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia

Established in: 8 August 1967

It is a regional grouping that promotes economic, political, and security cooperation among its ten members

19. Group of Twenty (G20)



Image Source: Oecd.org

Year established: 1999

Member countries: 20 (19 individual countries and the European Union)

Mission: To convene officials from the world's largest economies, both advanced and developing, to jointly address global economic concerns and coordinate economic policies

20. International Criminal Court (ICC)



Year established: 2002 (when the Rome Statute, the treaty that created the ICC, came into force.)

Member countries: 123 (The United States signed but did not ratify the Rome Statute, which means it is not a full member. Burundi was a member but withdrew in 2017.)

International tribunal sits in The Hague, Netherlands

Mission: To investigate and try those charged with genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression.

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