



The 'UN System'

UN Secretariat

- One of the principal organs of the United Nations as provided by the Charter of the United Nations
- Headed by the Secretary-General
- Headquartered in New York, with Offices in Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, 5 regional commissions
- Made up of **15 departments / offices** that deal with Peace and Security, International Law, Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance and Economic and Social Development

UN Funds and Programmes

- Subsidiary organs of the United Nations that work under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to carry out the UN's economic and social mandate.
- **20 institutions**, including:
 - UNDP, UN Development Programme
 - UNEP, UN Environmental Programme
 - UNFPA, UN Population Fund
 - UNHCR, UN High Commission for Refugees
 - UNICEF, UN Children's Fund
 - WFP, World Food Programme

Secretary-General
Deputy Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is the Chair of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) – The CEB is a forum which brings together the executive heads of all organizations to further coordination and cooperation on a whole range of substantive and management issues facing the United Nations System. The Forum meets twice annually.

Specialized Agencies

- Separate, autonomous organizations, each with their own membership, headquarters and budget
- Linked to the UN through special agreements
- Heads are elected by respective governing bodies
- **15 Specialized Agencies**, as follows:
 - FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization
 - ICAO, International Civil Aviation Organization
 - IFAD, International Fund for Agricultural Development
 - ILO, International Labour Organization
 - IMO, International Maritime Organization
 - ITU, International Telecommunication Union
 - UNESCO, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 - UNIDO, UN Industrial Development Organization
 - UPU, Universal Postal Union
 - WIPO, World Intellectual Property Organization
 - WHO, World Health Organization
 - WMO, World Meteorological Organization
 - IAEA, International Atomic Energy Agency
 - IMF, International Monetary Fund
 - World Bank Group
- WTO, World Trade Organization (not a specialized agency, it cooperates with the UN)

FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

•INSTRAW	Int'l Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
•ODCCP	UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention
•OHCHR	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
•UNCHS	UN Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)
•UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
•UNDP	UN Development Programme
•UNIFEM	UN Development Fund for Women
•UNV	UN Volunteers Programme
•UNEP	UN Environment Programme
•UNFPA	UN Population Fund
•UNHCR	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees
•UNICEF	UN Children's Fund
•WFP	World Food Programme
•UNICRI	UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
•UNIDIR	UN Institute for Disarmament Research
•UNITAR	UN Institute for Training and Research
•UNOPS	UN Office for Project Services
•UNU	UN University
•ITC	International Trade Centre
•UNRWA	UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

OTHER

•ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination
•EC-ECA	Executive Committee Economic and Social Affairs
•UNDG	UN Development Group
•UNDAF	UN Development Assistance Framework
•SG	Secretary-General
•DSG	Deputy Secretary-General
•GA	General Assembly
•SC	Security Council
•TC	Trusteeship Council
•ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
•ICJ	Int'l Court of Justice
•UNSCOM	UN Special Commission (Iraq)
•UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
•UNCCD	UN Convention on Combat Desertification

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SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

•FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
•IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
•ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
•IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
•ILO	International Labour Organization
•IMO	International Maritime Organization
•IMF	International Monetary Fund
•ITU	International Telecommunication Union
•UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
•UNIDO	UN Industrial Development Organization
•UPU	Universal Postal Union
•WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
•WHO	World Health Organization
•IBRD*	Int'l Bank for Reconstruction and Development
•IDA*	Int'l Development Association
•IFC*	Int'l Finance Corporation
•MIGA*	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
•WMO	World Meteorological Organization
•WTO	World Trade Organization

* constitute the World Bank Group

SECRETARIAT

•OSG	Office of the Secretary-General
•OIOS	Office of Internal Oversight Services
•OLA	Office of Legal Affairs
•DPA	Department of Political Affairs
•DDA	Department for Disarmament Affairs
•DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations
•OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
•DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs
•DGAACS	Department of general Assembly Affairs and Conference Services
•DPI	Department of Public Information
•DM	Department of Management
•UNFIP	UN Fund for International Partnerships
•UNOG	UN Office at Geneva
•UNOV	UN Office at Vienna