

## International Organisations UPSC Notes

### 1. World Bank



Founded in	1945
Headquarters	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)
India and World Bank	India was one of the 17 countries, prepared the agenda for the Bretton Woods Conference (June 1944), it is a founding member of WB
Remarks	The World Bank Group works in every major area of development. It provides a wide array of financial products and technical assistance, and help countries share and apply innovative knowledge and solutions to the challenges they face.

### 2. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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Founded in	1944
Headquarters	Washington D.C. (U.S.A.)
Members	The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 countries.
India and IMF	India joined the IMF on December 27, 1945, as one of the IMF's original members.
Remarks	The IMF's primary purpose is to ensure the stability of the international monetary system—the system of exchange rates and international payments that enables countries (and their citizens) to transact with each other. The Fund's mandate was updated in 2012 to include all macroeconomic and financial sector issues that bear on global stability solutions to the challenges they face.

### 3. World Trade Organization (WTO)

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# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION



Founded in	1 January 1995
Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
Members	The WTO has 164 members and 22 observer governments. Liberia became the 163rd member on 14 July 2016, and Afghanistan became the 164th member on 29 July 2016.
India and WTO	India has been a WTO member since 1 January 1995 and a member of GATT since 8 July 1948.
Remarks	The WTO provides a forum for negotiating agreements aimed at reducing obstacles to international trade and ensuring a level playing field for all, thus contributing to economic growth and development. their interpretation and application. The current body of trade agreements comprising the WTO consists of 16 different multilateral agreements (to which all WTO members are parties) and two different plurilateral agreements (to which only some WTO members are parties).



## 4. Bank for International Settlements (BIS)



Founded in	May 17, 1930
Headquarters	Basel, Switzerland.
Members	It is an Organization of 60 Central Banks of different countries <u>RBI is among its members</u>
Remarks	The mission of the BIS is to serve central banks in their pursuit of monetary and financial stability, to foster international cooperation in those areas and to act as a bank for central banks.

## 5. World Economic Forum (WEF)



Founded in	1971
Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland.
Members	<p>The World Economic Forum provides a platform for the world's 1,000 leading companies to shape a better future. As a membership organization, the Forum engages businesses in projects and initiatives – online and offline – to address industry, regional and systemic issues.</p>
Remarks	<p>The World Economic Forum, committed to improving the state of the world, is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.</p> <p>The Forum engages the foremost political, business and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas.</p>

## 6. Asian Development Bank

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Founded in	19 December 1966
Headquarters	Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
Members	From 31 members at its establishment in 1966, ADB has grown to encompass 68 members—of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
India and ADB	India is a founding member of the ADB and is now the fourth-largest shareholder.  The Asian Development Bank aims for an Asia and Pacific free from poverty. Its mission is to help developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people.
Remarks	As a multilateral development finance institution, ADB provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• loans</li><li>• technical assistance</li><li>• grants</li></ul>



## 7. New Development Bank



Founded in

During the sixth BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (2014), the leaders of BRICS nations signed the Agreement establishing the New Development Bank (NDB).

Headquarters

Shanghai, China

Members

Bank's Articles of Agreement specify that all members of the United Nations could be members of the bank, however, the share of the BRICS nations can never be less than 55% of the voting power.

At present BRICS nations are the members of NDB

India and NDB

As a member of BRICS, India are one of the founding members of NDB, India has 20% shareholding and 20% of voting rights in NDB.

Remarks

The Bank will provide technical and financial assistance for projects to be supported by the NDB and engage in information, cultural and personnel exchanges with the purpose of contributing to the achievement of environmental and social sustainability.

## 8. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)



Founded in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 January 2016 (Open for business)</li><li>• 25 December 2015 (Entry into force Articles of Agreement)</li></ul>
Headquarters	Beijing, China
Members	<p>The bank currently has 74-member states while another 26 are prospective members for a total of 100 approved members.</p> <p>Fund Shares of countries-</p> <p>China- 30.34 %</p> <p>India- 8.52 %</p> <p>Russia- 6.66 %</p>
India and AIIB	<p>Voting shares of countries-</p> <p>China- 26.06 %</p> <p>India- 7.5 %</p> <p>Russia- 5.92 %</p>
Remarks	<p>AIIB offers sovereign and non-sovereign financing for sound and sustainable projects in energy and power, transportation and telecommunications, rural infrastructure and agriculture development, water supply, and sanitation, environmental protection, and urban development and logistics.</p>



## 9. European Union



Founded in	1 November 1993
Headquarters	Brussels, Belgium
Members	28 European countries
Remarks	Treaty of Maastricht established the European Union in 1992. Recently the United Kingdom has initiated a process for withdrawing from the EU.

## 10. Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)



Founded in	1967
Headquarters	Jakarta, Indonesia
Members	Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand (Founding members), Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.
Remarks	ASEAN promotes Pan-Asianism and intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, military, educational and cultural integration amongst its members and Asian states.
Head	Chairman- Rodrigo Duterte

## 11. SAARC



Founded in

1985

HQ

Kathmandu(Nepal)

Member

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, **India**, Nepal, the Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Remark

The organization promotes the development of economic and regional integration. It launched the South Asian Free Trade Area in 2006.

## 12. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)



Founded in

1997

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HQ	Dhaka, Bangladesh
India and BIMSTEC	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal
Remark	The BIMSTEC states are among the countries dependent on the Bay of Bengal

### 13. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)



Founded in	15 June 2001
Headquarter	Beijing, China
Member	China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, <b>India</b> , and Pakistan

### 14. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

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Founded in

4<sup>th</sup> April 1949

Headquarters

Brussels, Belgium

Members

NATO is an alliance that consists of 29 independent member countries across North America and Europe.

Remarks

NATO constitutes a system of collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defence in response to an attack by any external party. Three NATO members (the United States, France, and the United Kingdom) are permanent members of the United Nations Security Council with the power to veto and are officially nuclear-weapon states.



## 15. Nuclear Supplier Group(NSG)



Founded in

1974

India and NSG

India is not a member of NSG

Important fact about NSG

- It is a group of nuclear supplier countries that seek to prevent nuclear proliferation by controlling the export of materials, equipment, and technology that can be used to manufacture nuclear weapons.
- It has also been referred to as the London Group, or the London Suppliers Group.



## 16. International Court of Justice(ICJ)



Founded in

1945

Headquarter

Hague, Netherland

India and ICJ

India is a member of ICJ

The important fact about ICJ

The Court has a twofold role: to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States (Contentious cases) and to give advisory opinions (Advisory proceedings) on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.

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## 17. Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)



Founded in

15 May 1992 (as Collective Security Treaty)  
7 Oct 2002 (as Collective Security Treaty Organization)

Headquarters

Moscow, Russia

Members

7 members

## 18. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)



Founded in

2009

Headquarter

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

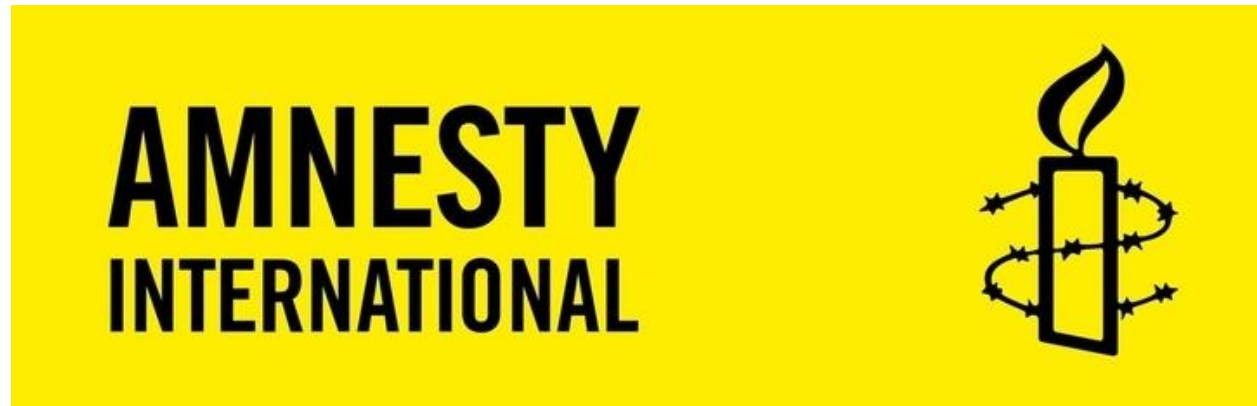
India and IRENA

India is a member of IRENA

Important facts about IRENA

- Supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future and serves as the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy.

## 19. Amnesty International



Founded in

1961

Headquarter

London

Important facts about Amnesty International

- Focused on human rights.
- The objective of the organization is "to conduct research and generate action to prevent and end abuses of human rights and to demand justice for those whose rights have been violated"

India and Amnesty

HQ of Amnesty International in India is in Bangalore

## 20. Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)



Established in

1987

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India and MTCR

- India became the 35th member on 27 June 2016.
- The objective to curb the spread of unmanned delivery systems for nuclear weapons, specifically delivery systems that could carry a payload of 500 kg for a distance of 300 km.
- It includes non-proliferation of unmanned aerial vehicles(UAVs) for all weapons of mass destruction

Important Facts about MTCR

Member Countries

35 members

## 21. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



Founded in

1957

Headquarters

Vienna, Austria

Head

Yukiya Amano

India and IAEA

India is a member of IAEA

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Important facts about IAEA

- Was Widely known as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization within the United Nations family, the IAEA is the international centre for cooperation in the nuclear field.

## 22. International Solar Alliance (ISA)



Founded in

2015

Headquarter

Gurugram

India and ISA

India is a founding member of ISA

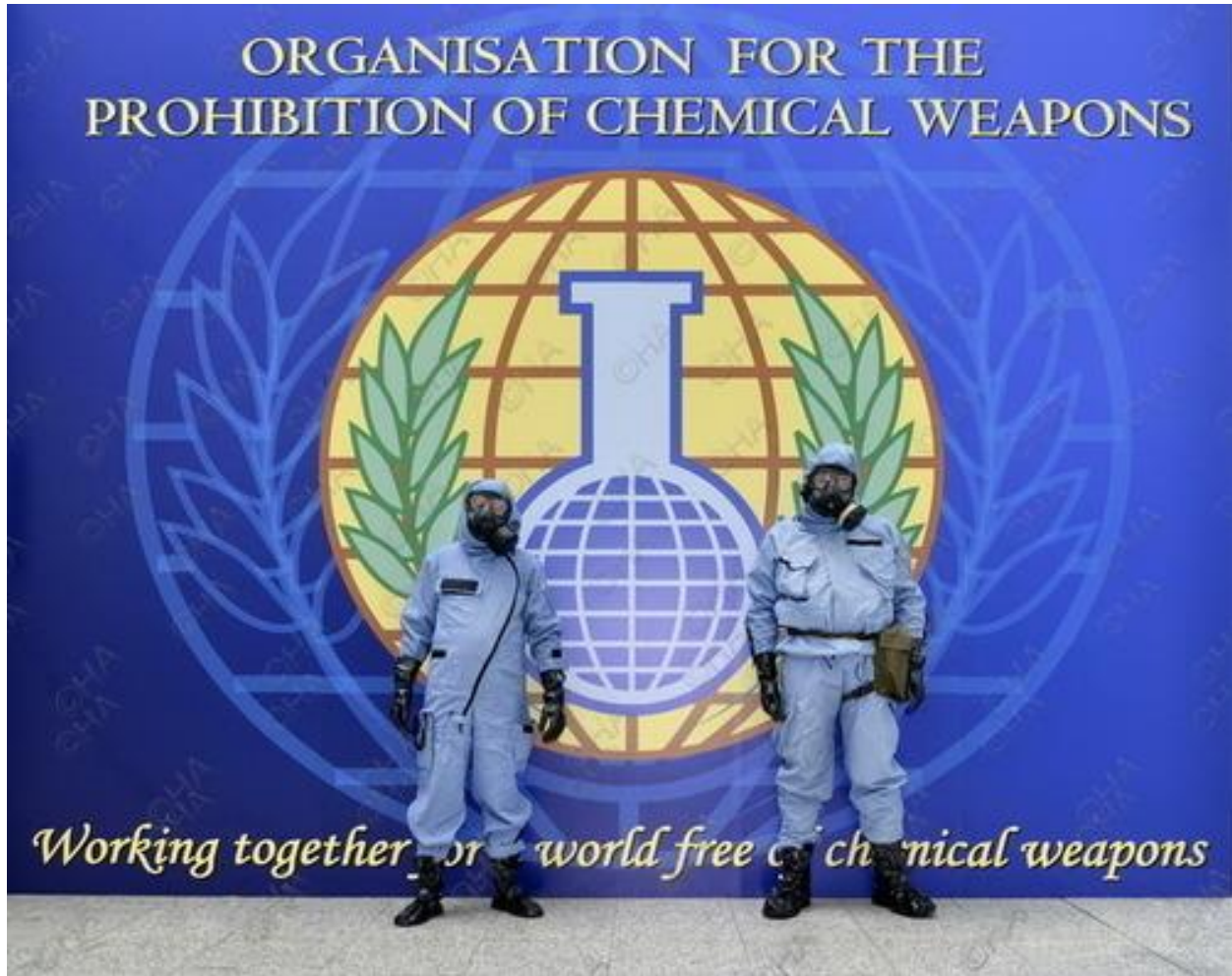
Important facts about ISA

- Alliance of more than 121 countries, most of them being sunshine countries, which come either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
- Launched by India at the India Africa Summit, and a meeting of member countries ahead of the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in November 2015

Member Countries

121 members

## 23. OPCW (Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons)



Established in	1997
Headquarters	The Hague, Netherlands
India and OPCW	<b>India is a permanent member</b>
Important facts about OPCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preventing chemical weapons used in warfare, thereby strengthening international security.</li></ul>