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Only the tables released after the 6th of July 2015 have been updated in accordance with the changes mentioned below, while the others will be progressively revised.

Detailed composition of all groups presented is available in [UNCTADstat classification page](#).

COMMON UPDATES

UNCTAD labels and acronyms, in principle, follow the [UNTERM](#)* recommendations.

*: [UNTERM](#) is a multilingual terminology database maintained jointly by the main duty stations and regional commissions of the United Nations system.

Some rules:

1. [UNTERM](#) provides French translation for labels and acronyms.

If the French version is not available in [UNTERM](#), English label is used.

2. Grouping labels start with acronym (if any) followed by full name in parenthesis. If two or more organisations publish similar groupings, but with different composition, the source is then mentioned.

Example:

"Low-income developing economies" is an UNCTAD group

"Low-income economies (World Bank)" is a World Bank group

3. All "n.e.s (not elsewhere specified)" items have been removed except "World n.e.s" (0000u).
4. All development status group labels start with their development status.

Example:

"Developing economies: South-Eastern Asia"

5. Due to the UNCTAD [definition of statistical territories](#) (United States, United Kingdom, etc...), calculated values of specialized agencies groups may diverge from the values published by the corresponding agencies.

Example:

UNCTAD calculation of "High income economies (World Bank)" includes Puerto Rico and US Virgin islands, while the definition by World Bank does not include them.



I. ECONOMIC GROUPINGS

Former countries are included in economic groupings for analytical purposes when appropriate.

A. Changes in group composition



Industrialized economies (UNIDO) (2508)

Removed Andorra (020)

Removed Cayman Islands (136)

Removed Netherland Antilles (530)

Removed Curaçao (531)

Removed San Marino (674)



HIPCs (Heavily indebted poor countries) (IMF) (2611)

Removed Eritrea (232)

Removed Somalia (706)

Removed Sudan (729)

Removed Sudan (...2011) (736)



High-income developing economies (2621)

Added Algeria (012)

Added Angola (024)

Added China (156)

Added Colombia (170)

Added Cuba (192)

Added Dominican Republic (214)

Added Ecuador (218)

Added Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364)

Added Iraq (368)

Added Jamaica (388)

Added Maldives (462)

Added Namibia (516)

Added Nauru (520)

Added Peru (604)

Added Saint Helena (654)

Added Suriname (740)

Added Thailand (764)



Middle-income developing economies (2622)

Removed Algeria (012)

Removed Angola (024)

Removed China (156)

Removed Colombia (170)

Removed Cuba (192)

Removed Dominican Republic (214)

Removed Ecuador (218)

Removed Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364)

Removed Jamaica (388)

Removed Maldives (462)



(Continued) Middle-income developing economies (2622)

Removed Namibia (516)
Removed Nauru (520)
Removed Peru (604)
Removed Saint Helena (654)
Removed Suriname (740)
Removed Thailand (764)
Removed Tokelau (772)
Added Cameroon (120)
Added Côte d'Ivoire (384)
Added Djibouti (262)
Added Ghana (288)
Added India (356)
Added Lao People's Dem. Rep. (418)
Added Lesotho (426)
Added Mauritania (478)
Added Myanmar (104)
Added Nicaragua (558)
Added Nigeria (566)
Added Pakistan (586)
Added Papua New Guinea (598)
Added Sao Tome and Principe (678)
Added Solomon Islands (090)
Added Sudan (729)
Added South Sudan (728)
Added Timor-Leste (626)
Added United Republic of Tanzania (834)
Added Viet Nam (704)
Added Yemen (887)
Added Zambia (894)



Low-income developing economies (2623)

Removed Cameroon (120)
Removed Côte d'Ivoire (384)
Removed Djibouti (262)
Removed Ghana (288)
Removed India (356)
Removed Iraq (368)
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B. New Groups

NEW

Developed economies: Asia and Oceania (2101)

Developing economies: Asia and Oceania (2102)

NEW

LDCs: Africa (2221)

LDCs: Islands and Haiti (2222)

NEW

Selected exporters of petroleum (2370)

Selected exporters of manufactured goods (2371)

Selected exporters of manufactured goods and primary commodities (2372)

Selected exporters of agricultural products (2373)

Selected exporters of minerals and mining products (2374)

NEW

Net food-importing economies (2411)

Net food-importing developing economies (2420)

Net food-importing transition economies (2421)

Net food-importing developed economies (2422)

Major net food-importing economies (2423)

NEW

Net food-exporting economies (2412)

Net food-exporting developing economies (2413)

Net food-exporting transition economies (2414)

Net food-exporting developed economies (2415)

NEW

Selected LIFDC (Low-income food-deficit countries) (2376)

NEW

Low-income economies (World Bank) (2624)

Lower-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2625)

Upper-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2626)

High-income economies (World Bank) (2627)

High-income OECD members (World Bank) (2628)

High-income non OECD members (World Bank) (2629)

NEW

BASIC (2710)

NEW

BRICS (2711)

NEW

Emerging markets (2510)

Emerging markets: Africa (2511)

Emerging markets: America (2512)

Emerging markets: Asia (2513)

Emerging markets: Eastern Asia (2515)

Emerging markets: Southern Asia (2516)

Emerging markets: South-Eastern Asia (2517)

Emerging markets: Western Asia (2518)

Emerging markets: Europe and Kazakhstan (2514)



II. TRADE OR INTERREGIONAL GROUPS

A. Changes in group composition



ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States) (3103):
Removed Rwanda (646)



MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market) (3208):
Removed Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (068)



Euro Area (3406):
Added Lithuania (440)



G-77 (Group of 77) (3919):
Added South Sudan (728)

B. New Groups



ALBA-TCP (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Treaty) (3209)



ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) plus China, Japan and Republic of Korea (3305)



EU15 (European Union 15) (3404)
EU25 (European Union 25) (3402)
EU27 (European Union 27) (3408)



G7 (Group of Seven) (3912)



OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) (3906)



TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) (under negotiation) (3932)

C. Changes in labels or acronyms



UMA (Arab Maghreb Union) (3101):
label changed to AMU (Arab Maghreb Union)



ANCOM (Andean Community) (3201):
label changed to CAN (Andean Community)



III. GEOGRAPHIC GROUPINGS

New Groups

NEW

Africa (5100)
 America (5200)
 Asia (5300)
 Europe (5400)
 Oceania (5500)

DELETION

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The following groups have been deleted:

Central America and Greater Caribbean Islands excluding Puerto Rico (2124)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters (2309)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing economies (2310)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing Africa (2311)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing America (2312)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing Asia (2313)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Transition economies (2314)
 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developed economies (2315)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods (2319)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing economies (2320)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing America (2322)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing Asia (2323)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed economies (2324)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed America (2325)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed Asia (2326)
 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed Europe (2327)
 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels (2328)
 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developing economies (2329)
 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developing America (2330)
 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developed economies (2331)
 Newly industrialized Asian economies (2520)
 Newly industrialized Asian economies: 1st tier (2521)
 Newly industrialized Asian economies: 2nd tier (2522)

BSEC (Black Sea Economic Cooperation) (3902)
 IDB (Islamic Development Bank) (3925)
 IDB-CIT-7 (Regional: Countries in transition) (3926)
 IDB-ASIA-8 (Regional: Asian member countries) (3927)
 IDB-MENA-19 (Regional: Middle East and North Africa member countries) (3928)
 IDB-SSA-22 (Regional: Sub-Saharan Africa member countries) (3929)
 IDB-LDMC-25 (Economic: Least-Developed member countries) (3930)
 IDB-Non-LDMC-31 (Economic: Non Least Developed member countries) (3931)