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## CLASSIFICATION UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2026

### Introduction

This document outlines the changes introduced in the September 2026 revision round of the country classification at UNCTADstat. These changes have been applied to the reports released from the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026; with other reports to be progressively revised.

The latest version of the country classification, including the lists of economies and groups of economies, is available on the [UNCTADstat Classification Page](#).

### ➤ Change in geographical coverage

- **Cyprus** (196) has been reassigned from Western Asia (5340) to Southern Europe (5430). Consequently, Cyprus has been also removed from Asia (5300), Asia and Oceania (5600), Western Asia and Northern Africa (5705) and added to Europe (5400), Northern America and Europe (5702), Europe, Northern America, Australia and New Zealand (5706).

### ➤ Change in development status coverage

- Following the reassignment of **Cyprus** (196) from Western Asia to Southern Europe (see above), this economy has been also removed from Developed economies: Asia (1530), Developed economies: Asia and Oceania (1560) and added to Developed economies: Europe (1540).
- **Singapore** (702) has been reassigned from SIDS: Pacific (1643) to SIDS: Atlantic and Indian Ocean (1641).
- **Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba** (535) has been dropped from SIDS: Caribbean (1642) and SIDS (1640).

### ➤ Change in composition

The groups listed below have been updated:

- **Developing economies excluding LDCs** (1601)  
Bhutan (064) has been added.
- The following economies have been reassigned from **Australia and New Zealand** (5520) and **Europe, Northern America, Australia and New Zealand** (5706) to **Oceania excluding Australia and New Zealand** (5510): Christmas Island (162), Cocos (Keeling) Islands (166), Heard Island and McDonald Islands (334), Norfolk Island (574).
- **BRICS** (2711)  
Ethiopia (...1991) (230) has been added.

The groups exclusively available in the Biotrade reports have been updated:

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (3380)**  
Monaco (492) has been added.
- **CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) (3381)**  
Monaco (492) and Turkmenistan (795) have been added.
- **Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (3382)**  
The following economies have been added: Armenia (051), Costa Rica (188), Equatorial Guinea (226), Nigeria (566). The following economies have been dropped: Cyprus (196), Italy (380), Latvia (428), Liechtenstein (438), Lithuania (440), Poland (616), Slovenia (705).
- **BioTrade countries (3384)**  
The following economies have been added: Armenia (051), Estonia (233), Ireland (372), Israel (376), Kyrgyzstan (417), Norway (578), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Tunisia (788).  
The following economies have been dropped: Aland Islands (248), Albania (008), Austria (040), Botswana (072), Cambodia (116), Canada (124), Chad (148), French Guiana (254), Grenada (308), Guadeloupe (312), Guernsey (831), Isle of Man (833), Jersey (832), Kosovo (412), Liechtenstein (438), Malawi (454), Martinique (474), Mayotte (175), Monaco (492), Mozambique (508), Myanmar (104), Puerto Rico (630), Republic of Korea (410), Saint Lucia (662), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (670).



## Creation of groups

The groups listed below were added during the summer for testing purposes and are now part of the new country classification:

- **GSTP (Global System of Trade Preferences) participants (3910)**  
Algeria (012), Argentina (032), Bangladesh (050), Benin (204), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (068), Brazil (076), Cameroon (120), Chile (152), Cuba (192), Dem. People's Rep. of Korea (408), Ecuador (218), Egypt (818), Ghana (288), Guinea (324), Guyana (328), India (356), Indonesia (360), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364), Iraq (368), Libya (434), Malaysia (458), Mexico (484), Morocco (504), Mozambique (508), Myanmar (104), Nicaragua (558), Nigeria (566), Pakistan (586), Paraguay (600), Peru (604), Philippines (608), Republic of Korea (410), Singapore (702), Sri Lanka (144), Sudan (...2011) (736), Sudan (729), Thailand (764), Trinidad and Tobago (780), Tunisia (788), United Republic of Tanzania (834), Uruguay (858), Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of) (862), Viet Nam (704), Zimbabwe (716).
- **GSTP Sao Paulo Round signatories (3911)**  
Argentina (032), Brazil (076), Cuba (192), Egypt (818), India (356), Indonesia (360), Malaysia (458), Morocco (504), Paraguay (600), Republic of Korea (410), Uruguay (858).
- **GSTP Sao Paulo Round ratifying participants (3912)**  
Cuba (192), India (356), Malaysia (458).
- **MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market) (3913)**  
Argentina (032), Brazil (076), Paraguay (600), Uruguay (858).

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