

CLASSIFICATION UPDATE – APRIL 2022

In April 2022, the classification of economies was updated, leading to the changes below. These changes have been applied to the tables released from the 12 April 2022; the other tables will be progressively revised. The new classification of economies is available on the [UNCTADstat Classification Page](#).

I. Summary of the main changes

1. Introduction of a geographic breakdown of development status

A geographic breakdown of development status has been introduced, as follows:

- Developing economies (1400)
 - Developing economies: Africa (1410)
 - Developing economies: America (1420)
 - Developing economies: Asia and Oceania (1460 - previously 2102)
 - Developing economies: Asia (1430 - previously 2104)
 - Developing economies: Oceania (1450 - previously 2106)
- Developed economies (1500)
 - Developed economies: America (1520)
 - Developed economies: Europe (1540)
 - Developed economies: Asia and Oceania (1560 - previously 2101)
 - Developed economies: Asia (1530 - previously 2103)
 - Developed economies: Oceania (1550 - previously 2105)

The groups "developing economies" (1400) and "developed economies" (1500) are almost identical to the groups "developing regions (M49)" (code 2200) and "developed regions (M49)" (code 2205) of the classification of the previous year, with the main difference that the Republic of Korea is included in "developed economies" (1500) and not in "developing economies" (1400).

2. Changes of codification

The following recodifications have been implemented:

Previous code	Label	New code
2160	Developing economies excluding China	1600
2161	Developing economies excluding LDCs	1601
2210	LDCs (Least developed countries)	1610
2211	LDCs: Africa and Haiti	1611
2213	LDCs: Asia	1612
2216	LDCs: Islands	1613
2221	LDCs: Africa	1614
2222	LDCs: Islands and Haiti	1615
2220	LLDCs (Landlocked developing countries)	1620
2230	SIDS (Small island developing States) (analytical)	1630
2231	SIDS: Atlantic and Indian Ocean	1631
2232	SIDS: Caribbean	1632
2233	SIDS: Pacific	1633
2250	SIDS (Small island developing States) (UN-OHRLLS)	1640

II. New group of economies

The following geographical group has been created:

- Europe, Northern America, Australia and New Zealand (5706).

III. Changes in label

ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) (3907) has been renamed into OACPS (Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States). This change has been also applied to each subgroup: 3940, 3941, 3942, 3943, 3944, 3945, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3950.

IV. Changes in composition

The following groups have been updated:

- Developing economies excluding China (1600) and Developing economies excluding LDCs (1601):
Added: Bouvet Island (074), British Indian Ocean Territory (086), South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands (239), French Southern Territories (260).
Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).
- SIDS (Small island developing States) (UN-OHRLLS) (1640):
Added: Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (535).
- Selected exporters of petroleum (2370):
Added: Chad (148).
- Selected exporters of manufactured goods (2371):
Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).
- Selected exporters of manufactured goods and primary commodities (2372):
Added: China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (344).
Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410).
- Selected exporters of agricultural products (2373):
Added: Mauritania (478).
Dropped: Djibouti (262), Honduras (340), Nicaragua (558).
- Selected exporters of minerals and mining products (2374):
Added: Jamaica (388), Zimbabwe (716).
Dropped: Eritrea (232), Mauritania (478), Sierra Leone (694).
- Selected LIFDC (Low-income food-deficit countries) (2376):
Added: Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736).
Dropped: Solomon Islands (090), Djibouti (262), India including Sikkim (356), Viet Nam (704), Tanzania, United Republic of (834).

- LIFDC (Low-income food-deficit countries) (FAO) (2378):
Dropped: Solomon Islands (090), Djibouti (262), India including Sikkim (356), Viet Nam (704).
- Net food-importing economies (2411):
Added: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).
Dropped: American Samoa (016), Gibraltar (292), Nauru (520), Russian Federation (643), Singapore (702), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
- Net food-exporting economies (2412):
Added: American Samoa (016), Gibraltar (292), Nauru (520), Russian Federation (643), Singapore (702), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
Dropped: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).
- Net food-exporting developing economies (2413):
Added: American Samoa (016), Nauru (520), Singapore (702).
Dropped: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).
- Net food-exporting developed economies (2415):
Added: Gibraltar (292), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
- Major net food-exporting economies (2416):
Added: Lithuania (440), Papua New Guinea (598), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
- Net food-importing developing economies (2420):
Added: Kazakhstan (398), Pacific Islands, Trust Territory (582), Micronesia (Federated States of) (583), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Zambia (894).
Dropped: American Samoa (016), Korea, Republic of (410), Nauru (520), Singapore (702).
- Net food-importing developed economies (2422):
Added: Korea, Republic of (410).
Dropped: Gibraltar (292), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
- Major net food-importing economies (2423):
Added: Afghanistan (004), Bosnia and Herzegovina (070), Cameroon (120), Romania (642), Syrian Arab Republic (760).
Dropped: Ethiopia (...1991) (230), Ethiopia (231), Oman (512), Russian Federation (643), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (810).
- HIPCs (Heavily indebted poor countries) (IMF) (2611):
Added: Somalia (706).

- High-income developing economies (2621):
Added: Libya (434).
Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (862).
- Middle-income developing economies (2622):
Added: Haiti (332), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (862).
Dropped: Libya (434), Pakistan (586), Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736), Zambia (894).
- Low-income developing economies (2623):
Added: Pakistan (586), Sudan (729), Sudan (...2011) (736), Zambia (894).
Dropped: Haiti (332).
- Low-income economies (World Bank) (2624):
Dropped: Haiti (332), Tajikistan (762).
- Lower-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2625):
Added: Belize (084), Haiti (332), Indonesia (360), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364), Tajikistan (762), Samoa (882), Indonesia (...2002) (960).
Dropped: Moldova, Republic of (498).
- Upper-middle-income economies (World Bank) (2626):
Added: Mauritius (480), Moldova, Republic of (498), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Romania (642).
Dropped: Belize (084), Indonesia (360), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (364), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (862), Samoa (882), Indonesia (...2002) (960).
- High-income economies (World Bank) (2627) and High-income non OECD members (World Bank) (2629):
Dropped: Mauritius (480), Panama, excluding Canal Zone (590), Panama (591), Panama, Canal Zone (592), Romania (642).
- ALBA-TCP (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Treaty) (3209):
Added: Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (068).
- ADB (African Development Bank), developing member countries (3310):
Added: Niue (570).
- ADB: Group B (3312):
Added: Niue (570), Fiji (242).
- ADB: Group C (3313):
Dropped: Fiji (242).

- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (3382):
Added: Bahamas (044), Bahrain (048), Brazil (076), Kiribati (296), Tunisia (788), Ukraine (804).
- BioTrade countries (3384):
Added: Cambodia (116), Cameroon (120), Ghana (288), Kenya (404), Malaysia (458), New Zealand (554), Nicaragua (558), Pakistan (586), Switzerland, Liechtenstein (757), North Macedonia (807).
Dropped: Korea, Republic of (410), Nepal (524), Zambia (894).
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) (3905):
Added: Costa Rica (188).
- ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) (3907):
Added: South Sudan (728).
- G-77 (Group of 77) (3919):
Dropped: Bosnia and Herzegovina (070).
- GSTP (Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries) (3921):
Dropped: Colombia (170), North Macedonia (807).
- GSTP (3923):
Dropped: Colombia (170).
- OACPS: Africa (3940), OACPS: Eastern Africa (3942), OACPS: LDCs (3947), OACPS: LLDCs (3948):
Added: South Sudan (728).

V. Deletion of groups of economies

The following groups have been deleted:

- Developing regions (M49) (2200)
- Developed regions (M49) (2205)
- UNASUR (Union of South American Nations) (3210)
- ECA: North Africa (3321)
- ECA: Eastern Africa (3322)
- ECA: Central Africa (3323)
- ECA: Southern Africa (3324)
- ECA: West Africa (3325)
- ECA: Island economies (3326)
- ECA: Landlocked countries (3327)
- ECA: Landlocked LDCs (3328)
- ECA: Least developed countries (3329)
- ECLAC: Caribbean (3331)
- ECLAC: Latin America (3332)
- ECA: Small island states (3339)
- ESCAP: Africa (3341)
- ESCAP: Latin America (3342)
- ESCAP: Europe (3343)
- ESCAP: East and North-East Asia (ENEA) (3344)
- ESCAP: North and Central Asia (3345)
- ESCAP: South and South-West Asia (3346)
- ESCAP: Pacific (3347)
- ESCAP: Pacific island developing economies (PIDE) (3348)
- ESCAP: Other area (3349)
- ESCAP: East and North-East Asia, incl. the Russian Federation (3350)
- ESCAP: Least developed countries (3351)
- ESCAP: Landlocked developing countries (3352)
- ESCAP: Small islands developing states (3354)
- ESCAP: High-income economies (World Bank) (3356)
- ESCAP: Upper-middle-income economies (World Bank) (3357)
- ESCAP: Lower-middle-income economies (World Bank) (3358)
- ESCAP: Low-income economies (World Bank) (3359)
- EU25 (European Union 2004 ... 2007) (3402)
- EU15 (European Union 1995 ... 2004) (3404)
- EU27 (European Union 2007 ... 2013) (3408)
- EU28 (European Union 2013 ... 2020) (3410)
- G8 (Group of Eight) (3913).