International organisations

you may want to know

In this interconnected world, nations need to work together to tackle many challenging issues facing the world today. Singapore too plays active roles in many international organisations on a broad range of issues that impact our lives, such as the following areas. The following is just a snapshot out of the many organisations that Singapore plays a part in.

POLICE/SECURITY

INTERPOL, established 1914, HQ: Lyon, France

Main Objectives:
Providing global police information and support system to assist in preventing crime & arresting cross-border criminals

References:
INTERPOL (2014). *Internet: Home: INTERPOL*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.interpol.int/**

Paille (2014). *Interpol_logo*. Retrieved January 5, 2015, from **http://www.flickr.com/photos/paille-fr/15139223282**

HEALTH

World Health Organization (WHO), established 1948, HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
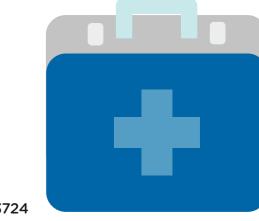
Main Objectives:
Providing leadership on matters critical to health and defending against outbreaks of disease through improving health security

References:
World Health Organization (WHO) (2014). *WHO: World Health Organization*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.who.int/en/**

"Flag of the WHO (World Health Organization)" (2009). Retrieved January 5, 2015, from https://openclipart.org/detail/23724/flag-of-the-who-(world-health-organization)-by-anonymous-23724

EDUCATION/CULTURE

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), established 1945, HQ: Paris, France

Main Objectives:
Attaining quality education for all and lifelong learning & fostering cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace

References:
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (2014). *UNESCO: Building peace in the minds of men and women*. Retrieved January 6, 2015, from **http://en.unesco.org/**

"File:UNESCO BLUE LOGO.png - Wikimedia Commons" (2012). Retrieved January 6, 2015, from **http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:UNESCO_BLUE_LOGO.png**

POVERTY/ DEVELOPMENT

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), established 1965, HQ: New York, USA

Main Objectives:
Reducing poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and building democratic governance

References:
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). *UNDP: United Nations Development Programme*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home.html**

"File:UNDP.svg - Wikimedia Commons" (2013). Retrieved January 6, 2015, from **http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:UNDP.svg**

ECONOMY/TRADE

World Trade Organization (WTO), established 1995, HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

Main Objectives:
Setting and enforcing rules for international trade, and providing a forum for negotiating and monitoring further trade liberalisation

References:
World Trade Organization (WTO) (2014). *World Trade Organization: Home page*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.wto.org/**

"File: World Trade Organization (logo and wordmark).svg - Wikimedia Commons" (2013). Retrieved January 6, 2015, from http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:World_Trade_Organization_(logo_and_wordmark).svg

International Monetary Fund (IMF), established 1944, HQ: Washington, DC, USA

Main Objectives:
Keeping track of the global economy and the economies of member countries, & lending to countries with balance of payments difficulties

References:
International Monetary Fund (2014). *IMF: International Monetary Fund home Page*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.imf.org/external**

Global Panorama (2014). *International Monetary Fund logo*. Retrieved January 5, 2015, from **http://www.flickr.com/photos/121483302@N02/15217144937**

World Bank Group (WBG), established 1944, HQ: Washington, DC, USA

Main Objectives:
Promoting the economic development of the world's poorer countries, & assisting developing countries through long-term financing of development projects and programmes

References:
The World Bank Group (2014). *World Bank Group*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.worldbank.org/**

"File:World Bank logo.svg - Wikimedia Commons" (2013). Retrieved January 5, 2015, from http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:World_Bank_logo.svg

REGIONAL COOPERATION

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), 1989, HQ: Singapore

Main Objectives:
Reducing and eliminating tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade and investment, & providing training and cooperation to build capacities in all APEC member economies to take advantage of global trade

References:
APEC Secretariat (2014). *Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation*. December 9, 2014, from **http://www.apec.org**

"File:APEC Logo 2003.jpg - Wikimedia Commons" (2014). Retrieved January 6, 2015, from **http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:APEC_Logo_2003.jpg**

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), established 1967, HQ: Jakarta, Indonesia

Main Objectives:
Accelerating the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region, & promoting regional peace and stability

References:
ASEAN Secretariat (2014). *ASEAN*. Retrieved December 9, 2014, from **http://www.asean.c**

"File:FlagOfASEAN.png - Wikimedia Commons" (2014). Retrieved January 6, 2015, from http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FlagOfASEAN.png

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Look at its origins. Is it trustworthy?

understand
Know what you're reading. Search for clarity.

research
Dig deeper. Go beyond the initial source.

evaluate
Find the balance. Exercise fair judgement.

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