

WINGO Codebook

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Introduction

The World of International Non-Governmental Organizations (WINGO) dataset is a comprehensive catalogue of formal international non-governmental organizations (INGOs). The dataset, which encompasses more than 2,600 organizations, is based primarily on the Yearbook of International Organizations, a wide-ranging reference work on international organizations published by the Union of International Associations (UIA). It additionally includes original information on INGOs' founding dates, dissolution dates, headquarters locations, and issue areas.

The WINGO dataset, which is available in CSV format, was introduced in my article “Making Global Governance Accountable.” Please use the following citation:

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This codebook provides a detailed description of all variables in the WINGO dataset, including their definition, scale, and sources.

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Details on Sample

The WINGO sample was extracted from the 2021 Yearbook of International Organizations Online. It includes organizations with the following six Type 1 codes (which denote “internationality” and status):

- Type A - Federations of international organizations: A principal membership category includes at least three autonomous international bodies.
- Type B - Universal membership organizations: Membership covers at least 60 countries regardless of distribution, or membership covers at least 30 countries and is equitably distributed over several continents.
- Type C - Intercontinental membership organizations: Membership exceeds that of a particular continental region, covers at least 10 countries, and is equitably distributed over at least two continents.
- Type D - Regionally defined membership organizations: Membership and preoccupations restricted to a particular continental or sub-continental region or contiguous group of countries, and covers at least 3 countries or includes at least 3 autonomous international bodies.
- Type F - Organizations having a special form: May include foundations, funds, banks, and illegal or unusual bodies.
- Type H - Inactive or dissolved international organizations: Dissolved or inactive organization previously classified as a Type A, B, C or D.

In addition, it includes organizations with the following seven Type 2 codes (which provide a second level of structure to the Yearbook's hierarchical typology):

- Type c: conference series
- Type d: dissolved, dormant
- Type f: foundation, fund
- Type j: research institute
- Type v: individual membership only
- Type x: no recent information received
- Type y: international organization membership

List and Description of Variables

name	Name of international nongovernmental organization (INGO)	Character: 2,614 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Identifier variable (unit). Labels are INGO names.
issue	INGO issue area	Character: 615 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online subject category and INGO mission statement, online description, and annual reports	Coded by author and team of research assistants. List of issue areas based on policy classification scheme developed by Hooghe et al. (2017). Labels are combinations of the following 20 issue area descriptions: environment; development; humanitarian; agriculture; science; diplomacy; competition; health; education; finance; employment; rights; migration; trade; security; transportation; culture; population; settlements; law.
founded	Year of establishment	Integer: 1627-2018	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Missing values filled in manually by author and team of research assistants using information from INGO documents and websites, other databases of nongovernmental institutions, and communications with organizational staff
subject	Subject category	Character: 1,841 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are subject categories defined by the Yearbook of International Organizations. NA = missing.
StateAbb	Abbreviation of INGO home country	Character: 118 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are three-letter abbreviations of country names. NA = missing.
region	Region of INGO home country	Character: 11 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are combinations of the following 5 region names: europe; asia; africa; oceania; americas

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ccode	CCODE (numerical country code) of INGO home country	Character: 204 unique values	Correlates of War Project: https://correlatesofwar.org/cow-country-codes/	Labels are numerical country codes
country	INGO home country	Character: 162 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are country names
city	INGO headquarters city	Character: 809 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Missing values filled in manually by author and team of research assistants using information from INGO documents and websites, other databases of nongovernmental institutions, and communications with organizational staff. Labels are city names.
acronym	INGO acronym	Character: 1,743 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are acronyms of name . NA = no commonly recognized acronym.
type1	Yearbook of International Organizations type 1 code	Character: 6 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels: A - Federations of international organizations: A principal membership category includes at least three autonomous international bodies; B - Universal membership organizations: Membership covers at least 60 countries regardless of distribution, or membership covers at least 30 countries and is equitably distributed over several continents; C - Intercontinental membership organizations: Membership exceeds that of a particular continental region, covers at least 10 countries, and is equitably distributed over at least two continents;

				<p>D - Regionally defined membership organizations: Membership and preoccupations restricted to a particular continental or sub-continental region or contiguous group of countries, and covers at least 3 countries or includes at least 3 autonomous international bodies;</p> <p>F - Organizations having a special form: May include foundations, funds, banks, and illegal or unusual bodies;</p> <p>H - Inactive or dissolved international organizations: Dissolved or inactive organization previously classified as a Type A, B, C or D.</p> <p>NA = missing.</p>
type2	Yearbook of International Organizations type 2 code	Character: 37 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	<p>Labels are combinations of the following 13 type2 codes:</p> <p>b = bilateral intergovernmental organization (normally but not always assigned to Type G);</p> <p>c = conference series (normally but not always assigned to Type S);</p> <p>d = dissolved, dormant (normally but not always assigned to Type H or Type U);</p> <p>e = commercial enterprise;</p> <p>f = foundation, fund (normally but not always assigned to Type F);</p> <p>g = intergovernmental;</p> <p>j = research institute;</p> <p>n = has become national (normally but not always assigned to Type N);</p> <p>p = proposed body (normally but not always assigned to Type J);</p> <p>s = information suspect;</p>

				v = individual membership only; x = no recent information received; y = international organization membership. NA = missing.
type3	Yearbook of International Organizations type3 code	Character: 74 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are combinations of the following 42 type3 codes: Academies; Agencies; Alumni and Veterans; Banks; Charismatic Bodies; Clubs; Colleges; Common Markets and Free Trade Zones; Conference Series; Corporations, Companies; Courts, Tribunals; European Union Bodies; Exile Bodies; FAO Bodies; Foundations; Funds; Human Rights Organizations; Humanitarian Organizations; ILO Bodies; Individual Membership Bodies; Influential Policy Groups; Institutes; Intergovernmental Communities; International Federations; Multinational Company Councils; NATO Bodies; Networks;

				Parliaments; Plans; Political Parties; Professional Bodies; Programmes; Projects; Proper Names; Religious Orders; Staff Associations; Systems; Trade and Labour Unions; Treaties; UNESCO Bodies; United Nations Bodies; WHO Bodies. NA = missing.
dissolved	Year of INGO dissolution	Integer: 1889-2018	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Missing data filled in manually by author and team of research assistants using information from INGO documents and websites, other databases of nongovernmental institutions, and communications with organizational staff. NA = still operational.
staff_total	Number of INGO staff	Integer: 0-150,000	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Includes paid and voluntary staff. NA = missing.
staff_central	Number of headquarters staff	Integer: 0-11,000	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Includes paid and voluntary staff. NA = missing.

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staff_regional	Number of field staff	Integer: 0-150,000	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Includes paid and voluntary staff. NA = missing.
links	International organizations with which the INGO has formal collaborative relations	Character: 312 unique values	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	Labels are international organization names. NA = missing.
member_countries	Number of member countries	Continuous: 0-327	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	NA = missing.
member_regions	Number of member country regions	Continuous: 0-28.	Yearbook of International Organizations Online (https://uia.org/yearbook)	NA = missing.