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*\*list is non-exhaustive and contains ‘Asian’ IOs identified for CIL’s purposes*

***Intergovernmental IOs/Big Players***

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| Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) |  |
| Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) | includes sub organizations such as the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum |
| Asian Development Bank (ADB) |  |
| Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) | total of USD31.97bn in investments, 158 projects  **began operations in January 2016 in Beijing**  105 approved members worldwide  capitalized at USD100 bn  **recent new player challenging ADB and the World Bank** |
| Asian Clearing Union | headquartered in Tehran, Iran  **established in 1974 by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)**  objective is to secure regional cooperation as regards the settlement of eligible monetary transactions among the members of the Union to provide a system for clearing payments among the member countries on a multilateral basis  9 member economies — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka |
| Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges | Non-profit organisation  37 member exchanges |
| Asia Cooperation Dialogue | first international organization to cover the whole of Asia, founded in 2002  promote Asian cooperation at the continental level and **to help integrate separate regional organisations such as ASEAN, Gulf Cooperation Council, Eurasian Economic Union, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, and the SAARC** |
| Asia Council | pan-Asian organization constituted in 2016 to serve as a **continent-wide forum to address Asia’s key challenges and foster cooperation among the countries of Asia**  headquartered in **Tokyo, and has regional directorates in Doha, Chengdu and Bangkok** |
| South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) **(like ASEAN, but for South Asia)** | comprises Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka  **launched the South Asian Free Trade Area in 2006**  has several Apex and Recognised Bodies  SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry  South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in Law  South Asian Federation of Accountants  South Asia Foundation  South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children |
| Mekong River Commission (MRC) | international treaty-based organization in the Mekong with a mandate to **promote and coordinate the sustainable use of the Mekong River between its member countries** — Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam  regional platform for water diplomacy |
| East Asia Summit | regional forum held annually by 16 countries in East and South Asia and Oceanian regions  later expanded to include **Russia and US**  **ASEAN holds the central role and leadership in the forum, with EAS meetings held after annual ASEAN leaders’ meetings** |
| Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) | facilitates economic and technical cooperation between 7 member states |
| Economic Cooperation Organisation | political and economic intergovernmental organization founded in Tehran  objective is to establish a single market for goods and services  member states are Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan |
| Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation | IGO of 11 Southeast Asian countries  Appears to be independent of ASEAN |
| Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia |  |
| Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat | **IO established to promote peace and common prosperity among China, Japan and South Korea**  Trilateral meetings used to be held on the sidelines of the ASEAN+3 Summit — then it evolved into stand-alone meetings with its own **Secretariat in Seoul**. |
| International Network for Bamboo and Rattan |  |
| Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific | 21 full members including almost all the major countries in the Asia Pacific |
| Asia-Pacific Telecommunity | established by an international treaty: *Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity*, adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  **IGO operating in conjunction with telecom service providers, manufacturers of communications equipment** etc.  **38 member countries** |

***Asian Industry Organizations, Transgovernmental Regulatory Networks, and ASEAN or UN related bodies***

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| Asian Centre for Human Rights |  |
| Asian Trade Centre |  |
| Asia Business Trade Association |  |
| Asian Institute of Technology | IO for higher education, based in Bangkok  specializes in engineering, advanced technologies, sustainable development and management and planning  **ambassadors of 13 countries are members of the Board of Trustees**  funding comes from international donors and governments  has **international legal personality** |
| Pacific Asia Travel Association | includes members from aviation, education, government, hospitality and industry |
| ASEAN Tourism Association |  |
| East Asia Inter-Regional Tourism Forum | 12 **member provinces** from different countries  facilitates mutual cooperation in tourism |
| Asia Travel Technology Industry Association |  |
| **Airports Council International – Asia Pacific** |  |
| **ITUC Regional Organisation for Asia Pacific** | **regional organization of the International Trade Union Confederation representing trade unions from countries in Asia and Oceania**  40 affiliated organisations in 28 countries |
| Asia Pacific Fishery Commission |  |
| Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center |  |
| Southeast Asian Federation of Organisations of Medical Physics (SEAFOMP) | **regional chapter of the International Organisation for Medical Physics**  7 member countries |
| Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres | association of science engagement institutions located in the Asia Pacific region, who communicate science  members (science centres, science museums, children’s museums) from over 20 countries |
| Asia Cruise Association | members are mostly cruise lines, with a few national tourism organisations |
| Asian Pacific Postal Union | 32 member countries |
| **World Fair Trade Organisation, Asia** | regional network of organisations that represent the Fair Trade supply chain  members are private suppliers and exporters across 19 Asian countries |
| Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) | governed by 9 founding member states (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand) — headquartered in Thailand  autonomous international organization  supports the Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management, a non-binding mechanism to develop action strategies for disaster risk reduction  actively engages the private sector for joint project implementation  provides comprehensive technical services to countries in the region across social and physical sciences to support sustainable solutions for risk reduction and climate resilience. |
| Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management | represented by National Disaster Management Officers from over 20 member countries  promotes the exchange of expertise in disaster risk management |
| Asian Disaster Reduction Centre | based in Kobe Japan  31 member states with 5 advisor States |
| Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) | intergovernmental network of 22 countries from South, Southeast, and East Asia, and the Pacific that promotes regional research and develops scientific capacity  has funded more than 500 projects and awarded more than 30m in project grants |
| United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) |  |
| ASEAN Single Window | Objective is to expedite cargo clearance and promote ASEAN economic integration by enabling the electronic exchange of border trade-related documents among ASEAN Member States.  ASW has already allowed the exchange of Customs Declaration Documents, and is expected to allow electronic Phytosanitary certificates, Animal Health Certificates, Food Safety Certificates etc. |
| The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) (Intergovernmental) | organized under the auspices of UNESCO  services countries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in the field of electronic media development  The AIBD currently has 26 Full Members (countries), represented by 43 organisations, and 50 Affiliate Members (organisations) with a total membership of 93 representing 46 countries and regions and over 50 partners in Asia, Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States and North America.  Organises the Asia Media Summit |
| Asia-Pacific Satellite Communications Council (APSCC) | APSCC represents more than 100 members (private) from over 35 countries worldwide. Members include satellite manufacturers, launch service providers, satellite service providers and satellite risk management companies, telecom carriers, and broadcasters from Asia, Europe and North America.  APSCC Membership is open to any government body, public and private organization, association, or corporation that is involved in satellite services, broadcasting, manufacturing, launch services, risk management or associate fields such as data-casting, informatics, multi-media, telecommunications, and other outer space-related activities with interests in the Asia-Pacific region.  The overarching mission of APSCC is to satisfy all of its members' professional needs. To this end, events are organized to provide members with opportunities for networking with influential industry leaders, experts and decision makers and make a wide range of business contacts.  Regional lobbying regarding satellite regulatory issues  APSCC establishes committees to carry out tasks for members concerning professional, technical and regulatory affairs and to promote satellite business competition |
| International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) |  |
| Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO) | international organization based on the APSCO convention  member states: Turkey, Mongolia, Thailand, Pakistan, Peru, Iran, China, Bangladesh  works to facilitate common development in space science and space technology  APSCO has built a Satellite Data Sharing Service Platform and user group for its Member States  APSCO has launched 13 projects to enable Member States to collaborate and participate in various space science and technology activities.  holds Space Laws and Policy Forums and International Symposiums |
| Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) | international research organization established in Indonesia by 16 countries in East Asia  works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and 16 Research Institutes |
| Asian Harmonization Working Party | Greater harmonization in medical device regulation in Asia — latched into the Global Harmonisation Task Force on Medical Devices |
| Asian Nuclear Safety Network | **Regional Grouping of the IAEA** |

**Regional Groupings/Regional Analogues of Focal Point IOs Featured in the Compendium**

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| **UN Office of Legal Affairs** | **-** |
| **UNCITRAL** | **UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific** |
| **OIE (Office International des Epizooties) — World Organisation for Animal Health** | **OIE Regional Representation for Asia** |
| **World Health Organisation** | **World Health Organisation for South East Asia — WHO/SEARO** |
| **International Standards Organisation** | **APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance  also of interest: https://www.iso.org/organizations-in-cooperation-with-iso.html** |
| **World Customs Organisation** | **WCO Asia Pacific** |
| **BIPM (Bureau of Weights & Measures)** | **-** |
| **SIECA (Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration)** | **-** |

**Regional Groupings/Regional Office/Regional Analogues of Prominent International Organisations Featured in the Compendium**

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| ASTM International | Technical standards for materials, products, systems, and services | - |
| Asian Harmonization Working Party | Medical device harmonisation | - |
| Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions | Environmental agreements protecting human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and wastes | Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Asia and Pacific Region |
| Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity | Biological Diversity | Environment Congress for Asia and the Pacific |
| Secretariat to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of Wild Fauna and Flora | Trade regulations in endangered species | - |
| Codex Alimentarius Commission | Food code — international standards to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.  Harmonises national food safety regulations  Food additives, contaminants in foods, pesticides, veterinary drugs etc. | Codex Alimentarius Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) |
| Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures | Protection of human, animal, or plant life/health from certain risks    (Codex Alimentarius Commission, World Organisation for Animal Health, and the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention) | - |
| Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) | Regional economic organization, free trade area | Numerous FTAs involving ASEAN |
| European Commission | Executive branch of the European Union, responsible for proposing legislation, enforcing EU laws, and directing administrative operations | ASEAN Secretariat |
| International Atomic Energy Agency | Peaceful use of nuclear energy, prohibit use of nuclear energy for any military purpose | Asian Nuclear Safety Network |
| IAF (International Accreditation Forum) | Quality assurance infrastructure  World association of conformity assessment accreditation bodies and other bodies interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel and other similar programs of conformity assessment | IAF Asia |
| International Air Transport Association | Technical standards for aviation, airline safety, security, efficiency, sustainability  Price fixing for airlines | IATA Asia Pacific |
| Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers | Coordinating maintenance and use of databases related to the namespaces of the internet and the domain name system | ICANN APAC |
| Internet Engineering Task Force | Standards organization developing voluntary Internet standards, in particular technical standards | — |
| International Competition Network | Cooperation between competition law authorities (e.g. Competition Commission of Singapore, Competition Commission of India) | — |
| International Committee of the Red Cross | International humanitarian assistance in armed conflict, international humanitarian law | ICRC regional delegation East Asia |
| International Energy Agency | Global energy policy, energy security, clean energy | — |
| International Electrotechnical Commission | Technical standards for electrical, electronic, and related technologies  Works closely with the ISO and the ITU | IEC Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (based in Singapore) |
| International Federation of Accountants | Global advocacy organization for the accountancy profession  Development, adoption, implementation of international standards for accounting education, ethics, audit and assurance  Supports 4 independent standard-setting boards on **ethics, auditing and assurance, accounting education, and public sector accounting**  **International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board**  **International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants**  **International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board**  **International Accounting Education Standards Board** | Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants |
| International Hydrographic Organisation | Ensures that the world’s seas, oceans and navigable waters are properly surveyed and charted | East Asia Hydrographic Commission |
| International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation | Mutual recognition of laboratory testing in different countries/regions | — |
| International Labour Organisation | Setting international labour standards to advance social and economic justice | ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific |
| International Monetary Fund | International financial institution – goal of reconstructing the international monetary system  management of balance of payments difficulties and international financial crises  making resources available to member countries in financial difficulty  managing exchange rates between countries | IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific |
| International Maritime Organisation | Regulates shipping, maritime sfety, environmental concerns, legal matters, maritime security, technical co-operation | Marine Environment Protection of the Southeast Asian Seas — MEPSEAS (?) |
| International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement | strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement at all levels of governance – local, national, regional, and international  only global organization focused exclusively on achieving compliance with environmental law through effective compliance promotion and enforcement strategies, including administrative, civil, criminal, and judicial enforcement. INECE works on both national implementation of domestic environmental laws and on improving the effectiveness of multilateral environmental agreements | — |
| International Organisation for Migration | Services, advice, and standards concerning migration — including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers | IOM Regional Office |
| International Organisation of Security Commissions | Regulation of the world’s securities and futures markets, to enhance investor protection and reduce systemic risk, to establish standards toward monitoring global investment transactions | IOSCO Asia Pacific Hub/Regional Committee |
| International Organisation for Standardisation | Development and publication of technical, industrial, and commercial standards | — |
| International Telecommunication Union | Standard-setting around the use of the radio spectrum, assigning satellite orbits, worldwide technical standards, TV broadcasting etc. | ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific |
| International Union for the Conservation of Nature | Nature conservation and biodiversity | IUCN SSC Asian Species Action Partnership |
| Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network | Assessments of major multilateral organisations — helps organisations learn from their assessments and those of their peers — hosted at the OECD | — |
| Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development | Coordination of domestic and international policies for economic growth | — |
| World Organisation for Animal Health | Coordination, support and promotion of animal disease control | See above |
| International Organisation of Legal Metrology | Standards and information sharing for legal metrology — the regulatory and statutory requirements for measuring instruments and methods of measurement | Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum |
| Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries | Coordination and unification of the petroleum policies —regulation of a common commodity | — |
| Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail | Regulation of international rail transport | — |
| Secretariat for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer | Protection of the Ozone | — |
| Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme | Harmonisation of pharmaceutical inspection and manufacturing standards between countries (52 state members) | — |
| Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management | Global policy on the sound management of chemicals | SAICM Regional Meeting for Asia Pacific |
| Latin American and Caribbean Economic System | Promote economic cooperation and social development between Latin America and Caribbean countries (cross-region) | — |
| Secretariat for the Economic Integration of Central America | Reducing of trade barriers in central America | — |
| Technical Barriers to Trade | Ensures that technical regulations, standards, testing and certification procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade  Prohibits technical requirements created in order to limit trade, as opposed to technical requirements created for legitimate purposes | — |
| UNCITRAL | International trade law | See above |
| UNCTAD | Trade and development | — |
| UNDP | Development programs | — |
| UNECE | Economic commission for Europe | — |
| UNESCO | Educational, scientific, and cultural organization | UNESCO Bangkok? (Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education) |
| UNFCCC | Climate change | Asia Pacific Climate Week |
| UNHCR | Refugees | — |
| UNIDO | Industrial development | UNIDO Technology Foresight in Asia |
| UNIDROIT | Unification of private law | — |
| Universal Postal Union | World Anti-Doping Agency | UPU IB regional Office for Asia and the Pacific — Thailand |
| World Customs Organisation | Customs | See above |
| World Health Organisation | Public health | See above |
| World Intellectual Property Organisation | IP laws and regulations unification | WIPO Division for Asia and the Pacific |
| World Meteorological Organisation | International cooperation of atmospheric science, climatology, hydrology, and geophysics | Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific |
| World Trade Organisation | Trade laws | — |