



## Day 23

### International Organisations and Conventions

Following International Organisations and Conventions have been at the forefront of the news headlines, and as UPSC always attempts to test the basics, a basic awareness is required. Questions from this topic are largely asked from the Current Affairs. According to the trend observed, the facts, their contexts, basic background information can be asked by the UPSC from these topics.

Moreover, as the aspirants applying for the Forest services have the same Prelims with those applying for the Civil services, conventions related to the environment become all the more important. We have tried covering all the important topics keeping in mind the recent trends.

#### United Nations System

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- [UNICEF](#)
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- [UN Climate Action Summit 2019](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

#### Previous Year Question on United Nations System

Q. Consider the following statements: (2019)

1. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'.
2. The UNCAC is the ever-first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument.
3. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.
4. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only**
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Q. Consider the following: (2011)

1. Right to education
2. Right to equal access to public service
3. Right to food.

Which of the above is/are Human Right/Human Rights under “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

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Q. With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, consider the following: (2010)

1. The Right to Development
2. The Right to Expression
3. The Right to Recreation

Which of the above is/are the Rights of the child?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

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Q. With reference to the role of UN-Habitat in the United Nations programme working towards a better urban future, which of the statements is/are correct? (2017)

1. UN-Habitat has been mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities to provide adequate shelter for all.
2. Its partners are either governments or local urban authorities only.
3. UN-Habitat contributes to the overall objective of the United Nations system to reduce poverty and to promote access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 3 only**
- (c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1 only

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Q. Which one of the following is not related to the United Nations? (2010)

- (a) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
- (b) International Finance Corporation
- (c) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

**(d) Bank for International Settlements**

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Q. With reference to the United Nations, consider the following statements: (2009)

1. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN consists of 24 member States.
2. It is elected by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the General Assembly for a 3-year term.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

## Multilateral Groupings & Bodies

- [GCC Backs UN Arms Embargo on Iran](#)
- [Russia-India-China Grouping: RIC](#)
- [G-7 Summit](#)
- [Multilateral Export Control Regimes](#)
- [International Maritime Organization and India](#)
- [Organisation of Islamic Cooperation \(OIC\)](#)
- [BASIC Environment Ministers Meet](#)
- [15th India-European Union Summit](#)
- [G20 Meeting in Saudi Arabia](#)
- [OPEC +](#)

## Previous Year Question on Multilateral Groupings & Bodies

Q. Which of the following is not a member of 'Gulf Cooperation Council'? (2016)

**(a) Iran**

(b) Saudi Arabia

(c) Oman

(d) Kuwait

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Q. With reference to the 'Trans-Pacific Partnership', consider the following statements: (2016)

1. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia.
2. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of maritime security only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

**(d) Neither 1 nor 2**

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Q. The 'Fortaleza Declaration', recently in the news, is related to the affairs of (2015)

- (a) ASEAN
- (b) BRICS**
- (c) OECD
- (d) WTO

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Q. With reference to a grouping of countries known as BRICS, consider the following statements: (2014)

1. The First Summit of BRICS was held in Rio de Janeiro in 2009.
2. South Africa was the last to join the BRICS grouping.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only**
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. A present group of nations known as G-8 started first as G-7. Which one among the following was not one of them? (2009)

- (a) Canada
- (b) Italy
- (c) Japan
- (d) Russia**

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Q. NAMA-11 (Nama-11) group of countries frequently appears in the news in the context of the affairs of which one of the following? (2009)

- (a) Nuclear Suppliers Group
- (b) World Bank
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Trade Organization**

## International Economic Organisations

- [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of NDB](#)

- [International Civil Aviation Organisation](#)
- [63<sup>rd</sup> General Conference of IAEA](#)
- [Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank \(AIIB\)](#)
- [Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership \(RCEP\)](#)
- [Dispute Panels Against India: WTO](#)
- [Asian Development Bank Loan](#)
- [OECD](#)

## Previous Year Questions on International Economic Organisations

Q. India enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 in order to comply with the obligations to (2018)

- (a) ILO
- (b) IMF
- (c) UNCTAD

**(d) WTO**

Q. Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world? (2017)

**(a) World Economic Forum**

- (b) UN Human Rights Council
- (c) UN Women
- (d) World Health Organization

Q. With reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements: (2019)

1. AIIB has more than 80 member nations.
2. India is the largest shareholder in AIIB.
3. AIIB does not have any members from outside Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only**
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q. 'Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of negotiations held between India and (2017)

**(a) European Union**

- (b) Gulf Cooperation Council
- (c) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- (d) Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Q. Consider the following statements: (2017)

1. India has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of WTO.
2. TFA is a part of WTO's Bali Ministerial Package of 2013.
3. TFA came into force in January 2016.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

**(a) 1 and 2 only**

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. The Global Infrastructure Facility is a/an (2017)

(a) ASEAN initiative to upgrade infrastructure in Asia and financed by credit from the Asian Development Bank.

**(b) World Bank collaboration that facilitates the preparation and structuring of complex infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to enable mobilization of private sector and institutional investor capital.**

(c) Collaboration among the major banks of the world working with the OECD and focused on expanding the set of infrastructure projects that have the potential to mobilize private investment.

(d) UNCTAD funded initiative that seeks to finance and facilitate infrastructure development in the world.

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Q. The term 'Digital Single Market Strategy' seen in the news refers to (2017)

(a) ASEAN

(b) BRICS

**(c) EU**

(d) G20

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Q. The term 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership' often appears in the news in the context of the affairs of a group of countries known as (2016)

(a) G20

**(b) ASEAN**

(c) SCO

(d) SAARC

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Q. Regarding the International Monetary Fund, which one of the following statements is correct? (2011)

(a) It can grant loans to any country

(b) It can grant loans to only developed countries

**(c) It grants loans to only member countries**

(d) It can grant loans to the central bank of a country

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Q. The International Development Association, a lending agency, is administered by the (2010)

**(a) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

(b) International Fund for Agricultural Development

(c) United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

## International Environmental Organisations and Conventions

- [International Day for Biological Diversity](#)
- [XI Petersberg Climate Dialogue](#)
- [CMS COP-13](#)
- [COP 25 Ends Without Concrete Outcome](#)
- [COP25 Climate Summit](#)
- [Emission Gap Report by UNEP](#)

## Previous Year Questions on International Environmental Organisations and Conventions

Q. Consider the following statements: (2019)

1. Under Ramsar Convention, it is mandatory on the part of the Government of India to protect and conserve all the wetlands in the territory of India.
2. The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 were framed by the Government of India based on the recommendations of Ramsar Convention.
3. The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 also encompass the drainage area or catchment regions of the wetlands as determined by the authority.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

**(b) 2 and 3 only**

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. "Momentum for Change: Climate Neutral Now" is an initiative launched by (2018)

(a) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

(b) The UNEP Secretariat

**(c) The UNFCCC Secretariat**

(d) The World Meteorological Organisation

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Q. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a UN mechanism to assist countries transition towards greener and more inclusive economies, emerged at (2018)

(a) The Earth Summit on Sustainable Development 2002, Johannesburg.

**(b) The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, Rio de Janeiro.**

(c) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2015, Paris.

(d) The World Sustainable Development Summit 2016, New Delhi.

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Q. With reference to the 'Global Alliance for ClimateSmart Agriculture (GACSA)', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2018)

1. GACSA is an outcome of the Climate Summit held in Paris in 2015.
2. Membership of GACSA does not create any binding obligations.
3. India was instrumental in the creation of GACSA.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 3 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. Consider the following statements: (2017)

1. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants is a unique initiative of G20 group of countries.
2. The CCAC focuses on methane, black carbon and hydrofluorocarbons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. With reference to 'Global Climate Change Alliance', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2017)

1. It is an initiative of the European Union.
2. It provides technical and financial support to targeted developing countries to integrate climate change into their development policies and budgets.
3. It is coordinated by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

**(a) 1 and 2 only**

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. Consider the following statements in respect of Trade Related Analysis of Fauna and Flora in Commerce



(TRAFFIC): (2017)

1. TRAFFIC is a bureau under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. The mission of TRAFFIC is to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. Consider the following statements: (2016)

1. The International Solar Alliance was launched at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2015.
2. The Alliance includes all the member countries of the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

**(a) 1 only**

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. With reference to the Agreement at the UNFCCC Meeting in Paris in 2015, which of the following statements is/are correct? (2016)

1. The Agreement was signed by all the member countries of the UN and it will go into effect in 2017.
2. The Agreement aims to limit the greenhouse gas emissions so that the rise in average global temperature by the end of this century does not exceed 2°C or even 1.5°C above pre industrial levels.
3. Developed countries acknowledged their historical responsibility in global warming and committed to donate \$ 1000 billion a year from 2020 to help developing countries to cope with climate change.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 3 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. Consider the following statements: (2016)

1. The Sustainable Development Goals were first proposed in 1972 by a global think tank called the 'Club of Rome'.
2. The Sustainable Development Goals have to be achieved by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. With reference to 'Agenda 21 ', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements: (2016)

1. It is a global action plan for sustainable development.
2. It originated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

**(b) 2 only**

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q. Which of the following statements is/are correct? Proper design and effective implementation of UNREDD+ Programme can significantly contribute to (2016)

1. protection of biodiversity
2. resilience of forest ecosystems
3. poverty reduction

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

**(d) 1, 2 and 3**

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Q. What is 'Greenhouse Gas Protocol'? (2016)

**(a) It is an international accounting tool for government and business leaders to understand, quantify and manage greenhouse gas emissions**

(b) It is an initiative of the United Nations to offer financial incentives to developing countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adopt eco-friendly technologies

(c) It is an inter-governmental agreement ratified by all the member countries of the United Nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to specified levels by the year 2022

(d) It is one of the multilateral REDD+ initiatives hosted by the World Bank

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Q. With reference to an initiative called 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2016)

1. It is an initiative hosted by UNEP, IMF and World Economic Forum.

2. It is a global initiative that focuses on drawing attention to the economic benefits of biodiversity.
3. It presents an approach that can help decision makers recognize, demonstrate and capture the value of ecosystems and biodiversity.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only**
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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