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ABOUT

The 2017 Lowy Institute Global Diplomacy Index visualises the diplomatic networks of 60 G20, OECD and Asian nations, allowing users to view and compare some of the most significant diplomatic networks in the world. The 2017 Index expands and updates the original Index, which was released in March 2016 covering all G20 and OECD nations (42 in total: 19 G20 and (then) 34 OECD nations, with 11 being members of both organisations). The archived 2016 Index is accessible via [this link](#).

The 2017 Index adds a further 17 Asian nations to the original 42, as well as Latvia, which acceded to the OECD in 2016.

The Index ranks each nation in terms of its diplomatic network against other G20, OECD and Asian nations. Users can view the global map of networks, select and view individual country networks on the map, prepare side-by-side comparisons of networks, as well as see diplomatic representations city by city. The entire database is available for download through the site.

RANKINGS

Rankings are calculated first on the number of embassies or high commissions, and in the event of an equal result, then on consulates-general, consulates and other representations.

SOURCES

The data in the Global Diplomacy Index derives from a combination of sources. These include preliminary desk research on foreign ministry websites of each of the 60 nations, followed by direct data exchanges between the Lowy Institute and the relevant ministries of foreign affairs, their embassies and consulates. Secondary sources such as media reports and the internet archive [Wayback Machine](#) were consulted where necessary, to assist in identifying or confirming post openings or closures.

Information was cross-checked across multiple sources. Information on ministry websites, directories of missions and ministry annual reports was checked against information provided directly by foreign ministries, and clarified where necessary.

CRITERIA

Foreign ministries use different conventions when presenting their diplomatic missions on official websites. Consequently, a standardised set of criteria was applied in the compilation of data on this Index, as follows:

Included:

- Embassies and High Commissions
- Consulates-General and Consulates, provided they are headed by a dedicated home-based head/chief of mission with accreditation in the host country
- Permanent missions and representations or delegations to multilateral organisations such as the UN, EU, NATO and OECD, which are headed by a separate head/chief of mission
- Representations or delegations to countries where there is no formal diplomatic relationship, provided they are headed by a dedicated home-based head/chief of mission.

Excluded:

- Honorary consulates
- Offices which are exclusively trade, development/cooperation offices or cultural institutions
- Consular sections of embassies
- Consular branches or offices which are not headed by a dedicated home-based head of mission with accreditation in the host country
- Embassies or posts which are temporarily closed.

This methodology is in accordance with two major studies by the Lowy Institute for International Policy which were the impetus for the Global Diplomacy Index project. One aspect of those studies, conducted in [2009](#) and [2011](#), was the comparison of the diplomatic networks of OECD nations with Australia's overseas diplomatic network.

TIMEFRAME

Data collection for the 2017 Index commenced in February 2017 and closed on 31 October 2017. Data collection for the 2016 Index commenced in February 2015 and closed on 31 December 2015.

GDP AND POPULATION DATA

Population data are from [World Bank data](#). GDP data are from [World Bank data](#), based on market prices, current \$US. These are updated periodically by the World Bank. The update used at launch of the 2017 Index was 17 April 2017.

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REFERENCE SITES

The following is a list of the principal government websites consulted in the process of collecting data for this project. The list is not exhaustive.

Country	Site*	Language
Argentina	https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/representaciones	Spanish
Australia	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-locations/missions/Pages/our-embassies-and-consulates-overseas.aspx	English
Austria	http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/	German
Bangladesh	http://www.mofa.gov.bd/missions	English
Belgium	http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/embassies_and_consulates/belgian_embassies_and_consulates_abroad/	English
Bhutan	http://www.mfa.gov.bt/?page_id=42	English
Brazil	http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5967:brasileiras-no-exterior-2&catid=2&lang=en&Itemid=292	English
Brunei Darussalam	http://www.mofat.gov.bn/Pages/Foreign-Diplomatic-Missions.aspx	English
Cambodia	https://www.mfaic.gov.kh/cambodia-missions-abroad	English
Canada	http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/country-pays/index.aspx?lang=eng	English
Chile	http://chile.gob.cl/en/consulados/ http://chile.gob.cl/en/embajadas/	English

China	http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/	English
Czech Republic	http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/diplomatic_missions/czech_missions_abroad/	English
Denmark	http://um.dk/en/about-us/organisation/find-us-abroad/	English
Estonia	http://vm.ee/en/embassies-and-representations	English
Finland	http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=49529&contentlan=2&culture=en-US	English
France	http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaire-et-adresses-du-maedi/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/	French
Germany	http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html	English
Greece	http://www.mfa.gr/en/appendix/greece-bilateral-relations/a.html	English
Hungary	http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions	English
Iceland	http://www.mfa.is/diplomatic-missions/icelandic-missions	English
India	http://www.mea.gov.in/indian-missions-abroad-new.htm	English
Indonesia	http://www.kemlu.go.id/en/tentang-kemlu/perwakilan-RI/default.aspx	English
Ireland	https://www.dfa.ie/embassies/	English
Israel	http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutTheMinistry/Pages/Israels%20Diplomatic%20Missions%20Abroad.aspx	English
Italy	http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/laretediplomatica	English
Japan	http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/	English
Korea (Republic of)	http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/ministry/overseas/asia/index.jsp?menu=m_50_70	English
Laos (People's Democratic Republic)	http://www.mofa.gov.la/index.php/the-ministry/overseas-mission	English
Latvia	http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/policy/latvian-diplomatic-missions-abroad http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/diplomatic-missions/latvian-diplomatic-missions-in-international-organizations?latvian=1	English
Luxembourg	http://www.mae.lu/Site-MAE/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires-luxembourgeoises	French
Malaysia	http://www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/malaysian-mission	English
Mexico	http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php	Spanish
Mongolia	http://www.consul.mn/eng/05dtg.php	English
Myanmar	http://www.mofa.gov.mm/?page_id=358	English
Nepal	http://mofa.gov.np/embassy-of-nepal/ http://mofa.gov.np/permanent-mission-of-nepal-to-un/ http://mofa.gov.np/consulates-general-of-nepal/	English

Netherlands	https://www.government.nl/topics/embassies-consulates-and-other-representations/contents	English
New Zealand	http://mfat.govt.nz/Embassies/1-NZ-representatives-overseas/index.php	English
Norway	http://www.norway.info/	English
Pakistan	http://www.mofa.gov.pk/content.php?pagelD=missions	English
Philippines	https://www.dfa.gov.ph/about-us/our-foreign-service-posts	English
Poland	http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/polands_missions_abroad/polish_missions_abroad	English
Portugal	http://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/ministerios/mne/quero-saber-mais/sobre-o-ministerio/representacoes-diplomaticas-portuguesas/embaixadas-e-postos-consulares.aspx	Portuguese
Russia	http://www.mid.ru/zu_r.nsf/strawebeng (now archived) http://www.mid.ru/en/maps	English
Saudi Arabia	http://www.mofa.gov.sa/sites/mofaen/SaudiMissionsAbroad/SaudiEmbassiesAbroad/Pages/default.aspx	Arabic
Singapore	https://www.mfa.gov.sg/content/mfa/missions/singapore_mission_locator.html	
Slovakia	http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/ministry/slovak_diplomatic_missions/slovak_envoys	English
Slovenia	http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations_abroad/	English
South Africa	http://www.dirco.gov.za/webmissions/index.html	English
Spain	http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/embajadasconsulados.aspx	Spanish
Sweden	http://www.swedenabroad.com/	English
Switzerland	https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rep.html	English
Taiwan [#]	http://www.mofa.gov.tw/en/Content_List.aspx?n=D7B7F1B4196DD582 http://www.roc-taiwan.org/portalOfDiplomaticMission_en.html	
Thailand	http://www.thaiembassy.org/main/ http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/org-chart	
Turkey	http://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkish-representations.en.mfa	English
United Kingdom	https://www.gov.uk/government/world	English
United States	http://www.usembassy.gov/	English
Vietnam	http://www.chinhphu.vn/portal/page/portal/English/foreignembassies http://omw.mofa.gov.vn/vi-vn/Trang/default.aspx	English

*Site addresses as at October 2017

[#]Not a UN member state. May be recognised by some states.