

# LOWY INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY

# GLOBAL DIPLOMACY INDEX

## ABOUT

The Lowy Institute Global Diplomacy Index visualises the diplomatic networks of all G20 and OECD nations, allowing users to view and compare some of the most significant diplomatic networks in the world. The Index covers 42 nations – the 19 nations that are members of the G20 and the 34 OECD member nations (11 nations are members of both organisations).

The Global Diplomacy Index ranks each nation in terms of its diplomatic network against other G20 and OECD member nations. Users can select and compare countries' diplomatic networks, review diplomatic representations by city, and see how countries compare in the overall rankings.

## METHODOLOGY

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 42 G20/OECD nations, followed by direct data exchanges between the Lowy Institute and the relevant ministries of foreign affairs, their embassies and consulates. Secondary sources were consulted where necessary, such as to identify or confirm 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.

Foreign ministries use different conventions when presenting their diplomatic missions on official websites. Consequently, a standardised set of criteria were 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 earlier studies by the Lowy Institute for International Policy, which were the genesis for the Global Diplomacy Index project. The Institute conducted major studies in **2009** and **2011** comparing the diplomatic networks of OECD nations with Australia's overseas diplomatic network.

## TIMEFRAME

Data collection commenced in February 2015 and continued throughout the year.

## 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 Index was 22 December 2015.

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## REFERENCE SITES

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

Country	Site*	Language
Argentina	<a href="https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/representaciones">https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/representaciones</a>	Spanish
Australia	<a href="http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-locations/missions/Pages/our-embassies-and-consulates-overseas.aspx">http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-locations/missions/Pages/our-embassies-and-consulates-overseas.aspx</a>	English
Austria	<a href="http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/">http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/</a>	German
Belgium	<a href="http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/embassies_and_consulates/belgian_embassies_and_consulates_abroad/">http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/embassies_and_consulates/belgian_embassies_and_consulates_abroad/</a>	English
Brazil	<a href="http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=5967:brasileiras-no-exterior-2&amp;catid=2&amp;lang=en&amp;Itemid=292">http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=5967:brasileiras-no-exterior-2&amp;catid=2&amp;lang=en&amp;Itemid=292</a>	English
Canada	<a href="http://www.international.gc.ca/cip-pic/mission_info-info_mission.aspx?lang=eng">http://www.international.gc.ca/cip-pic/mission_info-info_mission.aspx?lang=eng</a>	English
Chile	<a href="http://chileabroad.gov.cl/en/embajadas/">http://chileabroad.gov.cl/en/embajadas/</a>	English
China	<a href="http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/">http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/</a>	English
Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/diplomatic_missions/czech_missions_abroad/">http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/diplomatic_missions/czech_missions_abroad/</a>	English
Denmark	<a href="http://um.dk/en/about-us/organisation/find-us-abroad/">http://um.dk/en/about-us/organisation/find-us-abroad/</a>	English
Estonia	<a href="http://vm.ee/en/embassies-and-representations">http://vm.ee/en/embassies-and-representations</a>	English
Finland	<a href="http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=49529&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US">http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=49529&amp;contentlan=2&amp;culture=en-US</a>	English
France	<a href="http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaire-et-adresses-du-maedi/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/">http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/annuaire-et-adresses-du-maedi/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/</a>	French
Germany	<a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html">http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html</a>	English
Greece	<a href="http://www.mfa.gr/en/appendix/greece-bilateral-relations/a.html">http://www.mfa.gr/en/appendix/greece-bilateral-relations/a.html</a>	English
Hungary	<a href="http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions">http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions</a>	English
Iceland	<a href="http://www.mfa.is/diplomatic-missions/icelandic-missions">http://www.mfa.is/diplomatic-missions/icelandic-missions</a>	English
India	<a href="http://www.mea.gov.in/indian-missions-abroad.htm">http://www.mea.gov.in/indian-missions-abroad.htm</a>	English
Indonesia	<a href="http://www.kemlu.go.id/en/tentang-kemlu/perwakilan-RI/default.aspx">http://www.kemlu.go.id/en/tentang-kemlu/perwakilan-RI/default.aspx</a>	English
Ireland	<a href="https://www.dfa.ie/embassies/">https://www.dfa.ie/embassies/</a>	English
Israel	<a href="http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutTheMinistry/Pages/Israel-s%20Diplomatic%20Missions%20Abroad.aspx">http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutTheMinistry/Pages/Israel-s%20Diplomatic%20Missions%20Abroad.aspx</a>	English
Italy	<a href="http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/laretediplomatica/ambasciate/default.html">http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/laretediplomatica/ambasciate/default.html</a>	English
Japan	<a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/">http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/</a>	English

<b>Country</b>	<b>Site*</b>	<b>Language</b>
Korea (Republic of)	<a href="http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/ministry/overseas/asia/index.jsp?menu=m_50_70">http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/ministry/overseas/asia/index.jsp?menu=m_50_70</a>	English
Luxembourg	<a href="http://www.mae.lu/Site-MAE/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires-luxembourgeoises">http://www.mae.lu/Site-MAE/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires/Missions-diplomatiques-et-consulaires-luxembourgeoises</a>	French
Mexico	<a href="http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php">http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php</a>	Spanish
Netherlands	<a href="https://www.government.nl/topics/embassies-consulates-and-other-representations/contents">https://www.government.nl/topics/embassies-consulates-and-other-representations/contents</a>	English
New Zealand	<a href="http://mfat.govt.nz/Embassies/1-NZ-representatives-overseas/index.php">http://mfat.govt.nz/Embassies/1-NZ-representatives-overseas/index.php</a>	English
Norway	<a href="http://www.norway.info/">http://www.norway.info/</a>	English
Poland	<a href="http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/polands_missions_abroad/polish_missions_abroad">http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/polands_missions_abroad/polish_missions_abroad</a>	English
Portugal	<a href="http://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/ministerios/mne/quero-saber-mais/sobre-o-ministerio/representacoes-diplomaticas-portuguesas.aspx">http://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/ministerios/mne/quero-saber-mais/sobre-o-ministerio/representacoes-diplomaticas-portuguesas.aspx</a>	Portuguese
Russia	<a href="http://www.mid.ru/zu_r.nsf/strawebeng">http://www.mid.ru/zu_r.nsf/strawebeng</a>	English
Saudi Arabia	<a href="http://www.mofa.gov.sa/sites/mofaen/SaudiMissionsAbroad/SaudiEmbassiesAbroad/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.mofa.gov.sa/sites/mofaen/SaudiMissionsAbroad/SaudiEmbassiesAbroad/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Arabic
Slovakia	<a href="http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/ministry/slovak_diplomatic_missions/slovak_envoys">http://www.foreign.gov.sk/web/en/ministry/slovak_diplomatic_missions/slovak_envoys</a>	English
Slovenia	<a href="http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations_abroad/">http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations_abroad/</a>	English
South Africa	<a href="http://www.dfa.gov.za/webmissions/index.html">http://www.dfa.gov.za/webmissions/index.html</a>	English
Spain	<a href="http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/embajadasconsulados.aspx">http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/embajadasconsulados.aspx</a>	Spanish
Sweden	<a href="http://www.swedenabroad.com/">http://www.swedenabroad.com/</a>	English
Switzerland	<a href="https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rep.html">https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rep.html</a>	English
Turkey	<a href="http://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkish-representations.en.mfa">http://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkish-representations.en.mfa</a>	English
United Kingdom	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/world">https://www.gov.uk/government/world</a>	English
United States	<a href="http://www.usembassy.gov/">http://www.usembassy.gov/</a>	English

\*Site addresses as at February 2016