



FDI membership trends

Growth of strategic importance

The FDI's membership trends can be clearly traced from the official annual reports for 2024 and 2025: the FDI is growing steadily, both in terms of the number of National Dental Associations (NDAs—dental unions or associations) and the geographical spread of its members.

Overall development

The FDI comprises National Dental Associations (Regular Members), Affiliate Members and Corporate Members. According to the FDI annual report 2024, the organisation comprises 111 NDAs from 101 countries that have submitted their NLO reports. This demonstrates a stable and globally widespread membership base. In the 2025 annual report, membership is once again highlighted as a key driver of growth, with ongoing new admissions and a strong global presence.

Regional distribution

The FDI covers all regions of the world. The NLO Reports 2025 list the NDAs by region and show a broad distribution:

- Africa: 16 NDAs
- Asia-Pacific: over 25 NDAs
- Europe: strong and stable membership
- Latin & North America: complete regional coverage. This regional diversity is a core component of the FDI's global representation.

New admissions (2024–2026)

The FDI admits new NDAs every year. A clear trend has emerged from the general assemblies of recent years:

- 2024: several new NDAs (details in the Governance chapter of the Annual Report)
- 2025: further admissions, including from Africa and Asia
- 2026 (Prague):
- Zambia Dental Association
- Association Nationale des Chirurgiens–Dentistes du Cameroun
- Association Dentaire Malagasy
- Sierra Leone Medical and Dental Association
- Kuwait Dental Association
- and the International Organisation for Forensic Odonto-Stomatology as an affiliate member

Strategic importance

The annual reports highlight three trends: growth in Africa and Asia—these regions are reporting rising numbers of NDAs and increasing activity; stable membership in Europe and North America, characterised by a high degree of continuity and strong political engagement; and increasing global connectivity, with more NDAs participating in FDI programmes, advocacy and policy processes. The FDI regards its members as its "greatest strength" and is strategically expanding its global reach, as highlighted in the 2024 annual report.

Conclusion

According to its own figures, the FDI has seen a steady increase in the number of NDAs, particularly in Africa and Asia, stable membership in established regions, regular admissions at each general assembly, and growing participation by members in programmes, projects and global advocacy. According to a statement, the FDI is strengthening its role as the world's leading voice in dentistry.