



The BIPM membership for 150 years – future “*Observer*” status

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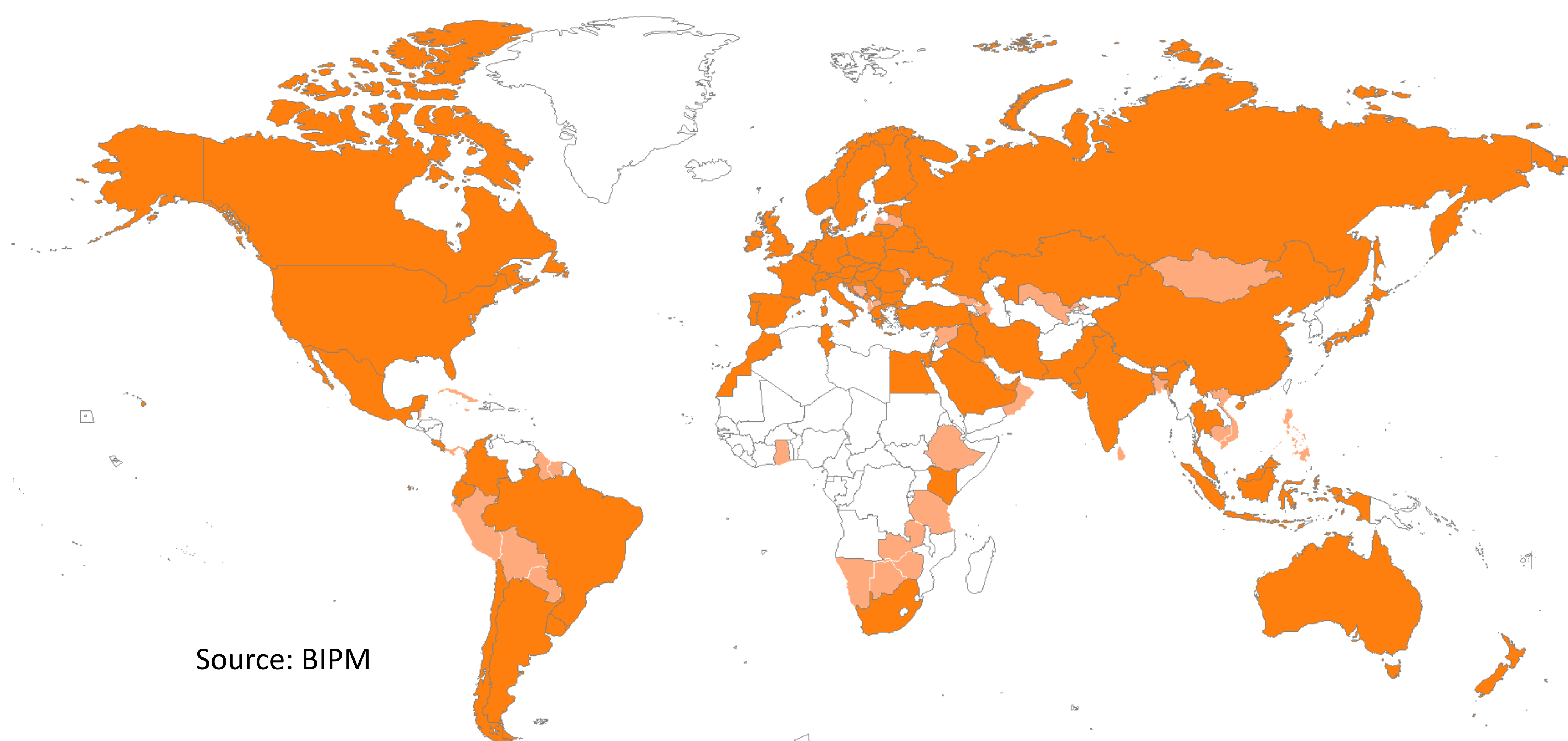
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❖ CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE BIPM

- 64 Member States
- 37 Associates
(*States and Economies*)



Source: BIPM

Participation in BIPM activities requires certain legal, diplomatic and financial procedures and a certain level of development of scientific metrology infrastructure to benefit from and contribute to the global measurement system.

In 1875, the Metre Convention was signed by 17 nations, but today, more than 100 States and Economies participate in the global measurement system. They represent the majority of the current 193 UN Member States and cover 98 % of world Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

❖ A NEW PARTICIPATION MODEL – “*OBSERVER*” STATUS

UN Member States not yet participating in BIPM activities:

- make use of the International System of Units (SI) and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC),
- may participate in six regional metrology organizations,
- represent just 2% of world GDP,
- also include the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.



The aim of Resolution 6 (2022) is to expand the categories of participation in BIPM activities and to ensure that, as agreed in 1875, the BIPM’s work becomes truly universal.

Appropriate actions related to a new participation model – “*Observer*” status will be proposed for consideration by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), the BIPM’s plenary organ, at its 28th meeting to be held in October 2026.