

Country Code Cross Reference Table

This table seeks to relate several country code systems. Note that not all the items mentioned are formal countries. The emphasis was to include the codes from the various systems rather than only use formal countries. Different code systems may view political entities differently. Following are descriptions of the columns:

Country – Name of country. This is not necessarily the formal name of the country but more often the common name.

ROG3 - Codes from GEC (Geopolitical Entities and Codes), which were formerly FIPS PUB 10-4. These codes have been retired.

GENC – Codes from Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) Standard. This was developed by the US government as a replacement for the GEC/FIPS codes. It incorporates as much as possible ISO codes. These codes are more aligned to international standards than the previous code systems.

The following three country code sets are from International Standards Organization (ISO) 3166.

ISO3 – Alpha-3 code (3 letter code)

ISO2 - Alpha-2 code (2 letter code)

ISO_Numeric – Numeric code (3 digits)

InternetCtryCode - Internet country code. It is the ISO 3166 Alpha-2 code and used by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) to establish country-coded top-level domains (ccTLDs).

OWCountryCode – Country codes used by *Operation World*. This is not a formal code system. Usually the code is the first 4 letters of the country name.

EthnologueCountryCode – Country codes used by the *Ethnologue*. This is not a formal code system. In almost all cases it is the ISO 3166 Alpha-2 code.

Notes – Gives a little more detail on how the code may be different than codes in other code systems.

Sources mainly used: World Factbook, www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/references/country-data-codes, ISO Online browsing platform, <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search>, work with Operation World and past work with Ethnologue. The World Factbook link is a good source for the GENC and ISO codes.

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