1. **Membership in UNESCO**: Since 31 October 1947

2. **Membership on the Executive Board**: Not currently
   

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions**: 6
   - 2023: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
   - 2023: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
   - 2020: Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Vice-President
   - 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
   - 2021: Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - 2023: Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

4. **DG’s visits to Colombia**: 8-12 December 2019, for the 14th session of the Intangible Cultural heritage convention.

5. **Former Director-General’s visits to Colombia**: 1 in 2017

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
   - H.E. Ms Viviane Aleyda Morales Hoyos, Ambassador of Colombia to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since January 2019).
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Federico Alonso Renjifo Vélez (2014-July 2018)

7. **UNESCO Office**: The UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador) covers Colombia. Since February 2014, Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela) is the Director of the Office and UNESCO Representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

8. **Colombian National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO**:
   (Comisión Nacional Colombiana de Cooperación con la UNESCO)
   - Established in October 1947 and reorganized in 1985
   - President (since end November 2019): Ms Claudia Blum, Minister of Foreign Affairs

9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities** (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, etc.): None

10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Colombia**

   - **UNESCO Chairs**: 8
     - 1994: Chaire de communication, Pontifica Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá
     - 2000: Chaire en Gestion du Patrimoine Culturel), Universidad Nacional de Colombia - Sede Manizales, Manizales, Caldas
     - 2002: Chaire de Développement de l'enfant, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Bogotá
     - 2005 : Chair in Human Rights, Violence, Public Policies and Governance, University Externado de Colombia, Bogotá
2014: Chair on Intercultural Dialogue, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
2016: Chaire pour la promotion de l’égalité des genres, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá
2019: Chair on Education and a Culture of Peace, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá
2019: Chair on Freedom of Expression: Promoting Peace and Justice through Free Speech In Latin America, University of Los Andes, Bogotá

UNITWIN Networks: 1

11. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 68

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:

Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), Bogotá. The C2C duality of this centre was renewed during the 207 ExB in October 2019.

Agreement between Colombia and UNESCO for the establishment of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean (RCUWM LAC) was signed in September 2007. However, in August 2017, Colombia informed that, due to unforeseen administrative challenges related to the revised Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for the Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO adopted by the General Conference in 2013, Colombia decided not to continue the process to establish the centre RCUWM LAC.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 5
- 2000: Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (reviewed in 2011)
- 2000: Seaflower (reviewed in 2011)
- 1979: Cinturón Andino (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- 1979: El Tuparro (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- 1979: Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (reviewed in 2001 and 2011)

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: None

15. World Heritage Sites: 9 (6 Cultural, 2 Natural and 1 Mixed)

Cultural Sites:
- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru)
- 2011: Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia
- 1995: Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox
- 1995: National Archeological Park of Tierradentro
- 1995: San Agustín Archaeological Park
- 1984: Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena

Natural Sites:
- 2006: Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary
- 1994: Los Katios National Park

Mixed Site:

Tentative List: 17
- 2013: Cultural Landscape of the Vernacular Stilt Housing of Cienaga Grande de Santa Marta and of Medio Atrato
- 2012: Canal del Dique – Dike Canal
- 2012: Catholic Doctrine Temples
- 2012: Cultural Landscape of Salt Towns
- 2012: Cultural Landscape of the Lower Basin of the Chicamocha River
- 2012: Pre-Hispanic Hydraulic System of the San Jorge River
- 2012: Puente de Occidente (Western Bridge)
- 2012: South of Ricaurte Province
- 2012: Tatacoa Desert
- 2012: Tayrona and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta National Parks and their Archaeological Sites
- 2012: United Fruit Company Infrastructure
- 2012: University City of Bogotá
- 2012: Virgilio Barco Library
- 2007: Seaflower Marine Protected Area (MPA)
- 1993: Buritaca 200 - Ciudad Perdida - Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
- 1993: Sistema Hidráulico Prehispánico del Río San Jorge
- 1993: Parque Nacional Natural Chiribiquete

16. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: 10

*Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity*: 8
- 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador (jointly with Ecuador)
- 2012: Festival of Saint Francis of Assisi, Quibdó
- 2011: Traditional knowledge of the jaguar shamans of Yuruparí
- 2010: Wayuu normative system, applied by the Püchipü’üi (palabrero)
- 2009: Carnaval de Negros y Blancos
- 2009: Holy Week processions in Popayán
- 2008: Cultural space of Palenque de San Basilio
- 2008: Carnival of Barranquilla

*Register of Good Safeguarding Practices*: 1
- 2019: Safeguarding strategy of traditional crafts for peace building

*List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding*: 2
- 2017: Colombian-Venezuelan llano work songs (jointly with Venezuela)
- 2015: Traditional Vallenato music of the Greater Magdalena region

17. **Memory of the World Register**: 2

- 2007: American Colonial Music: a sample of its documentary richness (jointly with Mexico, Bolivia and Peru)
- 2005: Negros y Esclavos Archives

During the 19th annual meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC) (Panama City, 22-24 October 2018), two nominations were accepted:
- Acuerdo de paz entre el Gobierno de Colombia y las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo las FARC-EP / Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace. (Archivo General de la Nación “Jorge Preciado” / General Archive of the Nation “Jorge Palacios Preciado”)
- Archivo Histórico Cinematográfico Colombiano de Los Acevedo (1915-1955) / Historical Colombian Film Archive of Los Acevedo (1915-1955)
18. **Creative Cities Network:** 5

- 2019: Valledupar, as a Creative City of Music
- 2017: Buenaventura, as a Creative City of Gastronomy
- 2015: Medellín, as a Creative City of Music
- 2012: Bogota, as a Creative City of Music
- 2005: Popayán, as a Creative City of Gastronomy

19. **Legal instruments**

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20. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated** in 2020-2021, the 100th anniversary of the death of Julio Garavito Armero, engineer, mathematician and astronomer (1865-1920), with the support of Chile and Peru.

**Previous anniversaries:**
- 2018-2019: 250th anniversary of the birth of Francisco José de Caldas y Tenorio (1768-1816)
- 2012: 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912)
- 2001: 200th anniversary of the expedition of Alexander von Humboldt to Colombia
- 1996: Centenary of the death of the Colombian poet José Asunción Silva

21. **Participation Programme:**
- 2018-2019: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US$ 71,000.
- 2016-2017: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US$ 86,000
- 2014-2015: 3 national projects and 1 regional project approved for a total amount of US$ 111,000

22. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:** 26 fellowships have been awarded to Colombia since 2010 for a total amount of US$ 423,631
23. **Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO:** 2

- Pan-American Association of Educational Credit Institutions (APICE), admitted in 1998
- Latin American Federation of Associations of Communication Schools (FELAFACS), admitted in 1990

24. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention

25. **Payment of assessed membership fees (for 2019):**

- Assessment rate: 0.372%

28. **Representation within the Secretariat** (as at August 2019):

- Total staff Nationals from Colombia: 7
- Professional staff in geographical posts: 5
- Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 5; Min. 3): Normally represented
- **Junior Professional Officer /Associate Expert Programme:** Colombia does not participate.
- **Young Professional Programme:** As a normally represented, the country is not eligible to participate.