

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (term expires in 2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 4
 - **Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee Member** (Term expires in 2019)
 - **Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics** (Members elected by the UNESCO General Conference : Mr Luis Madera Sued (Term expires on 31 December 2019)
 - **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Member**
 - **Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean** Representatives of Member States : Ligia Amada Melo de Carmona (Term expires : 37th General Conference)
4. **Your visits to Dominican Republic:** 0
5. **The former Director-Generals' visits to Dominican Republic**
 - 1955 (Luther Evans)
 - 1978 (Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow)
 - 1992 and December 1998 (Federico Mayor)
 - March 2004 (Koïchiro Matsuura)
 - 11 March 2010 (I. Bokova)
 - 15-16 January 2015 (I. Bokova, reply to the invitation of President Danilo Medina to visit his country)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

Ambassador José Antonio Rodríguez (since 29 November 2016)

Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Laura Faxas (20 February 2013-November 2016); Ms Rosa Hernández de Grullon (April 2010- January 2013); Ms Laura Faxas-Jorgensen (2005- March 2010); Ms Lil Despradel (2000-2004); Ms Laura Faxas (1997- September 2000); Mr Cándido Gerón (1995-1996); Mr Alfonso Canto Dinzey (1994-May 1995); Mr Emilio Ludovino Fernández (1991-1993); Mr Caonabo Fernández Naranjo (1987-1991); Mr Rafael Solano (1983-1986); Mr Federico Suro Franco (1979-1982); Mr Anselmo Paulino Álvarez (1976-1977); Mr Federico M. Smester (1970-1976); M. Héctor Aristy (1966-1969).
7. **UNESCO Office:** Havana (Cuba)
 - The Havana Office is a Cluster Office for Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Aruba.
 - It was established on 24 February 1950, as UNESCO's Office for the Western Hemisphere, and it is one of the oldest UNESCO's structures away from Headquarters. Since the implementation of UNESCO's decentralization strategy, the Office became a Cluster Office to the Caribbean region and a Regional Bureau for Culture (ORCALC) in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Director: Mrs Katherine Müller-Marin (Costa Rica, D-1) since 1 March 2016.
 - UNESCO has an Antenna in Santo Domingo with Ms Julissa Ureña as « service contract ».
 - A national bureau of UNESCO in Santo Domingo was in opened between March 1997 and December 2003.
8. **Dominican Republic National Commission for UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Dominicana para la UNESCO)**
 - Established by Presidential Decree: 14 November 1957;
 - President (since August 2016): Mr Pedro Verges, Minister of Culture
 - Secretary-General (since September 2017): Dr. Luis Brea Franco

9. Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities: 1

- Mr Juan Luís Guerra, UNESCO Artist for Peace (15 September 2008).

10. UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Dominican Republic: 6

- Chaire UNESCO pour la paix, les droits de l'homme et la démocratie (1999), Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo
- UNESCO Chair in Communication, Democracy and Good Governance (2003), the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santo Domingo
- Chaire UNESCO en sciences sociales, politiques publiques et gouvernance démocratique (2010), Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales
- UNESCO Chair on Teacher Training and Reading/Writing Research (2012), Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra
- UNESCO Chair on Social and Academic Inclusion for Disabled People with Special Educational Needs (2013), Universidad Iberoamericana
- UNESCO Chair on Water, Women and Governance (2014), Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales (IGLOBAL), FUNGLODE, CEHICA

11. Associated Schools: 50

The country is among the most dynamic network members.

- 23 Primary/Secondary
- 5 Teacher Training Institutions
- 1 Vocational and Technical Institution

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres 1

- Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States in Santo Domingo.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 1

- La Selle - Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Dominican Republic/Haiti); (former Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo, 2002) 2017

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: None

15. World Heritage : 1 cultural property

- Colonial City of Santo Domingo (1990)

16. Tentative List: 14

- Archaeological and Historical National Park of Pueblo Viejo, La Vega (21/11/2001)
- Archaeological and Historical National Park of the Villa of La Isabela, Puerto Plata (21/11/2001)
- Boca De Nigua Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (21/11/2001)
- City of Azúa de Compostela (21/11/2001)
- Historical Centre of Puerto Plata (21/11/2001)
- Jacagua, Villa of Santiago (21/11/2001)
- Jaragua National Park (21/11/2001)
- Montecristi (21/11/2001)
- Nuestra Señora de Monte Alegre or la Duquesa Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (05/04/2002)
- Parque Nacional del Este (21/11/2001)
- Sanate Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (05/04/2002)
- The Ancient Big House of Palavé [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (21/11/2001)
- The Ancient Diego Caballero Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (05/04/2002)
- The Sugar Mill of Engombe [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (21/11/2001)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3

- Cocolo dance drama tradition Dominican Republic (2008)
- Cultural space of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit of the Congos of Villa Mella (2008)
- Music and dance of the Dominican merengue (2016)

18. Memory of the World Register: 2

- Book for the Baptism of Slaves (1636-1670) (submitted in 2009) -
- Documentary Heritage on the Resistance and Struggle for Human Rights in the Dominican Republic, 1930-1961 (submitted in 2009)

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments 14 ratified

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	02/10/2006 Ratification
Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	03/03/2009 Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	24/09/2009 Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	06/09/2012 Accession

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2017: none

22. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: 4 requests were approved for a total amount of US\$83000.
- Moreover, following the rainfall caused by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016, the Dominican Republic made a request for Emergency Assistance under the Participation Programme for an amount of US\$43,250 with a view to repairing the structural damage to the Felix Moreno Marcona Primary School located in Sabana Perdida. The DG approved this Emergency Assistance project for the requested amount.
- 2014-2015: 4 of the seven requests presented by the Dominican Republic under the Participation Programme, were approved for a total amount of US\$72,000.

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

- Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded to Dominican Republic for a total amount of USD 28,204.

24. NGOs and/or Foundations in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- Since 2006, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE) / Fondation mondiale pour la démocratie et le développement (FUNGLODE). Official relations with FUNGLODE were renewed in 2013 for another 6 years.

It should also be noted that the Desk INO received (11/11/2016) a request for official partnership by the Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social, Ecológica y Cultural (FIADASEC). The President of this NGO is Ms Irmgard Radefeldt. The file is currently under evaluation.

- **IGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO: none**

27. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 26 October 2017): Owing

- Assessment rate for 2017: 0.046 %
- Last payment: 23 October 2017

28. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 31 October 2017): 2; under-represented (Max. 4; Min. 2):

- 1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)
- 1 General Service Staff at Headquarters

The Young Professional Programme will be launched in 2018. If the Dominican Republic is under-represented when the new call is launched, the National Commission will be invited to submit candidature thereafter.