I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system
- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government.
- President: H.E. Mr. Ivan DUQUE (since 7 August 2018). The President is elected by universal suffrage for a single term of 4 years (political reform in 2015 excluding presidential reelection).
- Vice-President: H.E. Ms Marta Lucia RAMIREZ (since 7 August 2018).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Mr. Claudia BLUM (since November 2019).

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)
- Total population (million): 53.4
- Human Development Index: 0.767 / 83 rank
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 77.3
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP$): 14,257
- Internet users (% of population): 62.3
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones): 2.0

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)
- Expected years of schooling (years): 8.9
- Compulsory education (years): 10 (from age 5 to 14)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 91.27
- Net enrolment ratio in secondary education (%): 78.85
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 4.4

II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 31 October 1947

2. Membership on the Executive Board: Not currently


3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 7

   - 2019: Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport
   - 2021: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
   - 2021: 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
   - 2021: Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)

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

5. Former Director-Generals’ visits to Colombia: 1 in 2017 and 1 in 2019.
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.

7. **UNESCO Office**: The UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador) covers Colombia. Since September 2020, Mr. Youssef Filali-Meknassi (D-1, Morocco) 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**: 10
    - 1994: Chaire de communication, Pontificia 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
    - 2020: Chair on Sustainable Development, University of Rosario, Bogotá
    - 2020: Chair on Biotechnology and Sustainable Development Goals, Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira.

    **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.

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 Katíos 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: 12

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 Püchhipü’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: 3
- 2020: Traditional knowledge and techniques associated with Pasto Varnish mopa-mopa of Putumayo and Nariño
- 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 100\(^{th}\) 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: 200\(^{th}\) 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:**
- For the 2018-2019 biennium, the Director-General approved four projects submitted by Colombia under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US$71,000.
- For this biennium (2020-2021), Colombia did not submit requests under the Participation Programme.

22. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:** 21 fellowships have been awarded to Colombia since 2010 for a total amount of US$ 437,084

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 (as at 25 March 2021):**
   
   - Assessment rate for 2021: 0.372%

28. **Representation within the Secretariat** (as at March 2021):

   - Total staff Nationals from Colombia: 10
   - Professional staff in geographical posts: 5
   - Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 5; Min. 3): Normally represented

   1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)
   4 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts)
   4 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Non-Geographical Posts)
   1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts)

   - **Junior Professional Officer /Associate Expert Programme:** Colombia does not participate.
   - **Young Professional Programme:** As a normally represented, the country is not eligible to participate.

   **Loans**
   - The Colombian Ocean Commission loaned two experts to IOCARIBE Office, Cartagena.
29. Map of the country: