I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system
• The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government. The Cabinet is appointed by the President.
• President: H.E. Mr. Guillermo LASSO (since 24 May 2021). The President is elected by absolute majority popular vote in two rounds if needed for a 4-year term (eligible for a second term).
• Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility: H.E. Mr. Mauricio MONTALVO.

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)
• Total population (million): 19.8
• Human Development Index: 0.759 / 86th rank
• Life expectancy at birth (years): 77.0
• Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP$): 11,044
• Internet users (% of population): 57.3
• Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 2.5

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)
• Expected years of schooling (years): 14.9
• Compulsory education (years): 15 (from age 3 to 17)
• Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 91.64
• Net enrolment ratio in secondary education (%): 85.34
• Government expenditure on education (% of GDP in 2015): 5

II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. Membership: since 22 January 1947


3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 7
   • 2023: Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education
   • 2023: Headquarters Committee
   • 2021: Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme
   • 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
   • 2021: Legal Committee
   • 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
   • Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. Director-General’s visit: none

5. Former Director General’s visit: 1 (in July 2017)
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
   - **Permanent Delegate to UNESCO:** none currently

7. **UNESCO Office:** Quito (Ecuador)
The UNESCO Cluster Office in Quito was established in 1983. A Host Country Agreement was signed the same year with the National Authorities of Ecuador.
The Office covers five countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru (without representational function in Peru where a national office assumes that function).
Mr. Youssef Filali-Meknassi (Morocco) was appointed Director (D-1) and Representative of the UNESCO Cluster Office in September 2020. (DG/Note/20/12).

8. **National Commission:**
   - President: H.E. Ms Mireya Muñoz, Vice-Secretary of Foreign Affairs within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
   - Secretary-General: Ms Déborah Salgado Campaña (since May 2021)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:**
The Goodwill Ambassadors Programme does not have any celebrity advocates from Ecuador. Ms Ivonne A-Baki was a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador from February 2010 to July 2020. She was candidate at the post of UNESCO’s DG in 2009 when Irina Bokova was elected.

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 6
    - 2019: Chair on Tropical Freshwater Management, Universidad Regional Amazónica Ikiam
    - 2018: Chair on Sustainable Development, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja
    - 2016: Chair on Support Technologies for Educational Inclusion, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana
    - 2016: Chair on Freedom of Expression and Knowledge Societies, The International Centre for Advanced Studies in Communications for Latin America (CIESPAL)
    - 2016: Chair on Ethics and Society in Higher Education, Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja
    - 2012: Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja

11. **Associated Schools Network (ASPnet):** 56
    - 2 Pre-primary, 30 Primary, 14 Primary/Secondary, 8 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 1 Vocational and Technical Institution
    - The country joined the ASPnet in 1953.

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 7
    - 2018: Choco Andino de Pichincha
    - 2014: Bosque Seco (Part of Transboundary Bosques de Paz with Peru since 2017)
    - 2013: Macizo del Cajas
    - 2007: Podocarpus-El Condor
    - 2000: Sumaco (extended in 2002; reviewed in 2016)
14. **UNESCO Global Geoparks**: 1
   - 2019: Imbabura

15. **World Heritage Sites**: 5 (3 Cultural and 2 Natural)
   - 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Cultural)
   - 1999: Historic Center of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca (Cultural)
   - 1983: Sangay National Park (Natural).
   - 1978: Galápagos Islands (Natural), also a Biosphere reserve (extended in 2001)
   - 1978: City of Quito (Cultural)

16. **Tentative List**: 5 properties
   - 2016: Mayo Chinchipe – Marañón archaeological landscape
   - 2016: Cultural Itinerary of Ecuador’s Trans-Andean Train
   - 2016: Zaruma ciudad minera
   - 1998: Bosque petrificado de Puyango
   - 1998: Parque Nacional Machalilla

17. **Intangible Cultural Heritage**: 3 inscriptions on the Representative List
   - 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador, jointly with Colombia
   - 2012: Traditional weaving of the Ecuadorian toquilla straw hat
   - 2008: Oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Zápara People, jointly with Peru

18. **Memory of the World Register**: 1 inscription
   - 2015: The Gaze of the Other: Documentary heritage of the Salesian apostolic vicariate in the Ecuadorian Amazon (1890-1930)

19. **Creative Cities Network**: 2
   - 2017: Chordeleg (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)
   - 2015: Durán (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)

20. **UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments**: 11 ratified

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21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021:** 1
   - 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamin, painter (with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay)

**Anniversaries with which UNESCO was previously associated:** 8
• 2015: 50th anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer (1882-1965)
• 2012: 100th anniversary of the death of José Eloy Alfaro Delgado, statesman and thinker (1842-1912)
• 2010: 100th anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988)
• 2006: 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza, writer (1906-1978)
• 2000: 100th anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo (8 April 2000)
• 1989: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio Maria de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)
• 1983: 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, Liberator of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia)
• 1982: 150th anniversary of the birth of Juan Montalvo, writer and essayist

22. Participation Programme:
• During 2020-2021 biennium, Ecuador submitted seven requests under the Participation Programme, two requests were approved for an amount of US$50,659.
• 2018-2019: two requests approved for a total amount of US$ 30,000:
  - Architectural study of reconversion of activity and architectural rehabilitation of patrimonial buildings in Zaruma (US$ 15,000);
  - Project for the awareness and care of tourists with disabilities in the Historic Center of Cuenca (US$ 15,000).

23. Fellowships:
• Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US$ 47,749.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 1
• Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER), with consultative status

25. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: 2
• Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), based in Quito
• Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS), based in Guayaquil

26. Payment of assessed membership fees as of 3 June 2021:
• Assessment rate: 0.103%

27. Staff members’ status: as of 2 June 2021, normally represented (min. 2, max. 4) with 2 professional staff on geographical posts (total number of staff members: 9)
28. Map of Ecuador: