I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system
- Jamaica is a Parliamentary democracy, under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Dr. Patrick L. ALLEN (since 26 February 2009)
- Prime minister: Prime Minister Andrew HOLNESS (since 3 March 2016)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade: Senator Kamina Johnson Smith

- Total population (million): 2.9
- Human Development Index: 0.726 / Rang 96
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 74.4
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$): 7,932
- Internet users (% of population): 55.1
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 2.5

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)
- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.3
- Compulsory education (years): 6 (from age 6 to 11)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 79.1 (2019)
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.17 (2019)

II. JAMAICA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 7 November 1962

   Representative: Minister Ms Olivia Grange

3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for all program. Member (Term expires: 41st General Conference)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

4. The Director-General’s visit to Jamaica: none to date

5. Former Director-Generals’ visit to Jamaica: none

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - H. E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2018).
     Previous Ambassadors:
     - H.E. Ms. Vilma Kathleen McNish (July 2012 – December 2017)
• H.E. Ms. Marcia Gilbert Roberts (October 2007 – December 2011)  
• H.E. Ms. Ruby Evadne Coye (June 2006 – December 2006)

7. **UNESCO Office:** Yes, Jamaica hosts the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston, which serves 20 Member States and Associate Member States. Ms. Saadia Sanchez-Vega (Venezuela, D-1) is the Director since September 2020.

8. **Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO:**
   
   • Established in February 1965;  
   • Chairperson: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (since March 2016);  
   • Secretary-General: Mr Everton Hannam, since October 2004.

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** None
   
   • Prior the current review of the Goodwill Ambassador programme in 2020, Ms. Veronica Campbell Brown, track and field sprint athlete, was UNESCO Champion for Sport.

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
    
    • UNESCO-Commonwealth Regional Chair in Education and HIV/AIDS (2004), University of the West Indies.

11. **Associated Schools:** 4 (Pre-primary 1, Primary 1, Secondary 2). Jamaica has joined the ASPnet in 1980.

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

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

16. **World Heritage Sites:** 1 site  
    Blue and John Crow Mountains (2015)

17. **Tentative List:** 2 sites
    
    • The Underwater City of Port Royal (2009);  
    • Sevilla Heritage Park (2009).

18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** 2
    
    • Reggae music of Jamaica, inscribed in 2018  
    • “The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town” Inscribed in 2008

19. **Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions
    
    • Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)  
    • Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011)  
    • The West India Committee collection (2016)

20. **Creative Cities Network:** 1
    
    • Music – Kingston.
21. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments**: 5 ratified

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22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2020-2021**: none

23. **Participation Programme**:
   - For the 2018-2019 biennium, four requests under the Participation Programme were approved for a total amount of US$75,000.
   - During the 2016-2017 biennium, four national requests submitted by Jamaica were approved for a total amount of US$79,000 and a regional request for US$35,000.

24. **Fellowships**:
   - Since 2010, 7 fellowships have been awarded to Jamaica for a total amount of US$ 64228,59.

25. **NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO**: none

26. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO**: none

27. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2020**
   - Assessment rate: 0.010 %

28. **Staff members’ status**: 11 staff members, out of which 2 in geographical distribution posts, normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)