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 with approval of the General Assembly.
- President: H.E. Mr Luis Lacalle Pou (since 1 March 2020).
- The President and the Vice-President are directly elected on the same ballot by absolute majority vote in 2 rounds, if needed, for a 5-year term (eligible for nonconsecutive terms); election last held on 27 October 2019, with a runoff on 24 November 2019.
- Minister of Foreign Relations: H.E. Mr. Francisco Carlos Bustillo Bonasso (since 6 July 2020).

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)
- Total population (millions): 3.6
- Human Development Index: 0.817 / Rank 55
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 77.9
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP$): 20,064
- Internet users (% of population): 68.3%
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 2.0

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)
- Expected years of schooling (years): 16.3
- Compulsory education (years): 14 (from age 4 to 17)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 99.8%
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.05% (2018)

II. URUGUAY/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 8 November 1947
2. Membership on the Executive Board: yes; for the period 2019 – 2023
3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 2
   - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires: 41st General Conference);
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. DG’s visits to Uruguay: 1 in December 2019
5. Former Director General’s visit to Uruguay: 2 (September 2012 and June 2016)
6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - H.E. Ms Alejandra De Bellis, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to UNESCO (since June 2016)
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H. E. Mr. Guillermo Dighiero Arrarte (October 2015 to May 2016)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Montevideo (Uruguay)

- UNESCO Office in Montevideo (Uruguay) is a Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean and a Cluster office to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.
- Since May 2014, Ms Lidia Brito (D-1, Mozambique) is the Director of the Office and UNESCO representative to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

8. **Uruguayan National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Date of establishment: 11 March 1975
- President: H.E. Ms Ana Ribeiro, Vice-Minister of Education and Culture (since March 2020)
- Secretary-General: Mr Marcello Figueredo (since March 2020)

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:** one as of May 2021

- Mr Milton MASCIA DRI, UNESCO Artist for Peace since October 1998. His mandate was renewed for two years from 1 August 2020.

Furthermore, Mr Óscar Washington Tabárez was a Champion for Sport from Uruguay, from 2012 to 2020.

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 9

- 2021: UNESCO Chair on Open Education (2021), Universidad de la República
- 2019: UNESCO Chair on Education of Young People and Adults in Uruguay (2019), Universidad de la República
- 2019: Chair on Socio-cultural Anticipation and Resilience, South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainability Studies
- 2018: Chair on Coastal and Continental Shelf Geoscience, Universidad de la República
- 2015: Chair on Water and Culture, Universidad de la República
- 2013: Chair on Integrated Coastal Zone Management of the Southern Cone, Universidad de la República
- 2012: Chair in Carnival and Heritage, Universidad de la República
- 2011: Chair on Neuroactive Natural Products, The Clemente Estable Institute of Biological Research, Montevideo
- 2002: Chair in Human Rights, University of the Republic, Montevideo

11. **UNITWIN Network:** 1

    2018: International Network on Climate Change and Decision Making, established at the South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainability Studies (SARAS)

12. **UNESCO – UNEVOC Network:** 2

- 2013: National Institute of Employment and Professional Formation "Instituto Nacional de Empleo y Formación Profesional" (INEFOP)
- 2012: National Education and Work programme - Educational Centers of Capacitation and Production (PNET-CECAP)

13. **Associated Schools:** 129
• 4 Pre-primary, 94 Primary, 5 Primary/Secondary, 18 Secondary, 3 Teacher Training Institution and 5 Vocational and Technical Institution

14. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 2

- Regional Experimental Centre for Sanitation Technologies (CERTS)
- Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean (CeReGAS)

15. **Biosphere Reserves:** 2

- 2014: Bioma Pampa-Quebradas del Norte
- 1976: Bañados del Este (reviewed in 2005 and 2014)

16. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 1 since 2015

- Grutas del palacio

17. **World Heritage Sites:**

* Cultural Sites: 2 *

- 2015: Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape
- 1995: Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento

* Tentative List: 7 *

- 2015: Isla de Flores Cultural Landscape and its fluvio-marine context
- 2014: Quartier de Peñarol : la Vieille Ville historique et le paysage industriel ferroviaire
- 2010: L’œuvre de l’ingénieur Eladio Dieste
- 2010: Architecture Moderne du XX siècle de la Ville de Montevideo
- 2010: La Rambla (promenade maritime) de la Cité de Montévideo
- 2005: Insular area and bay of Colonia del Sacramento
- 2005: Chamangá: A Rock Paintings Area

18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** 2 (on the Representative List)

- 2009: Candombe and its socio-cultural space: a community practice
- 2009: Tango (with Argentina)

19. **Memory of the World Register:** 3

- 2015: Fundo Comitê de Defesa dos Direitos Humanos para os Países do Cone Sul (CLAMOR), submitted with Brazil
- 2015: The War of the Triple Alliance Iconographic and cartographic presentations, submitted with Brazil

20. **Creative Cities Network:** 1

- 2015: Montevideo (Creative City of Literature)

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

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22. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated:** 7

- 2020-2021: 100th anniversary of the birth of Cintio Vitier, poet (1921-2009) (Cuba with the support of the Dominican Republic and Uruguay)
- 2020-2021: 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamín, painter (Ecuador with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay)
- 1989: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio María de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela);
- 1968: 100th anniversary of the birth of Carlos Reyles, writer
- 1967: 50th anniversary of the death of José Enrique Rodó, writer
- 1967: 100th anniversary of the death of Michael Faraday
- 1964: 200th anniversary of the birth of José Gervasio Artigas

Spain: 400th anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes, writer (1547-1616) (with the support of Colombia, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Portugal and Uruguay)

23. **Participation Programme:**

- 2020-2021: four requests submitted under the Participation Programme were approved by the DG for a total amount of US$75,000.
- 2018-2019: four national requests and one regional request were approved by the DG under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US$109,950.
- 2016-2017: four requests were approved for a total amount of US$75,000.

24. **Fellowships:** since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Uruguay
25. **NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 2**
   - Association Internationale de Radiodiffusion (IAB), associate status
   - International Association for Media and Communication (IAMCR/AIERI)
   - Latin American Association for Human Rights (ALDHU)

26. **IGOs and Foundations in official relations with UNESCO: 1**
   - The Celeste Foundation, in official relations with UNESCO

27. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:**
   - Assessment rate: 0.112 %

28. **Representation within the Secretariat**
   - Total staff Nationals from Uruguay: 15
   - Professional staff in geographical posts: 2
   - Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 4; Min. 2): Normally represented

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)
1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts)
1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters* (Non-Geographical Posts)
2 National Professional Officer in the Field
1 General Service Staff at Headquarters
9 General Service Staff in the Field

Young Professional Programme (YPP)
As a normally represented Member State, Uruguay is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.
Map of Uruguay: