

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON COLOMBIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 31 October 1947.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** no.
 - **Previous terms:** 2005-2009 (Representative: Ms. Sonia del Rosario SARMIENTO, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO).
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 4**
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) Member (Term expires : 37th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (Term expires: 38th General Conference). Rapporteur: Ms Sonia Sarmiento
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC (Vice-President: Captain Julian Reyna).
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage. Vice-Chairperson (Term expires : 38th General Conference).
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - **Ambassador and Permanent Delegate:** H.E. Mr. Federico Alonso RENJIFO VÉLEZ
 - **Previous Ambassador:** Sonia del Rosario SARMIENTO (ended her responsibility in 2013).
5. **Comisión Nacional Colombiana de Cooperación con la UNESCO**
 - Established in October 1947 and reorganized in 1985.
 - **President** (since August 2010): Mrs. Maria Angela HOLGUIN Cuellar, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
 - **Executive Secretary** (since October 2011): Mr Luis Armando Soto Boutin.
 - **Priority Areas:** Basic education in rural areas; adult education; primary education in rural areas; civic education; bio-diversity; bio-ethics; new communication technologies; cultural heritage; promotion of human rights; empowerment of women; youth; Associated Schools; culture of peace.
 - **UNESCO's contribution to the capacity building of the National Commission**
 - **Ms Forero Ramirez María Fernanda, Coordinator** – Grupo de Trabajo de UNESCO-Ministry of External Relations of Colombia attended the Subregional Seminar for National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and Caribbean Region, 3 – 5 September 2013, Quito, Ecuador
 - **Mr Daniel Manjarrés, Advisor** attended the 2nd Meeting of the open-ended tripartite working group, 21-22 February 2013, UNESCO HQ, Paris
 - **Ms Andrea del Pilar Bernal, Asesora Dirección de Cooperación Internacional / Agencia Presidencial para la Acción Social y la Coop. Internacional** attended the Training Seminar for new officials of national commissions for UNESCO of Latin America, 05/2011, Quito, Ecuador
 - **Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5**

- **Dr. Soto Boutin Luis Armando, Secretary-General** of the National Commission attended the Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and Caribbean Region on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5), 14-16 September 2012 in Montevideo, Uruguay.
 - **Ms Isaza Bordamalo Monica** attended the Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and Caribbean Region on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36/C5), 07/2010, Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago
 - **Ms Victoria González Ariza, Executive Secretary** of the National Commission attended the 14th Quadrennial Conference and and Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and the Caribbean on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), 06/2008, Panama City Panama
6. **Prominent personalities having privileged relations with UNESCO (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc):** none.
7. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Quito (Ecuador):**
- Established on 6 June 1983 as a sub-regional education unit, supporting the "principal education project for Latin America and the Caribbean".
 - As part of the reorganisation of UNESCO's field structure, the Office became the Cluster Office for the Andean sub-region in 2001. It covers the following countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.
 - **Director:** Mr Jorge Sequeira, DIR/Santiago is currently Officer in Charge of UNESCO-Quito. Ms Saadia Sánchez will be the new Director in February 2014.
8. **UNESCO Chairs: 10 UNESCO Chairs and 2 UNITWIN Networks.**
- The UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Network in Colombia exemplify the objectives of the UNITWIN Programme. The Chairs and Network have been involved in research, training, publication and multimedia activities covering the priorities of the Organization in the fields of education (early childhood, quality of education), social sciences (human rights and democracy), culture (heritage management) and communication (copyrights and media). The inter university cooperation has reached higher education institutions in Europe (Spain, Norway, France), and in Andean Countries.
 - **The 10 Chairs are the following:**
 1. UNESCO Chair in Higher Education, established in 1992 at the University of the Andes (UNIANDES);
 2. UNESCO Chair in Communication, established in 1994 at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, within the framework of ORBICOM Network;
 3. UNESCO Chair for human development and environmental education, established in 1994 at Pontificia Bolivariana University of Medellin;
 4. UNESCO Chair for Democracy and Human Rights, established in 1994 at Luis Carlos Galán Institute for Development of Democracy;
 5. UNESCO Chair in community processes, established in 1998 at the Casa Indígena, Municipio de Toribío;
 6. UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Management, established in 2000 at the National University of Colombia, Manizales;
 7. UNESCO Chair in Child Development, established in 2002 at Francisco José de Caldas Distrital University;
 8. UNESCO Chair in Strengthening of the Theoretic Studies Program of Ecology, established in 2003 at the Foundation of Popayán University;

9. UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Violence, Public Policies and Governance, established in 2005 at the Universidad Externado de Colombia.
 10. UNESCO Chair in the International Resolution of Conflicts and Peace-building, established in 2011 at The Antioquia University, Medellín.
 - **The 2 UNITWIN Networks are:**
 1. RAMLEDA Iberoamerican Network for the teaching of Copyright and Neighbouring rights established in 1999 at the CERLALC - Centro Regional para el Fomento del Libro en América Latina.
 2. UNESCO Chair/Regional Network for the improvement of education quality and equity in Latin America (Reading and Writing) established in 1996 at the Universidad del Valle.
- 9. Associated Schools: 58** (10 primary, 7 primary and secondary school, 30 secondary and 11 technical and vocational institutions) in the network, which is coordinated by the National Commission of Colombia for UNESCO.
Colombia joined the Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) in 1976.
- 10. UNESCO Club:** no Club for UNESCO in Colombia.
- 11. Biosphere Reserves: 5.**
- Sierra Nevada Biosphere Reserve designated in 1979,
 - El Tuparro Nature Reserve designated in 1979,
 - Cinturon Andino Cluster Biosphere Reserve designated in 1979,
 - Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta designated in 2000,
 - Seaflower in 2000.
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- 12. World Heritage Sites: 7**
- **Cultural sites:**
 - Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena (1984),
 - Historic of Santa Cruz de Mompox (1995),
 - National Archaeological Park of Tierradentro (1995),
 - San Agustín Archaeological Park (1995),
 - Coffee cultural landscape of Colombia (2011).
 - **Natural sites:**
 - Los Katios National Park (1994), on List in danger
 - Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary (2006).
- 13. Tentative List: 18**
- 14. Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity: 8**
- The Barranquilla Carnival (2008)
 - The Cultural Space of Palenque de San Basilio (2008)
 - Holy Week processions in Popayán (2009)
 - Carnaval de Negros y Blancos (2009)
 - Marimba music and tradicional chants from Colombia's South Pacific region (2010)
 - The Wayuu normative system, applied by the Pütchipü'üi (palabrero) (2010)
 - Traditional knowledge of the jaguar shamans of Yurupari (2011)
 - Festival of Saint Francis of Assisi, Quibdó (2012)
- 15. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions**
- Negros y Esclavos Archives (2005);

- American Colonial Music: a sample of its documentary richness (2007).
- 16. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 12 ratified and 23 not ratified.**
- 17. Participation Programme:**
- **2010-2011:** 5 approved for the amount of US\$ 121.300 (including 1 project in favour of Haiti), as well as an emergency assistance of US\$ 50.000.
 - **2012-2013:** 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 36.000.
- 18. UNESCO Fellowships Programme: 46 fellowships for a total amount of US\$ 790,514 (2000-2013).**
- 19. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2013: paid**
- The Assessment rate for 2013 is 0.259%.
 - Last payment: April 2013.
- 20. UNESCO Coupons:** Colombia does not participate.
- 21. Representation within the Secretariat: 3, Colombia is normally-represented (max. 5 and min. 3).
Total staff: 7 (all categories included).**
- Professional Staff in Geographical posts at Headquarters: **1**.
 - Professional Staff in Geographical posts in the Field: **2**.
 - Professional Staff Non-Geographical Posts at Headquarters: **1**
 - Professional Staff Non-Geographical Posts in the Field: **1**
 - General Service Staff: **2**
- 22. Associate Experts Programme:** Colombia does not participate.
- 23. Young Professional Programme:** as a normally represented country, Colombia was not eligible to participate in the programme.
- 24. Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2012-2013:**
- 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912) (2012). He was a poet, writer, translator and journalist. Trained as a mathematician and an engineer in a military school, Rafael Pombo served in the army and is mostly remembered for his contribution to children's literature. In 1905, he was recognized as Colombia's best poet and his Poesías Completas were published in 1957.
 - No candidature submitted for 2014-2015.