

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE BARBADOS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 4 November 1946.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: until 2013**
 - **Previous 2 terms:** from 1976-1980 and 1997-2001.
 - **Representative:** Ms Allisandra Cummins, Chairperson of the Barbados National Commission for UNESCO is chairing the Executive Board (2011-2013).
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 1**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC.
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France, Belgium and the European Union:** H. E. Mr. Samuel Jefferson Chandler, since 10 February 2012.
 - Location: Embassy of Barbados in Brussels, Belgium.
 - Barbados designated a Permanent Delegate to UNESCO for the first time in January 1997: Mr Michael King, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (1997-2000).
5. **Barbados National Commission for UNESCO:** established in 1970.

Chairman
(Since June 1998)

H.E. Ms Allisandra Cummins, Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO (2011-2013)
Ms Cummins graduated in Museum Studies in 1989 from Leicester University (UK). In 2004 she was the first woman to be elected President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM).
From 1998 to 2001, she was a Member of the UNESCO Executive Board and chaired Commission I during the 31st Session of the General Conference. She initiated the Group of Chairs and Presidents of National Commissions, with New Zealand, Iceland and Canada.
She widely contributed to the influence and protection of Cultural Heritage in her country in 1999, by becoming Special Envoy for Cultural Heritage in Barbados.

Secretary-General
(Since 2011)

Ms Juliette Griffith

UNESCO 's contribution to the capacity building of the National Commission

- Ms. Juliette Patricia Griffith, Adm Officer I (ag) Min of Educ & Human Resource Dev attended the Training Seminar for Caribbean National Commissions for UNESCO and cluster Meeting in Preparation for the 36th General Conference, 07/2011, Georgetown, Guyana.
- Ms. Harriet Daisley, Secretary Mrs. Gloria Shillingford, Secretary attended the Training Workshop and Cluster Meeting in the Caribbean Sub-Region, 07/2009, Roseau

Dominica.

Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5

- Ms Daisley, Harriett, Secretary General - Mr Devonish Steve, Director of Natural Heritage Department 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 Harriett Daisley, Secretary-General - Ms Celia Toppin, Director of Cultural Policy and Research n 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.

Priority areas

- Barbados is particularly interested in the Organization's focus on Small Island States being strengthened.
- Barbados is also playing a leading role in the implementation of the Slave Route Project.

6. UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):

- Barbados is covered by the UNESCO Kingston Office, established as the Cluster Office for Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. The Office also covers the following Associate Member States: British Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands.
- The UNESCO Office in Kingston was established in October 1989 and became a Cluster Office by DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001.
- **Director:** Mr Kwame Bofo (Ghana, D-1) since June 2006.

7. Prominent personalities having privileged relations with UNESCO (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc): none.

8. UNESCO Chair: 1

UNESCO Chair in Educational Technologies at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, in 1999.

9. Associated Schools: 10

- Barbados joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1999. There are at present **10** ASP member institutions (7 primary and 3 secondary schools).

10. UNESCO Club: none.

11. Biosphere Reserves: none.

12. World Heritage Sites: 1

- Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison (2011)

13. Tentative List: 2

- The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar (2005)
 - The Scotland District of Barbados (2005).
- 14. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity:** no file submitted.
- 15. Memory of the World Register: 4 inscriptions**
- Documentary Heritage of Enslaved Peoples of the Caribbean (Federal Archives, 2003)
 - Federal Archives Fonds (2009)
 - Nita Barrow Collection (2009)
 - Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011)
- 16. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 16 ratified and 19 not ratified.
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (Paris, 2 November 2001): acceptance on 2 Feb. 2008.
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Paris, 17 October 2003): acceptance on 2 Feb. 2008.
 - Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions (Paris, 20 October 2005): adhesion on 2 Feb. 2008.
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport (Paris, 19 October 2005): not ratified.
- 17. Participation Programme:**
- For 2010-2011: 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 109,000.
 - For 2012-2013 Barbados had not submitted any request.
- 18. UNESCO Fellowships Programme:** 3 fellowships granted for a total value of US\$ 33.700
- 19. Use of UNESCO Coupons:** Barbados does not participate.
- 20. Payment of assessed membership fees:**
The last payment was received in March 2012.
The assessment rate is 0.008%.
- 21. Invoicing of Delegations:**
Permanent Delegation located in Brussels, Belgium.
- 22. Representation within the Secretariat: 1 (under-represented)**
Considering all categories of staff on UNESCO's payroll, the number of Barbados nationals totals 2 (maximum: 4 and minimum: 2). The breakdown is as follows:
- Professional staff at Headquarters holding a "geographical post" : 1
 - General Service Staff in the Field: 1
- 23. Applications to the Young Professionals' Programme (YPP):** Barbados is under represented and therefore eligible for the programme.
- 24. Associate Experts Programme:** does not participate to the programme.
- 25. Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2012-13:** none.