

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE US - UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 1 October 2003 (previously a Member State from 4 November 1946 to 31 December 1984)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Legal Committee
Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics. Statistical expert: Dr Mark Schneider (Term expires : 31 December 2015), Statistical expert : Ms Alice Albright (Term expires: 31 December 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL); Member: Ms Benita Carole Somerfield, Executive Director of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy (Term expires: 31 December 2015)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education; Member: Prof. Donald G. Knezek
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Crystal Nix-Hines, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 8 August 2014); Mr Chris Hegadorn, Deputy Permanent Delegate.
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr David Killion (August 2009 – December 2013), H.E. Ms Louise V. Oliver, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (September 2004 - December 2008)
5. **U.S. National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 1946, re-established on 20 October 2004
 - Executive Director: Ms Allison Wright
6. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mr Forest Whitaker, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation and member of the 2011 High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures
 - Mr Herbie Hancock, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
 - Mrs Laura Welch Bush, UNESCO Honorary Ambassador for the Decade of Literacy in the context of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012)
 - Mrs Esther Coopersmith (United Nations Peace Prize Laureate), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Intercultural Dialogue and member of the 2011 High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Culture
 - Mr Marcus Miller (jazz musician, composer and producer), UNESCO Artist for Peace
 - Mr Navarre Scott Momaday (writer, poet, painter, professor), UNESCO Artist for Peace
 - Mrs Marisa Berenson (actress), UNESCO Artist for Peace
 - Dr Susan Avery and Mr Shankar Sastry, members of the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board
 - Dr Susan Avery, Dr Cristián Samper and Prof. Ahmed Zewail, members of the UNESCO High Panel on Science and Technology for Development
 - Dr Henry S. Richardson, COMEST member
 - Prof. John Russel, member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
 - Ms Benita Carole Somerfield, Executive Director of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)
 - Prof. Donald G. Knezek, member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education

- Mr Steven Rockefeller (Chairman of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund), member of the High-Level Panel of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
- Mr Mary Joy Pigozzi (Vice-President, Academy for Education Development), member of the High-Level Panel of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
- Prof. Jonathan D. Moreno, member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC)
- Prof. John Esposito and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, members of the High Level Group of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- Mr Vartan Gregorian, member of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures
- Mr Ray Chambers (UNSG's Special Envoy for Malaria), Prof. Jeffrey Sachs (UNSG's Special Adviser on the MDGs) and Mr Ted Turner (Philanthropist, Chairman of the United Nations Foundation), members of the MDG Advocacy Group
- Prof. Deborah Jin (National Institute of Standards and Technology, and University of Colorado, Boulder), laureate of the 15th annual L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2013)
- Prof. Bonnie Bassler (Howard Hughes Medical Institute & Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton Univ.), laureate of the 14th L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2012)
- Prof. Jillian Banfield, Laureate of the 13th L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2011)
- Prof. Elaine Fuchs, Laureate of the 12th L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2010)
- Prof. Elizabeth Blackburn, Laureate of the 10th L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2008)
- Prof. Mildred Dresselhaus, Laureate of the 9th L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2007)

7. UNESCO Chairs: 19 Chairs and 4 UNITWIN Networks

- UNESCO Chair in Education for Peace, established in 1996 at the University of Puerto Rico
- Mobile UNESCO Chair dedicated to the Problems of Habitability in the Hispanoamerican Cities and to the Integral Revitalization of their Historical Centres, established in 1996 at the University of Puerto Rico
- UNESCO Chair in Higher Education, established in 1999 at the University of Puerto Rico
- UNESCO Chair in Comparative Human Rights, established in 2001 at the University of Connecticut
- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, established in 2002 at Florida Atlantic University
- UNESCO Chair in Communication, within the framework of ORBICOM Network, established in 2000 at the University of Texas, College of Communication, Austin
- UNESCO Chair on Growing up in cities, established in 2005 at the Cornell University, New York
- UNESCO Chair in creating independent, pluralistic media: training and exchange programme for journalists, established in 2005 at the Regents of the University of Colorado, at Boulder, School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- UNESCO Chair on Achieving the Promise of EFA: A Focus on Literacy and Sustainable Development, established in 2006 at Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- UNESCO Chair in Transcultural Studies, Interreligious Dialogue, and Peace, established in 2007 at the University of Oregon. This Chair is a Member of the community of practice on GLP portal of UNESCO Chairs and Networks in the field of Intercultural and Inter-religious Dialogue
- UNESCO Chair in Learning and Literacy, established in 2011 at the University of Pennsylvania
- UNESCO Chair in transnational challenges and governance, established in 2011 at the American University, Washington D.C.
- UNESCO Chair in Communication for Sustainable Social Change, established in 2011 at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- UNESCO Chair in Genocide Prevention, established in 2012 at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- UNESCO Chair in Genocide Education, established in 2013 at the University of Southern California
- UNESCO Chair on Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development, established in 2013 at Pennsylvania State University

- UNESCO Chair on Water Access and Sustainability (2013), University of Cincinnati
- UNESCO Chair in International Education for Development, established in 2014 at George Washington University
- UNESCO Chair on Environmental History: Water and Indigenous Peoples (2015), University of Arizona
- UNITWIN Network for Improving Biological Sciences Education through the Development and Use of Information Technologies in some Arab States Universities, established in 1997 at Purdue University
- UNITWIN Network on Inter-Religious Dialogue for Intercultural Understanding, established in 2006 at the Center for Intercultural Dialogue, University of Oregon
- UNITWIN Network on Gender, Culture and People-Centered Development, established in 2007 at Boston University
- International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), established in 1996

8. **Associated Schools:** 52 (1 nursery and pre-schools, 20 primary, 16 primary and secondary and 15 secondary schools). The USA joined the ASP Network in 1969. UNESCO Associated Schools in the USA have been active without interruption since 1969, even during the country's absence from UNESCO.

9. **Biosphere Reserves:** 47

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| • Aleutian Islands | • Jornada |
| • Beaver Creek | • Konza Prairie |
| • Big Bend | • Land Between The Lakes Area |
| • Big Thicket | • Luquillo |
| • California Coast Ranges | • Mammoth Cave Area |
| • Carolinian-South Atlantic | • Mojave and Colorado Deserts |
| • Cascade Head | • New Jersey Pinelands |
| • Central Gulf Coast Plain | • Niwot Ridge |
| • Central Plains | • Noatak |
| • Champlain-Adirondak | • Olympic |
| • Channel Islands | • Organ Pipe Cactus |
| • Coram | • Rocky Mountain |
| • Denali | • San Dimas |
| • Desert | • San Joaquin |
| • Everglades & Dry Tortugas | • Sequoia-Kings Canyon |
| • Fraser | • South Atlantic Coastal Plain |
| • Glacier | • Southern Appalachian |
| • Glacier Bay-Admiralty Is. | • Stanislaus-Tuolumne |
| • Golden Gate | • Three Sisters |
| • Guanica | • University of Michigan Biological Station |
| • H.J. Andrews | • Virgin Islands |
| • Hawaiian Islands | • Virginia Coast |
| • Hubbard Brook | • Yellowstone |
| • Isle Royale | |

10. **World Heritage Sites:** 23 (10 cultural; 12 natural including transboundary; 1 mixed)

Cultural: 10

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| • Mesa Verde National Park (1978) | • Monticello, and University of Virginia in Charlottesville (1987) |
| • Independence Hall (1979) | • Pueblo de Taos (1992) |
| • Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site (1982) | • Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point (2014) |
| • La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico (1983) | • San Antonio Missions (2015) |
| • Statue of Liberty (1984) | |
| • Chaco Culture (1987) | |

Natural: 12

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| • Yellowstone National Park (1978) | • Olympic National Park (1981) |
| • Grand Canyon National Park (1979) | • Great Smoky Mountains Nat'l Park (1983) |
| • Everglades National Park (1979) | • Yosemite National Park (1984) |
| • Redwood National and State Parks (1980) | • Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (1987) |

- Mammoth Cave National Park (1981)
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park (1995)

Transboundary with Canada:

- Klwane/Wrangell-St Elias/Glacier Bay/Tatshenshini-Alsek (1979)
- Waterton Glacier International Peace Park (1995)

Mixed: 1

- Papahānaumokuākea (2010)

11. Tentative List: 11 sites

- Civil Rights Movement Sites (2008)
- Dayton Aviation Sites (2008)
- Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks (2008)
- Thomas Jefferson Buildings (2008)
- Mount Vernon (2008)
- Serpent Mound (2008)
- Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings (2008)
- Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary (2008)
- Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (2008)
- Petrified Forest National Park (2008)
- White Sands National Monument (2008)

12. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

13. Memory of the World Register: 8 inscriptions

- Universalis cosmographia secundum Ptholomaei traditionem et Americi Vespuccii aliorumque Lustrationes (2005)
- The Wizard of Oz (Victor Fleming 1939), produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (2007)
- John Marshall Ju/'hoan Bushman Film and Video Collection, 1950-2000 (2009)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives, jointly with the Netherlands, Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, United Kingdom (2011)
- Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal, jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, United Kingdom (2011)
- Landsat Program records including the Multispectral Scanner, Thematic Mapper, and Enhanced Thematic Mapper and sensors (2011)
- Permanent Collection of the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project (2013)
- Moses and Frances Asch Collection. Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Smithsonian Institution (2015).

14. Legal instruments: 20 ratified and 20 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (25 August 2008)
- Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention (13 March 2009)

15. Creative Cities Network: 3 cities

- Santa Fe, New Mexico: UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Art, UNESCO City of Design (2005)
- Iowa City, Iowa: UNESCO City of Literature (2008)
- Paducah: UNESCO City of Crafts and Folk Arts (2013)

16. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:

- International Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management hosted by the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alexandria (Virginia)
- International Institute for Peace at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (approved by the 36th General Conference)

17. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:

The US has supported Serbia's proposal to commemorate "Mihajlo Pupin: 100th anniversary of the beginning of a new era in the broadcasting of radio waves – Creating a world of telecommunications" (1915)

18. Payment of assessed membership fees:

- Assessment rate for 2014 - 2015: 22.0%
- Contributions assessed for 2014 - 2015: US\$ 143,660,000
- The US owes 100% of its contributions since 23 June 2011
- Total unpaid due as of 30 September 2015 is US\$ 382,747,387

19. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	268,376	-	17,852	3,088,771	2,999,022	3,709,906

20. Representation within the Secretariat: (min. 46, max. 76) under-represented

- **27 International professional staff in geographical posts**
- **29 International professional staff in non-geographical posts**