

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PANAMA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 10 January 1950.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently, but 3 terms: 1962-1968; 1976-1979 and 1979-1980.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions: 2**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC;
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, IESALC (end of term: 37<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference).
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - **Mr Flavio MENDEZ**, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (Credentials: 12 June 2012).
5. **UNESCO Office: UNESCO Cluster Office of San José, Costa Rica.**
  - Mr. Jorge Grandi (Italy D-1) is Officer in charge since July 2013.
6. **National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Established in 1949.
  - **President (since 2009):** Ms Lucinda Molinar, Deputy Minister of Education.
  - **Secretary-General (since 2011):** Mr Miguel Lecaro-Barcenas, Director of Cooperation, Ministry of Education.
  - **Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5:**
    - Jorge A. Aparicio (Mr), Asesor Ministerial attended the Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO in Latin America and the Caribbean on the Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2008-2013 (34 C/4) and Draft Programme and Budget for 2008-2009 (34 C/5), 07/2006, Montego Bay, Jamaica.
    - H.E. Mr Salvador Rodriguez chaired the 14th Quadrennial Conference and Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions of Latin America and the Caribbean Region on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), Panama city, 24-28 June 2008.
7. **Personalities having a relationship with UNESCO: 1**
  - Mr Danilo Pérez, pianist and jazz composer.
8. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
  - Itinerant UNESCO Chair for Culture of Peace, established in June 1996 at the Rectors Council of the University of Panama.
  - Freedom of Expression in 2006 at the Universidad Especializada de las Américas.
9. **Associated Schools: 36**
  - 28 primaries, 7 secondary and 1 teacher-training institution.

10. **UNESCO Clubs:** none.
11. **Biosphere Reserves: 2**
  - Darien Biosphere Reserve (1983)
  - La Amistad Biosphere Reserve (2000)
12. **World Heritage Sites: 5**
  - Fortifications on the Caribbean Side of Panama: Portobello and San Lorenzo (1980)
  - Darien National Park (1981)
  - Panama/Costa Rica Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves/La Amistad National Park (1983/1990)
  - Archaeological site of Panama Viejo and the Historic District of Panama (1997/2003)
  - Coiba Nacional Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection (2005).
13. **Proclamation of the Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity:** no inscription.
14. **Conventions, ratifications:** 22 ratified and 13 not ratified.
15. **Memory of the World Register: 1**
  - Silver Men: West Indian Laborers at the Panama Canal.
16. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated, for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015:** none.
17. **Participation Program:**
  - **2008-2009:** 6 projects approved for a total amount of **US\$ 108,000**.
  - **2010-2011:** no project has been proposed to approval by the Director-General.
  - **2012-2013:** Panama did not make any request for this biennium.
18. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:** 3 fellowships granted for a total value of US\$ 26.758 (2000-2012)
19. **UNESCO Coupons:** Panama does not participate.
20. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2013:**
  - Assessment percentage: 0.026%.
  - Last payment: September 2012.
21. **Representation within the Secretariat: 1, under-represented**
  - Professional Staff in Geographical Posts: **1**:
  - General Services in the Field: **1**
  - Total staff: 2.
  - Maximum: 4, minimum: 2.
22. **Associate Expert Programme:** Panama does not participate.
23. **Young Professional Programme:** Panama is under-represented and therefore eligible for this Programme.