

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON VENEZUELA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 25 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 2009-2013)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.: 5**
  - Headquarters Committee (term expires: 40th General Conference in 2019)
  - Legal Committee (member elected by the General Conference at its 38th session - member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 39th session (2017) until the beginning of the 40th session (2019))
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean Representatives of Member States : Pedro Calzadilla (Term expires : 37th General Conference)
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Luis Alberto Crespo, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 4 September 2013)
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Luisa Rebeca Sánchez Bello (September 2008 – September 2013)
5. **UNESCO Office:** Venezuela is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Quito, currently headed by Ms Saadia Sánchez (Venezuela, D-1).
6. **Venezuelan National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 17 August 1948
  - Honorary President: Mr Francisco de Asis Sesto Novoas, Minister for Culture (since January 2004)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Porfirio Pestana de Barros (since March 2014)
7. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Mr José Antonio Abreu, Director of the National Children's Youth Orchestra, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (1998)
  - Ms Patricia Velázquez, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2003)
8. **UNESCO Chairs: 1**
  - UNESCO Chair on Computer Network, Universidad de Los Andes (2004) at its School *Escuela Latinoamericana de Redes (ESLARED)* in Venezuela. The Chair's Agreement was renewed in 2015 till October 2019, within the framework of the renewal exercise, launched in summer 2014 by the Section for Higher Education.
9. **Associated Schools:** 205 (12 nursery and pre-schools, 158 primary, 23 primary/secondary, 9 secondary and 1 Teacher Training Institution, and 2 Vocational & Technical Institutions)
10. **Biosphere Reserves: 2**
  - Alto Orinoco-Casiquiare (1993)
  - Delta del Orinoco (2009)
11. **World Heritage Sites: 3**

**Cultural sites:**

  - Coro and its Port (1993)
  - Ciudad Universitaria de Caracas (2000)

**Natural site:**

  - Canaima National Park (1994)

- 12. Tentative List: 3**
- City of "La Guaira" (1999)
  - Hacienda Chuao (Chuao Plantation) (2002)
  - Ciudad Bolivar in the narrowness of the Orinoco River (2003)
- 13. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4**
- Venezuela's Dancing Devils of Corpus Christi (2012)
  - La Parranda de San Pedro de Guarenas y Guatire (2013)
  - Mapoyo oral tradition and its symbolic reference points within their ancestral territory (2014)
  - Traditional knowledge and technologies relating to the growing and processing of the curagua (2015)
- On-going nomination: Carnival of El Callo, a festive representation of a memory and cultural identity (2016)
- 14. Memory of the World Register: 3**
- Collection of Latin American photographs of the 19th Century (1997)
  - General Archive of the Nation - Writings of The Liberator Simón Bolívar (1997)
  - Colombeia: Generalissimo Francisco de Miranda's Archives (2007)
- 15. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
- 16. Legal instruments:** 17 ratified and 19 not ratified
- 17. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2016-2017: None**
- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Andrés Bello López, humanist (1781-1865) in 2015
- 18. Participation Programme:**
- Venezuela last benefited from the Participation Programme in 2004-2005 (4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 76,000).
- 19. Fellowships:** 1 fellowship awarded over the last biennium, for the amount of US\$ 10,000.
- 20. Payment of assessed membership fees as at 31 December 2015: Owing**
- Assessment rate: 0.627%
  - Last payment: 5 November 2015
- 21. Representation within the Secretariat:** 1, under-represented (min. 3, max. 6)
- 1 professional staff in geographical posts
  - 1 National Professional Officer in the Field
  - 1 General Service Staff at Headquarters
  - 2 General Service Staff in the Field
- 22. Junior Professional Officer Programme:** Venezuela does not participate in the Junior Professional Officer Programme.
- 23. Young Professional Programme:** Venezuela submitted 6 applications for the YPP 2015; 2 applicants were invited for video interview.