

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON BARBADOS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 24 October 1968
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No  
 Previous terms: 1976-1980; 1997-2001 ; 2009-2013  
 Chairperson of the Executive Board from 2011 to 2013 (Ms Alissandra Cummins)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 1
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**  
**Mr Samuel Chandler**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France, Belgium and European Union and Permanente Delegate to UNESCO since 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. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
  - Established in October 1989, following the request made by the Government of Jamaica and became Cluster by the DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001.
  - 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.
  - Director: Ms. Katherine Grisby (Nicaragua, D-1) since August 2015
6. **Barbados National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Established in 1970
  - President (since 1998): Ms Allisandra 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. Chairperson of the Executive Board from 2011 to 2013.
  - Permanent Secretary (since 1998): Ms Juliette Griffith.
7. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, etc):**  
None
8. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Barbados:** 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). The **ASPnet National**

**Coordinator** is currently Ms GRIFFITH Juliette, Secretary-General Barbados National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs & Sports. The projects and activities worked on by Barbados addressed the following **themes**: Climate Change; Education for Sustainable Development (ESD); Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs); Intercultural Dialogue, Respect for Cultural Diversity; Peace, Human Rights and Citizenship (Tolerance); SIDS; Water.

- Barbados participates since 2010 in the ongoing Breaking the Silence **ASPnet Transatlantic Slave Trade Education Project (TST)**, a flagship education project bringing together Associated Schools from some 22 countries in the three continents that share this chapter of history (Africa, Europe, the Americas/Caribbean). The aim of the project is to mobilize ASPnet schools to address issues pertaining to TST and increase online and offline communication among schools from different countries and continents.
- Barbados participates since 1999 in the **Sandwatch**. It seeks to develop awareness of the fragile nature of the marine and coastal environment and the need to use it wisely. It is an educational process through which school students and community members learn and work together to critically evaluate the problems and conflicts facing their beach environments and to develop sustainable approaches to address these issues. Sandwatch started in the Caribbean in 1999 as an initiative of UNESCO, through the platform for Environment and Development in Coastal Regions and Small Islands and the ASP Network. Through the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), Sandwatch provides a practical 'hands-on' approach to integrating the values inherent in sustainable development into all aspects of learning, thereby empowering citizens to act for positive environmental and social change. It also contributes to the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.
- Barbados participates since 1994 in the **Caribbean Sea Project**. Since its launch in 1994, the flagship Caribbean Sea Project has been mobilizing schools in the Caribbean on themes of environmental awareness and intercultural learning. The project intends to heighten young people's effective responses to the marine environment as a pre-requisite for their positive action and to enable them to learn about the rich cultural diversity of the Caribbean region. This project involves 17 countries and has led to the creation of The Sandwatch Project, whereby ASPnet schools play an active role in helping to reduce the pollution of the Caribbean Sea by conducting research, monitoring and protecting coastal zones, beaches, flora and fauna.

10. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** None

11. **Biosphere Reserves:** None

12. **Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List:** 1

- Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison (2011) (Cultural)

Tentative List: 2

- The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar and Rum (02/12/2014)
- The Scotland District of Barbados (18/01/2005)

13. **Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity:** None

14. **Memory of the World Register:** 4

- *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)*

15. **Creative Cities Network:** None

16. **Legal instruments:** 17 ratified
17. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:** None
18. **Participation Programme:**  
**2014-2015:** 1 project submitted and approved for a total amount of **US\$ 25,000**  
**2012-2013:** No request submitted  
**2010-2011:** 5 projects approved for a total amount of **US\$ 109,000**
19. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:**  
3 fellowships granted for a total value of **US\$ 33,700**
20. **Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 14 May 2015):** Owing  
Assessment rate for 2015: 0.008 %;  
Last payment: 2 February 2015
21. **Representation within the Secretariat (as at June 2015):** 2, under-represented (Max. 4; Min. 2)  
Total staff Nationals from Barbados: 2  
Professional staff in geographical posts: 1
- Junior Professional Officer (JPO) /Associate Expert (AE) Programme: Barbados does not participate to the programme.
- Young Professional Programme: This member state is UNDER-REPRESENTED and therefore eligible for the Young Professional Programme.
22. **Use of UNESCO Coupons:** Barbados does not participate in the Programme