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## **SNAPSHOT DOMINICA AND UNESCO**

- 1. Membership in UNESCO: 9 January 1979
- 2. Membership on the Executive Board: not currently, but from 2001 to 2005.
- Dominica presented its candidature to the Executive Board for the first time at the 31st session of the General Conference (2001). Mr Nicholas J.O. Liverpool, represented the country from 2001 to 2003. On December 2003, Mr Liverpool became the President of the Commonwealth of Dominica and was replaced to the Board by Mr Johnson.
- 3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 1
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.
- 4. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
- The Permanent Delegation of Dominica to UNESCO is located 67 bis, Quai Branly 75007 Paris.
- Previous Ambassador and Permanent Delegate: Mr. Eric Torner (2006-2015); Mr Peter Capeller (2004-2005)
- Dominica National Commission for UNESCO: established in November 1981.
   Chairperson: Mr Petter Saint Jean, Minister of Education and Human Resource Development (Minister responsible for UNESCO affairs).
   Secretary-General: Ms Sonia Williams, since 21 Janvier 2010.
- 6. 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
- 7. Personalities in relation with UNESCO activities: none.
- 8. UNESCO Chairs: none.
- 9. Associated Schools: 10 (8 primary and 2 secondary).
- 10. UNESCO Club: none.
- 11. Biosphere Reserves: none.
- World Heritage Sites: 1
   Morne Trois Pitons National Park (inscribed in 1997).
- 13. Tentative List: none.

- 14. Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity: no file submitted.
- 15. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 8 ratified and 27 not ratified.
- 16. Memory of the World Register: 1
- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834. Documentary heritage submitted by Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom and recommended for inclusion in the Memory of the World Register in 1997. Enslaved Africans made up the great majority of transatlantic migrants who were forcibly removed to the Americas from Columbus' first voyages in the fifteenth century until the nineteenth century. The Trans-Atlantic slave trade, originating in Africa and ending in the Caribbean and the Americas, remains a sensitive subject for several reasons, including issues of race, morality, ethics, identity, underdevelopment and reparations.
- 17. Category Il Institute: none.
- **18.** Participation Programme 2012-2013: 4 requests approved for a total amount of 80,000 US\$.
- 19. Use of UNESCO Coupons: Dominica does not participate.
- 20. Payment of assessed membership fees due in 2015:

The last payment was received in June 2015. The assessment rate is 0.001 %.

- 21. Representation within the Secretariat: non-represented

  According to the traditional tally whereby the desirable range is min: 2 and max: 4.
- 22. **Applications to the Young Professionals' Programme (YPP):** Dominica does not participate to the programme.
  - 23. Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2012-2013 and 2014-2015: none.