

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO /UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 2 November 1962.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: not currently, but 3 terms:**
 - 1985-1988: Mrs Sheilah Solomon
 - 1988-1989: Mr Eugenio L. Moore and Mr Rabindranth Permanand
 - 1993-1997: Mr Lawrence D. Carrington
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees, Commissions, and UNESCO Institutes and Centres: 2**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme -MOST- (Term expires: 37th General Conference in 2013).
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission -IOC-.
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Nations in Geneva and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO: Ms Therese Baptiste-Cornelis (since 2 July 2012).
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mr Dennis FRANCIS (2006-2011).
 - The Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to UNESCO is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
5. **Trinidad and Tobago National Commission for UNESCO:** established in 1970 by a Cabinet Minute.
 - **President** (since May 2010): The Hon. Tim Gopeesingh, Minister of Education.
 - **Chairperson:** Dr Krishendaye Rampersad.
 - **Secretary-General** (since January 2006): Ms Susan Shurland.
 - **Funding:** the budget of the Commission is provided by the Ministry of Education in the form of a subvention.
 - **The DG's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and Caribbean Region on the preparation of the 37 C/4 and 37 C/5 will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 14-16 September 2012.**
 - **Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5:**
 - Susan Shurland, Secretary General attended the Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of the Europe and North America Region on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36/C5), 06/2010, London United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
 - Ms Susan Shurland, Secretary-General attended the 14th Quadrennial Conference and and Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and the Caribbean on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), 06/2008, Panama City Panama.
 - **UNESCO's contribution to the Capacity Building of the National Commission:**
 - Ms. Susan Marilyn Shurland, Secretary General, attended the Training Seminar for Caribbean National Commissions for UNESCO and cluster Meeting in Preparation for the 36th General Conference, 07/2011, Georgetown Guyana
 - Mrs Susan Shurland, Secretary-General attended the Training Workshop and Cluster Meeting in the Caribbean Sub-Region, 07/2009, Roseau Dominica.

- **Priority Areas:** Education for all; functional literacy for adults; development of functional skills training; participation of youth in heritage protection; Associated Schools; culture of peace.
6. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
 - The UNESCO Office in Kingston was established in 1989 and became Cluster Office by DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001.
 - **Trinidad and Tobago** is covered by the UNESCO Kingston Office, established as the 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, and Suriname.
 - **Mr Kwame Boafo is Director (D-1, Ghana)** of the UNESCO Cluster in Kingston and UNESCO's representative in Trinidad and Tobago since June 2006.
 - Before coming under UNESCO Kingston, Trinidad and Tobago was covered by the UNESCO Office in Port-of-Spain, established in 1992. The Office covered 4 countries: Aruba, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and the Netherlands Antilles and its areas of specialization were education and science. The Head of the Office was Mr Surendrana Gajraj (P-5, Guyana). The UNESCO Port-of-Spain Office was closed on 30 November 2001.
 7. **UNESCO Chairs: none.**
 8. **Associated Schools: 55** schools (12 primary, 42 secondary and 1 teacher training institution). Trinidad and Tobago participated in the Disaster preparedness for UNESCO Associated Schools - UNESCO Associated Schools located in areas vulnerable to natural hazards in Latin America and the Caribbean are taking part in a new disaster preparedness project. Within the framework of the South-South Cooperation Fund, it trains education officers and national ASP coordinators to promote prevention and disaster preparedness at school level. "Mobilizing schools to prevent disaster" was the title of the second capacity-building workshop held in Trinidad and Tobago, on 29 -30 April 2010.
 9. **UNESCO Clubs: 29** and 1 national Federation.
 10. **Biosphere Reserves: none.**
 11. **World Heritage Sites: none.**
 12. **Tentative List: 3**
 - Banwari Trace Archaeological Site (2011)
 - La Brea Pitch Lake (2011)
 - Tobago Main Ridge Forest Reserve (2011)
 13. **Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity:** no file submitted.
 14. **Memory of the World Register: 6** inscriptions
 - **Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers (2011);** submitted by Fiji, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. The Indian Indentured immigration was first accounted for in the 1830s and over a period of roughly 100 years 1,194,957 Indians were relocated to 19 colonies. These records are the only documents for ancestral and lineage research for the numerous descendants of those Indian Labourers.

- **The Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)**; submitted by Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom. 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.
- **The C.L.R James Collection (2005)**. C.L.R. James (1901-1989) was born in Trinidad and Tobago, although he spent much of his life in Britain and the United States. He was an internationally famous leftist icon: during the 1940s and 1950s, he was a leading theoretician of the Trotskyite wing of American communism; he was also the main ideologue and leftist thinker of the nationalist movement in Trinidad and Tobago during its most radical phase, 1958-1960.
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- **The Derek Walcott Collection (1997)**. It was generated by Derek Walcott, whose literary output has won him many outstanding international awards, including the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992. It consists of original, unique documents. Its social, cultural and spiritual value transcends a national culture.
- **The Eric Williams Collection (1999)**. It documents the life and times of Dr. Eric Williams, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago international statesman and esteemed scholar, during the period 1956-1981. The material depicts various aspects of Dr. Williams' life and his contribution to Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean region and the world. His scholarship comprises a number of significant writings. His seminal work, *Capitalism and Slavery*, has made an indelible contribution to the historiography of slavery and has defined the study of Caribbean history.

15. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 11 ratified and 24 not ratified.

16. **Participation Programme:**

- **For 2010-2011:** 5 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 114.000.
- **For 2012-2013:** 8 requests submitted.

17. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:** 5 fellowships from 2000 to 2012 for a total amount of US\$ 51,902.

18. **Use of UNESCO Coupons:** Trinidad et Tobago a participé au Programme des Bons UNESCO jusqu'en 2000. Depuis cette année là, aucune nouvelle activité n'a été initiée par ce pays dans le cadre du Programme des Bons.

19. **Payment of assessed membership fees:**

- The last payment was received in March 2012.
- The assessment rate is 0.044 %.

20. **Personalities in relation with UNESCO:** none.

21. **Representation within the Secretariat: 2 (all categories included)**

- **1 Professional staff in geographical post**
- **1 National Professional Officer in the Field**

According to the traditional tally whereby the desirable range is **min: 2 and max: 4**, **Trinidad and Tobago is under-represented.**

22. Applications to the Young Professionals' Programme (YPP):

- As an under-represented country, Trinidad and Tobago is eligible to the programme.

23. Associate Experts Programme: does not participate to the programme.