

I. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON BELIZE / UNESCO COOPERATION
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1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 10 May 1982.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** 2013-2017
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards:** 1
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC.
4. **Former DG's official visits:** 1
 - 17-18 September 2007 (Mr Maatsura)
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - **Ambassador and Permanent Delegate:** H.E. Mr Bassam Said Freiha, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, since 24 January 1992.
 - **Previous Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates :**

Mr Rudolph I. Castillo	1983-1986
Sir Edney Cain	1988-1991
Mr Robert Leslie	May to Nov. 1991
5. **Belize National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Established in 1982.
 - President (since January 2009): The Honourable Patrick Faber, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports
 - Vice-President (since January 2009): The Honourable Pablo Marin
 - Secretary General (since August 2017): Mr Roosevelt Blades
6. **Prominent personalities having privileged relations with UNESCO (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc):** none.
7. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
 - Cluster office covers: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Santa Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. The British Virgin Islands, Cayman Island, Montserrat and Sint Maarten are Associated Member States.
 - **Director:** Ms Katherine Grisby (Nicaragua, D-1) since 2015.
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
10. **Associated Schools:** 3 (2 primary and 1 secondary)
 - Belize joined the Associated Schools Project Network (ASP net) in 1999.
12. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
13. **Global geoparks:** none
14. **World Heritage Sites:** 1
 - Natural site: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (1996)
15. **Tentative List:** none

16. Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity:

- "Language, dance and music of the Garifuna" (2008)

17. Memory of the World Register:

- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)

18. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 7

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	01/12/1982	Notification of succession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	01/12/1982	Notification of succession
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	26/01/1990	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	06/11/1990	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	04/12/2007	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	16/12/2011	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	24/03/2015	Accession

19. Participation Programme 2006-2007:

- 2016-2017: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$74,000.
- 2014-2015: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$99,040.

20. UNESCO Fellowships Programme 2004-2007:

- Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded to Belize for a total amount of US\$ 57 946.

23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2017 (as of 9 November 2017): paid in full

- The Assessment rate for 2017 is 0.001%.
- Last payment: 26 June 2017.

26. Representation within the Secretariat as at 8 November 2017 : 1 (maximum: 4 and minimum: 2), under-represented

- 1 International Professional staff in the Field on geographical post
- The Young Professional Programme will be launched in 2018. If Belize is under-represented when the new call is launched, the National Commission will be invited to submit candidatures thereafter.

29. Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2006-2007 and 2008-2009: none.