

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON GUATEMALA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 2 January 1950
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
Previous terms: 2003-2007, 1989-1993, 1978-1983
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions: 7**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation Vice-President Member (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication Member (Term expires : 39th General Conference)
 - Legal Committee Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee Member (Term expires : 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Member
4. **DG's visit to Guatemala:** 17-19 January 2015
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
Mr Marco Tulio Chicas Sosa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Guatemala in France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO since 4 September 2013.
6. **UNESCO Office in Guatemala (Guatemala)**
In 1996 UNESCO established a National Office in Guatemala. The Head of the Office is Mr Julio Carranza (P-5, Cuba), since July 2014.
7. **Guatemalan National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (Comisión Guatemalteca de Cooperación con UNESCO)**
 - Establishment: 2 June 1950
 - President/Chairperson (since January 2016): Mr Óscar Hugo López Rivas (Minister of Education)
 - Secretary-General (since April 2016): Ms Sara Peralta de Rodríguez
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO activities (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc): 1**
Ms Rigoberta Menchú Tum was designated as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador on 21st June 1996. In this capacity, she undertook the numerous activities aiming to support indigenous people. Ms Menchú Tum is considered, by UNESCO and entre international community, as an asset in raising public awareness on the issue of respect for the rights of indigenous peoples.
9. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Guatemala: 2**
 - UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Sustainability, established in 2005 at the University of San Carlos de Guatemala (Guatemala).
 - UNESCO Chair on Communication for the strengthening of Cultural Diversity, established in 2006 at the Rafael Landívar University (Guatemala)

(En cours) - Un nouveau projet de Chaire UNESCO « Cátedra UNESCO para la Paz, Seguridad, Justicia, y Derechos Humanos »

10. Associated Schools: 18

Guatemala joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1965. There are 18 institutions registered by UNESCO as participating in ASP (14 primary and 4 secondary schools). The ASPnet National Coordinator is Ms Sara PERALTA DE RODRIGUEZ, Comisión Nacional Guatemalteca de Cooperación con la UNESCO.

In recent years, the ASPnet in Guatemala has not engaged in international activities and UNESCO has received no communication or reports from the National Coordinator. Guatemala also did not participate in the global survey undertaken by IOS for the Evaluation of ASPnet.

In the framework of the overall reform of ASPnet, UNESCO stands ready to support the National Commission/National Coordinator to revitalize ASPnet membership and activities in Guatemala.

11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: None

12. Biosphere Reserves: 3

- Maya Biosphere Reserve (1990)
- Sierra de las Minas (1992)
- Trifinio Fraternidad (2011, Transboundary with El Salvador and Honduras)

13. UNESCO Global Geopark: None

14. World Heritage: 3

- Antigua Guatemala (1979) (Cultural)
- Archaeological Park and Ruins of Quirigua (1981) (Cultural)
- Tikal National Park (1979) (Mixed).

Tentative List: 21

- The Cultural Triangle (2002)
- The Cuenca Mirador (2002)
- The Core of the Mayan Area (2002)
- The Route of The Rivers (2002)
- Naj Tunich Cave (2002)
- The Mayan-Olmecan Encounter (2002)
- Route of the Franciscan Evangelisation (2002)
- Route of the Dominique Evangelisation (2002)
- Route of the Peace and National Identity (2002)
- Castle of San Felipe de Lara (2002)
- Route of the Agroindustry and the Architecture Victoriana (2002)
- Town of Chichicastenango (2002)
- The Green Route of Verapaz, Guatemala (2002)
- Sierra De Las Minas Biosphere Reservation (2002)
- National Park Sierra del Lacandón (2002)
- The Manglares Route of Pacific Coast of Guatemala (2002)
- Protected area of Lake Atitlán: multiple use (2002)
- Visis Cabá National park and Triangulo Ixil Vernacular Architecture (2002)
- The Painted Murals of San Bartolo (2012)
- The Caves of Naj Tunich (2012)
- Tak'alik Ab'aj National Park (2013) - Guatemala submitted a draft nomination on 25 September 2012 entitled *National Archaeological Park Tak'alik Ab'aj - The "Bridge City" among the Olmec and the Mayan World*. This property is in the Tentative List since April 2012. A conference on the site was held at UNESCO Headquarters on 16 September 2014. On 24 October 2014, WHC sent to the State Party the analysis of the draft nomination including comments and suggestions.

15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 2

- Rabinal Achí dance drama tradition (2008)

- Language, dance and music of the Garifuna (2008; Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua)

List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding: 1

- Nan Pa'ch ceremony (2013)

16. **Memory of the World Register:** None

17. **Creative Cities Network:** None

18. **Legal instruments:** 20 ratified

Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	19/05/1994	Accession
Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	04/02/2005	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	25/10/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	25/10/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	17/03/2008	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	03/11/2015	Ratification

19. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017:** None

20. **Participation Programme**

2016-2017: Le Guatemala a présenté 6 projets au titre du Programme de participation 2016-2017.

21. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:**

There is one fellowship awarded to Guatemala since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 9 000.

22. **Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO, with headquarters in Guatemala:**

Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration

23. **Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO, with headquarters in Guatemala:** None

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:** Paid in full

Assessment rate for 2016: 0,028 %

Last payment: 5 May 2016

25. **Representation within the Secretariat (as at 06/11/2016):** 6 (Max. 4; Min. 2), under-represented

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)

1 International Professional Staff in the Field (including institutes outside HQs) (Non-Geographical Posts)

1 National Professional Officer in the Field

3 General Service Staff in the Field

Junior Professional Officer (JPO) /Associate Expert (AE) Programme:

Guatemala does not participate to the programme.

Young Professional Programme:

Guatemala submitted 6 applications for the YPP 2015.