

JAMAICA AND UNESCO: facts and figures

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 7 November 1962.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
Previous terms: 2007-2009; 2001-2005; 1991-1995; 1981-1985; 1980-1981; 1974-1976; 1970-1976.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions or Boards: 3**
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (Term expires : 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, IESALC.
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Belgium and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO: H.E. Ms Vilma Kathleen McNish presented her credentials on 9 July 2012. The Permanent Delegation of Jamaica to UNESCO is located in Brussels, Belgium. Jamaica opened its Permanent Delegation to UNESCO in 1970 at UNESCO House.
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mrs. Marcia Gilbert-Roberts (2007-2011); Ms Ruby Evadne Coye (June to December 2006); Mr Edmond Reid: Minister Counsellor (based in Brussels).
5. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston:**
 - 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 as well as the associate Member States of the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Saint Maarten and Anguilla.
 - Director: Ms. Katherine Grigsby (Nicaragua, D-1), since 1st August 2015
6. **Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Establishment: February 1965 (semi governmental).
 - Chairperson: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (since March 2016).
 - Secretary-General: Mr Everton Hannam, since October 2004.
 - Structure of the Commission: the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Secretariat, 6 Advisory Committees and 5 Adhoc Committees. Full-time staff: 4 and 1 part-time.
 - UNESCO's contribution to the capacity building of the National Commission:
 - Everton Hannam, Secretario General attended the Training Seminar for new officials of national commissions for UNESCO of Latin America, 05/2011, Quito Ecuador.
 - Dr. Maria Aileen Smith, Programme Manager, attended the Training Seminar for Caribbean National Commissions for UNESCO and cluster Meeting in Preparation for the 36th General Conference, 07/2011, Georgetown Guyana.
 - Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5:
 - Mr Hannam, Everton, Secretary General attended the Director-General's Consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO of Latin America and Caribbean Region on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2012-2013 (36/C5), 07/2010, Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago.
 - Mr. Everton Hannam, Secretary-General - Ms Florette Blackwood, Director Ministry of Information and Culture attended the 14th Quadrennial Conference 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.

- Mr. Hannam Everton, Secretary-General attended the 15th Quadrennial Conference of National Commissions for UNESCO of Europe and North America and DG's Consultation with National Commissions of Europe and North America on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5), 05/2008, The Hague, Rotterdam and Antwerp, BENELUX.

- Mr. Hannam Everton, Secretary-General - Selected UNDAF country in 2008-2010 attended the Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO from selected UNDAF and One UN pilot countries, 11/2008, Hanoi Viet Nam.

7. UNESCO Clubs: 8

Mr. Hannam Everton is the President of the Latin America and the Caribbean Federation (FLACACU), and the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO is the national coordinating body of the clubs.

The Jamaica National Federation's activities are related to the following areas: Communication, Information, Science, HIV/AIDS' prevention and its impact on youth, and Development of UNESCO Clubs in the Country.

8. Fellowships awarded to Jamaican nationals from 2010 to 2013: 7 for a total amount of US\$ 58710.

9. Jamaican personalities in relation with UNESCO:

- Ms. Veronica Campbell Brown, track and field sprint athlete, is UNESCO Champion for Sport.

10. UNESCO Chairs: 2

- UNESCO-Commonwealth Regional Chair in Education and HIV/AIDS, established in 2004 at the University of the West Indies.
- The Small Island States Universities Consortium on Capacity-Building to implement the Barbados Program of Action, established in 2006 at the University of the West Indies, Secretariat to the Consortium.

11. Associated Schools: 4

Jamaica has joined the ASPnet in 1980 and has 4 member schools. Despite its past involvement in ASPnet flagship projects such as "Breaking the Silence", the Transatlantic Slave Trade (TST) Education Project, Jamaican schools have not actively participated in recent years.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. Biosphere Reserves: none.

14. UNESCO Global Geopark: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 1

- Blue and John Crow Mountains (2015)

16. Tentative Sites: 2

- The Underwater City of Port Royal (2009)
- Seville Heritage Park (2009)

17. Proclamation of the Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity: 1 proclamation in 2008:

- "The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town"

18. **Creative Cities Network**
Kingston: music
19. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 9 ratified and 26 not ratified.**
20. **Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions.**
 - Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834.
 - Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal.
21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: none**
22. **Participation Program:**
2016-2017: Four requests were approved for a total amount of US\$79.000
2014-2015 : 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$70.000
23. **UNESCO Coupons: no participation.**
24. **Payment of assessed membership fees: owing**
 - Assessment rate: 0.009 %.
 - Last payment: July 2016.
25. **Representation within the Secretariat: 9, normally represented (Min. 2, max. 4)**
 - Professional Staff in Geographical Posts: 2
 - National Professional Officer in the Field: 1
 - Local field staff: 6