

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ECUADOR / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 22 January 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No  
Previous terms: 1947-1948; 1954-1962; 1976-1980; 2003-2007; 2011-2015
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 3
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (MOST) (Term expires: 39<sup>th</sup> General Conference);
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication Member (Term expires : 40<sup>th</sup> General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).
4. **DG's visit to Ecuador :** None
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Ecuador:**  
May 2001 (Koichiro Matsuura)  
April - May 2007 (Koichiro Matsuura)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**  
Mr. Galo Mora Witt presented his credentials on 6 May 2015.  
**Education:** Literature and Anthropology in the Catholic University of Quito, and Communication in the Universidad Complutense of Madrid.  
**Professional experience:**
  - Executive Secretary of the party "Movimiento Alianza País", 2010-2014.
  - Private Secretary of President Rafael Correa, 2009-2010.
  - Minister of Culture, 2008.
  - Director of Communication of the Presidency of Ecuador, 2007.
  - Advisor to the President of the "Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana".
  - Composer of more than 100 musical pieces. Author of several literature works.
 Previous Permanent Delegates: Since May 2010 to April 2015, Mr. Lautaro Pozo Malo. June 2007 to May 2010, Mr. Marcelo Vázquez, Chargé d'affaires, (no Permanent Delegate during 3 years); Before: Ms Katia Murrieta Wong, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate.
7. **UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador):**  
Since February 2014, Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela) is the Director of the Office in Quito and UNESCO representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.  
In June 1983 UNESCO established an Office in Quito as a sub-regional education unit, supporting the principal education project for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2001. As part of the reorganisation of UNESCO's field structure, the Office became the Cluster Office for the Andean sub-region covering Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.
8. **Ecuadorian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:  
(Comisión Nacional Ecuatoriana de Cooperación con la UNESCO)**
  - Established on 24 October 1947 and restructured in 1966.
  - President / Chairperson (since September 2015): Mr. Andrés Arauz, Minister of Knowledge and Human Talent
  - General Secretary and Ministerial Advisory: Ms Amparo Miranda.
  - UNESCO's contribution to the capacity building of the National Commission:

A Sub-regional seminar for Latin American National Commissions for UNESCO took place from 3 to 5 September 2013 in Quito, Ecuador. This seminar was organized in line with the recommendations of the Open-ended Tripartite Working Group for the follow-up of the review of cooperation of the UNESCO Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO. It aimed to update the National Commissions' knowledge of UNESCO, including its challenges and reforms, to develop their skills and capacities and to share best practices among themselves. It also prepared National Commissions for the 37<sup>th</sup> General Conference.

- Participation in the DG's Consultations on C/4 and C/5:  
Ms Amparo Naranjo, Secretaria Permanente, and Ms. Guerra de Freire Susana, Ministro de la Embajada del Ecuador en Uruguay attended the Director-General's Consultation with Member States and National Commissions of Latin American and the Caribbean region on the preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4) and the Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) from 14-16 September 2012, in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities** (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, etc):1  
Mrs Ivonne A-Baki was designated as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador on 15 February 2010 in recognition of her outstanding commitment to UNESCO's message of peace and tolerance and her dedication to the aims and ideals of the Organization.
- 10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Ecuador:** 2
  - UNESCO Chair on indigenous peoples in Latin America, established in 1999 at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Quito (Ecuador).
  - UNESCO Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education, established in 2012 at the Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (Ecuador).
- 11. **Associated Schools:** 56  
Ecuador joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1953. There are at present 56 ASP member institutions (2 nursery and pre-schools, 30 primary, 14 primary and secondary, 8 secondary schools, 1 teacher training and 1 vocational and technical institutions). Activities on which the country works address mainly the following theme: Education for Sustainable Development
- 12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** None
- 13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 6
  - Archipiélago de Colón (Galápagos) (1984, reviewed 1999) (also a National Park and a World Heritage site)
  - Yasuni (1989, reviewed 2001)
  - Sumaco (2000, extended in 2002)
  - Podocarpus-El Condor (2007)
  - Macizo del Cajas (2013)
- 14. **Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List:** 5
  - City of Quito (1978) (Cultural).
  - Galápagos Islands (1978, 2001) (Natural) (also a Biosphere reserve).
  - Sangay National Park (1983) (Natural).
  - Historic Center of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca (1999) (Cultural).
  - Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (2014) (Cultural).
- Tentative List: 9
  - Ciudad de Zaruma (1998)

- Sitio arqueológico de Ingapirca (1998)
- Parque Nacional Machalilla (1998)
- Bosque petrificado de Puyando (1998)
- Complejo de fortificaciones precolombinas de Pambamarca (1998)
- Lagunas de Cajas y Paredones (2003)
- Zaruma ciudad minera (2016)
- Cultural Itinerary of Ecuador's Trans-Andean Train (2016)
- Mayo Chinchipe - Marañón archaeological landscape (2016)

**15. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 3**

- Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador (2015).
- The Oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Zápara People (2008) (Ecuador-Peru).
- The traditional weaving of the Ecuadorian toquilla straw hat (2012).

**16. Memory of the World Register: 1**

- The Gaze of the Other: Documentary heritage of the Salesian apostolic vicariate in the Ecuadorian Amazon 1890-1930

**17. Creative Cities Network**

- Durán (Ecuador) – Crafts and Folk Art

**18. Legal instruments: 22 ratified**

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
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.	02/08/2004	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	08/11/2006	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	01/12/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	22/03/2007	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	13/02/2008	Ratification

**19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 1**

- 2016-2017: 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Ruben Dario (1867-1916) and 100th anniversary of his death (Nicaragua with support from Cuba and Ecuador).
- (2015) - 50th anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer, lawyer and diplomat (1882-1965).

**20. Participation Programme:**

2014-2015: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 58 998  
 2012-2013: no projects approved as a reimbursement was pending.

**21. UNESCO Fellowships Programme:**

3 fellowships have been awarded to Ecuador since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 28,809.

**22. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 15 September 2016): Owing**

Assessment rate for 2016: 0.067 %;  
 Last payment: 28 June 2016

**23. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 6 May 2016): 10; normally-represented (Max. 4; Min. 2)**

Professional staff in geographical posts: 2

- 1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts):
- 1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts) :
- 1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts)
- 7 General Service Staff in the Field

Junior Professional Officer (JPO) /Associate Expert (AE) Programme: Ecuador does not participate to the programme.

Young Professional Programme: As a Normally-represented Member State, this country is not eligible to participate in this Programme.

**24. Use of UNESCO Coupons:** Ecuador does not participate in the Programme.

**25. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO, with headquarters in Ecuador:** 2

- The Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) (Organización Latinoamericana de Energía)
- The Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) (Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur)

**26. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO, with headquarters in Ecuador:** 1

Latin American Association of Radio Education (ALER), Quito, Ecuador