

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON COLOMBIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 31 October 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No  
Previous terms: 1948-1950, 1950-1954, 1970-1974, 1980-1985, 1985-1989, 1991-1995, 1997-2001, 2005-2009, 2007-2009
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 4
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **DG's visits to Colombia:** 1
  - 31 January-2 February 2017
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Colombia:**  
Koichiro Matsuura in 2001 and 2007
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**  
Mr Federico Alonso Renjifo Vélez, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO since January 2014. Born in Cali, Colombia, in 1953. Graduated from the Universidad Javeriana of Colombia in Social and Economic Studies. Professional experience: Secretary of the Presidency of Colombia (2011-2012); Minister of Interior (2012); Minister of Mines and Energy (2013). In the private sector, he was Executive President of the Banco de Colombia, and President of the International Finance Company.  
Mr Luis Armando Soto Boutin, Deputy Permanent Delegate (since January 2017).  
Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Sonia Sarmiento (2009-2013); Mr Luis Guillermo Ángel Correa (February 2007-December 2008); Ms María Zulema Vélez Jara (September 2003-October 2006); Mr Miguel Gómez Martínez (January 2003-September 2003); Mr Augusto Galán Sarmiento (1999-2002); Mr Pablo Gabriel Obregón Santo Domingo (1995-1999); Mr Manuel José Cepeda Espinosa (1993-1995); Ms Gloria Pachón de Galán (1989-1993); Ms Marina Uribe de Eusse (1987-1988); Mr Aurelio Caicedo Ayerbe (1985-1987); Mr Guillermo Hernández Rodríguez (1982-1985); Mr Ramiro Zambrano Cárdenas (1981-1982); Mr Daniel Arango Jaramillo (1979-1981); Mr Pedro Javier Soto Sierra (1978-1979); Mr Juan Jacobo Muñoz Delgado (1974-1977); M. Gabriel Betancur Mejía (1968-1974); M. Silvio Villegas (1967-1968).
7. **UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador)**  
Since February 2014, Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela) is the Director of the Cluster Office in Quito and UNESCO Representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
8. **Colombian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Colombiana de Cooperación con la UNESCO)**
  - Established in October 1947 and reorganized in 1985
  - President (since August 2010): Ms María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - Executive Secretary: TBC

9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities** (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, etc):  
None

10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** 7

- (i) UNESCO Chair on Communication (1994), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, (Bogotá).
- (ii) UNESCO Chair on Management of the Cultural Heritage (2000), Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Sede Manizales, Manizales, Caldas, Bogotá).
- (iii) UNESCO Chair on Child development (2002), Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas (Bogotá).
- (iv) UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Violence, Public Policies and Governance (2005), University Externado de Colombia (Bogotá).
- (v) UNESCO Chair in the International Resolution of Conflicts and Peace-building (2011), the Antioquia University (Medellín).
- (vi) UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue (2014), Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogotá).
- (vii) UNESCO Chair on promotion of the gender equity (2016), Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá).

UNITWIN Networks: 1

- Chaire UNESCO / Réseau régional pour l'amélioration de la qualité et de l'équité en matière d'éducation en Amérique latine (1996), Universidad del Valle (Cali). Its focus is on facilitating the exchange of high-level researchers in the fields of language education, reading and writing in Latin America and their participation in existing training and research programmes in this field. Last progress report 2014-2015 was received in 2016.

11. **Associated Schools:** 68

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 2

- Regional Centre on Urban Water Management for Latin America and the Caribbean (CINARA), Cali
- Regional Centre for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), Bogotá

13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 5

- Cinturón Andino (1979, reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- El Tuparro (1979, reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (1979, reviewed in 2001 and 2011)
- Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (2000, reviewed in 2011)
- Seaflower (2000, reviewed in 2011)

14. **UNESCO Global Geopark:** None

15. **World Heritage :** 8

- Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena (Cultural) (1984)
- Los Katíos National Park (Natural) (1994)
- Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox (Cultural) (1995)
- National Archeological Park of Tierradentro (Cultural) (1995)
- San Agustín Archaeological Park (Cultural) (1995)
- Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary (Natural) (2006)
- Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia (Cultural) (2011)
- Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) (Cultural) (2014)

Tentative List: 18

- Buritaca 200 - Ciudad Perdida - Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (29/10/1993)
- Canal del Dique - Dike Canal (27/09/2012)

- Catholic Doctrine Temples (27/09/2012)
- Chiribiquete National Park (27/09/2012)
- Cultural Landscape of Salt Towns (27/09/2012)
- Cultural Landscape of the Lower Basin of the Chicamocha River (27/09/2012)
- Cultural Landscape of the Vernacular Stilt Housing of Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta and of Medio Atrato (22/10/2013)
- Parque Nacional Natural Chiribiquete (29/10/1993)
- Pre-Hispanic Hydraulic System of the San Jorge River (27/09/2012)
- Puente de Occidente (Western Bridge) (27/09/2012)
- Seaflower Marine Protected Area (MPA) (18/09/2007)
- Sistema Hidráulico Prehispánico del Río San Jorge (29/10/1993)
- South of Ricaurte Province (27/09/2012)
- Tatacoa Desert (27/09/2012)
- Tayrona and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta National Parks and their Archaeological Sites (27/09/2012)
- United Fruit Company Infrastructure (27/09/2012)
- University City of Bogotá (27/09/2012)
- Virgilio Barco Library (27/09/2012)

#### 16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 8

- Carnival of Barranquilla (2008)
- Cultural space of Palenque de San Basilio (2008)
- Carnaval de Negros y Blancos (2009)
- Holy Week processions in Popayán (2009)
- Wayuu normative system, applied by the Pütchipü'üi (palabrero) (2010)
- Traditional knowledge of the jaguar shamans of Yuruparí (2011)
- Festival of Saint Francis of Assisi, Quibdó (2012)
- Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador (Colombia and Ecuador) (2015)

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

- Traditional Vallenato music of the Greater Magdalena region (2015)

#### 17. Memory of the World Register: 2

- American Colonial Music: a sample of its documentary richness (2007) (Submitted by Colombia Mexico, Bolivia and Peru)
- Negros y Esclavos Archives (2005)

#### 18. Creative Cities Network: 3

- Popayán, as a Creative City of Gastronomy (2005)
- Bogota, as a Creative City of Music (2012)
- Medellín, as a Creative City of Music (2015)

#### 19. Legal instruments 15 ratified

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	18/03/197	Accession
Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.	18/03/1976	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	14/06/1976	Accession
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	23/02/1977	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	24/05/1983	Acceptance
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of	24/05/1988	Acceptance

Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.		
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	14/02/1994	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	18/06/1998	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	18/06/1998	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	18/06/1998	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	19/03/2008	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	31/08/2009	Ratification
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.	24/11/2010	Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	19/03/2013	Accession
Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	20/12/2013	Accession

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

- (2012) - 100th anniversary of the death of Rafael Pombo, writer (1833-1912)
- (2001) - Two hundredth anniversary of the expedition of Alexander von Humboldt to Colombia
- (1996) - Centenary of the death of the Colombian poet José Asunción Silva

**21. Participation Programme**

2016-2017: 7 requests presented and 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$86,000

2014-2015: 3 national projects and one regional project approved for the total amount of US\$ 111,000

2012-2013: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 36,000

**22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme**

Between 2010 and 2013, 14 nationals from Colombia were awarded fellowships for a total amount of US\$ 163,678

In 2015-2016, four nationals from Colombia were awarded fellowships for a total amount of US\$ 78,072

**23. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO, with headquarters in Colombia: 1**

The Executive Secretariat of the Andrés Bello Convention (SECAB)

**24. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO, with headquarters in Colombia: 2**

- Pan-American Association of Educational Credit Institutions (APICE), admitted in 1998
- Latin American Federation of Associations of Communication Schools (FELAFACS), admitted in 1990

**23. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 12 January 2017): Unpaid**

Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.322 %;

Last payment: 29 December 2014

**24. Representation within the Secretariat: 6 (Max. 5; Min. 3): NORMALLY-REPRESENTED**

Professional staff in geographical posts: 4

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts):

3 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts) :

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (including UNESCO International Institute

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for Educational Planning, IIEP) (Non-Geographical Posts):  
1 General Service Staff in the Field

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

Young Professional Programme:

As a normally-represented Member State, this country is not eligible to participate in the YPP.