

## **KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES/ UNESCO COOPERATION**

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 15 February 1983.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** elected for the first time from 2005 to 2009.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 1**
  - Headquarters Committee
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - **Ambassador and Permanent Delegate: Mr Wafic Rida Said, since 5 November 1996**, when for the first time Saint Vincent and the Grenadines designated a Permanent Delegate exclusively for UNESCO. Before Mr. Said's designation, this function was performed by the High Commissioner for Eastern Caribbean Countries to the United Kingdom.
5. **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Established in 1983.
  - **Chairperson** (since November 2006): Honourable Mrs Girlyn Miguel, Minister of Education, Minister responsible for relations with UNESCO.
  - **Secretary-General:** Ms Janeil Henry, since December 2009.
  - **The Commission's main areas of interest are:** Literacy, ICTs, Environment, Heritage, Small Island Voice.
6. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
  - The UNESCO Office in Kingston was established in October 1989 and became a Cluster Office by DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001.
  - **Cluster office covering 13 Member States and 4 Associate Member States of the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean:** 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, Aruba, Cayman Island, and the Netherlands Antilles form the Associated Member States.
  - **Director:** Mr Kwame Boafo (Ghana, D-1) since July 2006.
7. **Prominent personalities having privileged relations with UNESCO (e.g. Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc):** none.
8. **UNESCO Chairs:** none.
9. **Associated Schools: 10**
  - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines joined ASPnet in 1986 and there are at present 10 schools (1 nursery, 3 primary and 6 secondary) participating.

- ASP schools from Saint Vincent and Grenadines are amongst the most active in the implementation of the **Sandwatch Project which is part of the UNESCO ASPnet Caribbean Sea.**
- Sandwatch, an educational approach to sustainable development, evolved from the UNESCO Small Islands Voice and the UNESCO Associated Schools. Sandwatch originally started in the Caribbean in 2001. Sandwatch provides the framework for school students, their teachers and local communities, to work together to critically evaluate the problems and conflicts facing their beach environments and to develop sustainable approaches to address these issues.
- In July 2003, students and teachers from Saint Vincent and Grenadines, together with 12 other Caribbean countries, met in Dominica to share their results and experiences. **ASP Schools from Saint Vincent and Grenadines also won the Commonwealth Youth Award for their outstanding Sandwatch activities.**

10. **UNESCO Club:** none.

11. **Biosphere Reserves:** not yet and none under preparation.

12. **World Heritage Sites:** none.

13. **Tentative List:** none.

14. **Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity:** no file submitted.

15. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 14 ratified and 22 not ratified.

16. **Memory of the World Register:** no inscription.

17. **Participation Programme for 2010-2011:**

- 5 projects approved for a total amount of **US\$ 106,000.**

18. **UNESCO Fellowships Programme:**

- 5 fellowships granted since 2002 for a total value of US\$ 63.544.

19. **Use of UNESCO Coupons:** Saint Vincent and the Grenadines does not participate.

20. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2010-2011:**

- **Assessment rate for 2011:** 0.001%.
- **Last payment:** November 2010

21. **Representation within the Secretariat: 0**

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is non-represented.
- According to the traditional tally whereby the desirable range is min: 2 and max: 4.

22. **Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated:** none.