

COSTA RICA AND UNESCO KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 19 May 1950
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No (Last mandate 1994-1997)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions:** 2
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (Term expires: 40th General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Director-General's visits to the country:** None
5. **Former Director-General's visits to the country:** 2013
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

Ambassador Max VALVERDE SOTO, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 5 June 2019)
Mr Olger Adonai Arias Sánchez, Deputy Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office:** Yes (since 1981)

Cluster Office headed by Ms Esther Kuisch Laroche (D-1, Netherlands) since October 2018.
8. **Costa Rica National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (Comisión Costarricense de Cooperación con la UNESCO)**
 - Establishment: 1959
 - President/Chairperson (since May 2018): Mr Edgar MORA ALTAMIRANO, Minister of Education
 - Secretary-General: TBC (Mr Fernando Montoya is currently the Officer-in-Charge)
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities (Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc):** None
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks**

UNESCO Chairs: 3

 - 2012: UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development, The Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development and the University of Peace;
 - 2011: UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, De La Salle University;
 - 2016: UNESCO Chair on Biosphere Reserves and Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites, University for International Cooperation, San José.

UNITWIN Networks: None
11. **Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) :** 127

Du primaire au secondaire (1) ; Instituto Profesional de Educación (IPE) (1); Etablissements d'enseignement professionnel (2) ; Institutions de formation des enseignants (2) ; Pré-primaire (7) ; Primaire (95) ; Primaire/secondaire (10) ; Secondaire (9)
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** None
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** 4
 - 1982: La Amistad
 - 1988, extended in 2010: Cordillera Volcánica Central
 - 2007: Agua y Paz
 - 2017: Savegre
14. **UNESCO Global Geopark Network:** None
15. **World Heritage**

Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List: 4

- 1983: Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park (Transboundary property with Panama) (Natural)
- 1997, extension in 2002: Cocos Island National Park (Natural)
- 1999, extension in 2004: Area de Conservación Guanacaste (Natural)
- 2014: Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís (Cultural)

Tentative List: 1

- Corcovado National Park and Isla del Caño Biological Reserve (30/01/2003)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists

Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 1

- 2008: Oxherding and oxcart traditions in Costa Rica

17. Memory of the World Register: 2

- 2017: Abolition of the Army in Costa Rica
- 2017: Central American Court of Justice

Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC): 2

- 2009: Colección Preguntas y Respuestas del Instituto Centroamericano de Extensión de la Cultura (Costa Rica) (ICECU);
- 2018: Documentos sobre la Independencia de Costa Rica y Centroamérica de la Corona Española (1821-1822)

18. Creative Cities Network: None

19. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments

Ratified conventions:

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	07/12/1954	Accession
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	07/12/1954	Accession
Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	07/12/1954	Accession
Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	07/12/1954	Accession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	10/09/1963	Ratification
Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.	11/12/1969	Ratification
Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.	09/06/1971	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	09/06/1971	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	23/08/1977	Ratification
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.	07/12/1979	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	01/03/1982	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	27/12/1991	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	06/03/1996	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.	03/06/1998	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	03/06/1998	Accession
Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	25/03/1999	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.	09/12/2003	Accession

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	23/02/2007	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	15/03/2011	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	27/02/2012	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	27/04/2018	Ratification

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019: None

21. Participation Programme

2018-2019 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 71,740.

2016-2017 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 74,500.

22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

Since 2010, 11 fellowships have been awarded to Costa Rica for a total amount of US\$ 187 954.83.

23. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- Servicio Paz y Justicia en América Latina (SERPAJ-AL), in consultative status

24. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 28 February 2019):

Assessment rate for 2019: 0.080 %; Last payment: October 2018

25. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 10/03/2019): Normally represented (Max. 4; Min. 2):

Professional staff in geographical posts: 2