

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON MEXICO / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 12 June 1946
The second Director-General of UNESCO (1948-1952), Mr Jaime Torres Bodet, was Mexican.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (since 2011; term expires in November 2019)
Previous terms: 1946-1950, 1950-1954, 1958-1960, 1960-1966, 1968-1971, 1971-1974, 1976-1977, 1977-1980, 1983-1985, 1985-1987, 1989-1992, 1992-1993, 1993-2003, 2005-2009
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 9**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (Term expires: 39th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics Members designated by UNESCO's Director-General: Ms Sylvia Irene Schmelkes Del Valle (Term expires: 31 December 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (former UNESCO Institute for Education, UIE)
4. **DG's to Mexico** March 2013
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Mexico**

Koichiro Matsuura	2001, 2006 (2 visits), 2007
Federico Mayor	1988 (2 visits), 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996 (3 visits), 1997, 1998 (2 visits)
Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow	1974, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1986
René Maheu	1961, 1964 and 1967
Vittorino Veronese	1954
Luther Evans	1953
Jaime Torres Bodet	1951
Julian Huxley	1947
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

Minister Emma María José Rodríguez Sifuentes has been designated as Chargée d'Affaires a.i pending the arrival of the successor of H.E Mr Andrés Roemer.

Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Andrés Roemer (August 2016-16 October 2016); Mr Porfirio Thierry Muñoz-Ledo Chevannier (September 2013-June 2016); Mr Carlos De Icaza (April 2010-January 2013), Mr Homero Aridjis Fuentes (April 2007-January 2010), Mr Pablo Latapi Sarre (April 2005-December 2006), Mr Javier Barros Valero (2001-2004), Mr Eraclio Zepeda (2000- 2001), Mr Mario Héctor Ojeda

Gómez (1995-1998), Mr Luis Eugenio Todd (1992-1995), Mr Miguel León Portilla (1987-1992), Mr Luis Villoro Toranzo (1983-1987), Mr Víctor Flores Olea (1978-1983), Mr Luis Echeverría Álvarez (1977-1978), Mr Arturo Muñoz Ledo (1977), Mr Rodolfo Navarrete Tejero (1976-1977), Mr Francisco Cuevas Cancino (1970-1976), Mr Manuel Alcalá Anaya (1965-1970), Mr José Luis Martínez (1963-1965), Mr Silvio Zavala (1956-1963), Mr Ignacio Bernal (1955-1956), Mr Antonio Castro Leal (1949-1952), Mr José Calvo (1948-1949), Mr Manuel Martínez Leal (1946-1948)

7. UNESCO Office in Mexico

The UNESCO Office in Mexico, a national one, was opened in 1967. Since December 2013, **Ms Nuria Sanz** (P-5, Spain), is the Chief of the Office. Prior to this, she was Officer in Charge from July to December 2013.

8. Mexican Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (CONALMEX) (Comisión Mexicana de Cooperación con la UNESCO)

- Established in 1947 by a Presidential Decree and is headed ex officio by the Secretary of Public Education
- President (since October 2015): Mr Aurelio Nuño Mayer, Minister of Public Education
- Secretary-General (since October 2015): Mr Benito Mirón López

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

10. UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Mexico: 20

UNESCO Chairs:

1. UNESCO Chair on Regional Integration and University (1995), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México
2. Chaire UNESCO des droits de l'homme (1997), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México,
3. Chaire UNESCO de communication (1996), Universidad Iberoamericana, México
4. Chaire UNESCO en sciences de la conservation des biens culturels (1997), Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH), México
5. Chaire UNESCO - ITESO de gestion de l'habitat et développement socialement durable (1998), Universidad ITESO, Guadalajara
6. UNESCO Chair in New Information Technologies (2001), University of Colima
7. Chaire UNESCO d'étude des transformations économiques et sociales liées au problème international des drogues(2002), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
8. UNESCO Chair in Quality Assurance of Transnational Higher Education (2004), Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Mexico
9. UNESCO Chair in Gender, Leadership and Equity(2007) The University of Guadalajara, Jalisco
10. UNESCO Chair in Water in the knowledge society (2008), Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología des Agua
11. UNESCO Chair in research on intangible cultural heritage and cultural diversity (2011)- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
12. UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Education for Harmonious Co-existence, Social Cohesion and Reconciliation in a Globalized World (2011), Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo
13. UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (2011), University of Monterrey
14. UNESCO Chair on Developing a Model for the Defence of Academic Rights in Higher Education- established in 2012- National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
15. UNESCO Chair in Migration, Development and Human Rights(2012), The Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas
16. UNESCO "Cecilia Braslavsky" Chair in Teacher Training for Innovation in Education (2012), Universidad Pedagógica Nacional

17. UNESCO Chair in Citizenship, Education and the Environmental Sustainability of Development (2013), Universidad Veracruzana
18. UNESCO Chair on Youth (2013), University of Guadalajara
19. UNESCO Chair on Biosphere Reserves and Urban Environment (2014), Instituto de Ecología A.C.
20. UNESCO Chair on Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Latin America (2016), The Autonomous University of the State of Morelos

The Network "Gender and Media" established in January 2016, at the The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), coordinated by The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

11. Associated Schools: 306

Mexico joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1978. There are at present 306 (27 nursery and pre-schools, 111 primary, 34 primary and secondary, 108 secondary schools, 8 teacher training and 17 vocational and technical institutions).

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2

- Regional World Heritage Institute, Zacatecas, Mexico (April 2010)
- Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Physics, Mathematics, Energy and Environment (Tuxtla Gutiérrez)

13. Biosphere Reserves: 42

- Bosawas (1997)
- Mapimí (1977)
- La Michilía (1977)
- Montes Azules (1979)
- El Cielo (1986)
- Sian Ka'an (1986)
- Sierra de Manantlán (1988)
- Región de Calakmul (1993, Extended and renamed in 2006)
- El Triunfo (1993)
- El Vizcaíno (1993)
- Alto Golfo de California (1993. Extended in 1996)
- Islas del Golfo de California (1995)
- Sierra Gorda (2001)
- Banco Chinchorro (2003)
- Sierra La Laguna (2003)
- Ría Celestún (2004)
- Ría Lagartos (2004)
- Arrecife Alacranes (2006)
- Barranca de Metztitlán (2006)
- Chamela-Cuixmala (2006)
- Cuatrociénagas (2006)
- Cumbres de Monterrey (2006)
- Huatulco (2006)
- La Encrucijada (2006)

- La Primavera (2006)
- La Sepultura (2006)
- Laguna Madre y Delta Río Bravo (2006)
- Los Tuxtlas (2006)
- Maderas del Carmen (2006)
- Mariposa Monarca (2006)
- Pantanos de Centla (2006)
- Selva El Ocote (2006)
- Sierra de Huautla (2006)
- Sistema Arrecifal Veracruzano (2006)
- Volcán Tacaná (2006)
- Sierra de Alamos - Río Cuchujaqui (2007)
- Islas Marietas (2008)
- Lagunas de Montebello (2009)
- Naha-Metzabok (2010)
- Los Volcanes (2010)
- Islas María (2010)
- Tehuacán-Cuicatlán (2012)
- Isla Cozumel (2016)

14. UNESCO Global Geopark

None (However, there are two sites candidates to be examined in 2017).

15. World Heritage

Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List: 34

- Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Cultural) (1987)
- Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán (Cultural) (1987)
- Historic Centre of Puebla (Cultural) (1987)
- Pre-Hispanic City and National Park of Palenque (Cultural) (1987)
- Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan (Cultural) (1987)
- Sian Ka'an (Natural) (1987)
- Historic Town of Guanajuato and Adjacent Mines (Cultural) (1988)
- Pre-Hispanic City of Chichen-Itza (Cultural) (1988)
- Historic Centre of Morelia (Cultural) (1991)
- El Tajin, Pre-Hispanic City (Cultural) (1992)
- Historic Centre of Zacatecas (Cultural) (1993)
- Rock Paintings of the Sierra de San Francisco (Cultural) (1993)
- Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino (Natural) (1993)
- Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl (Cultural) (1994)
- Historic Monuments Zone of Querétaro (Cultural) (1996)
- Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal (Cultural) (1996)
- Hospicio Cabañas, Guadalajara (Cultural) (1997)
- Archaeological Zone of Paquimé, Casas Grandes (Cultural) (1998)
- Historic Monuments Zone of Tlacotalpan (Cultural) (1998)
- Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco (Cultural) (1999)
- Historic Fortified Town of Campeche (Cultural) (1999)
- Ancient Maya City and Protected Tropical Forests of Calakmul, Campeche (Natural and Cultural) (2002)
- Franciscan Missions in the Sierra Gorda of Querétaro (Cultural) (2003)

- Luis Barragán House and Studio (Cultural) (2004)
- Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California (Natural) (2005)
- Agave Landscape and Ancient Industrial Facilities of Tequila (Cultural) (2006)
- Central University City Campus of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) (Cultural) (2007)
- Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (Natural) (2008)
- Protective town of San Miguel and the Sanctuary of Jesús Nazareno de Atotonilco (Cultural) (2008)
- Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Cultural) (2010)
- Prehistoric Caves of Yagul and Mitla in the Central Valley of Oaxaca (Cultural) (2010)
- El Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve (Natural) (2013)
- Aqueduct of Padre Tembleque Hydraulic System (Cultural) (2015)
- Archipiélago de Revillagigedo (Natural) (2016)

Tentative List: 22

- Chapultepec Woods, Hill and Castle (2001)
- Historic Town of Alamos (2001)
- Church of Santa Prisca and its Surroundings (2001)
- Pre-Hispanic City of Cantona (2001)
- Great City of Chicomostoc-La Quemada (2001)
- Historic Town of San Sebastián del Oeste (2001)
- Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo's Home-Study Museum (2001)
- Vallée des Cierges (2004)
- Aire de protection de la flore et de la faune Cuatrociénegas (2004)
- Historical Town The Royal of the Eleven Thousand Virgins of Cosala in Sinaloa (2004)
- Huichol Route through the sacred sites to Huiricuta (Tatehuari Huajuje) (2004)
- Région Lacan-Tún – Usumacinta (2004)
- Réserve de la Biosphère Banco Chinchorro (2004)
- Tecoaque (2004)
- Cuetzalan and its Historical, Cultural and Natural Surrounding (2006)
- Historical city of Izamal (Izamal, Mayan continuity in an Historical City) (2008)
- Los Petenes-Ría Celestún (2008)
- Las Pozas, Xilitla (2009)
- El Arco del Tiempo del Río La Venta (2010)
- Tehuacan-Cuicatlan Biosphere Reserve (2012)
- Ring of cenotes of Chicxulub Crater, Yucatan (2012)
- Las Labradas, Sinaloa archaeological site (2012)

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 8

- Mariachi, string music, song and trumpet (2011)
- Parachicos in the traditional January feast of Chiapa de Corzo (2010)
- Pirekua, traditional song of the P'urhépecha (2010)
- Traditional Mexican cuisine - ancestral, ongoing community culture, the Michoacán paradigm (2010)
- Ritual ceremony of the Voladores (2009)
- Places of memory and living traditions of the Otomí-Chichimecas people of Tolimán: the Peña de Bernal, guardian of a sacred territory Mexico (2009)
- Indigenous festivity dedicated to the dead (2008)
- Charrería, Mexican equestrian tradition (2016)

Best Safeguarding Practices: 1

- Xtaxkgakget Makgkaxtlawana: the Centre for Indigenous Arts and its contribution to safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of the Totonac people of Veracruz, Mexico (2012)

17. Memory of the World Register: 12

- American Colonial Music: a sample of its documentary richness (2007) (Submitted by Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru)
- Biblioteca Palafoxiana (2005)
- Codex Techaloyan de Cuajimalpaz (1997)
- Codices from the Oaxaca Valley (1997)
- Colección de Lenguas Indígenas (2007)
- Collection of Mexican Codices (1997)
- Collection of the Center of Documentation and Investigation of the Ashkenazi Community in Mexico (16th to 20th Century) (2009)
- Los olvidados (2003)
- Old fonds of the historical archive at Colegio de Vizcaínas: women's education and support in the history of the world (2013)
- Sixteenth to eighteenth century pictographs from the "Maps, drawings and illustrations" of the National Archives of Mexico (2011)
- Judicial files concerning the birth of a right: the effective remedy as a contribution of the Mexican writ of amparo to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) of 1948 (2015)
- The work of Fray Bernardino de Sahagún (1499-1590) (2015) (Submitted by Mexico and Italy)

18. Creative Cities Network: 3

- San Cristóbal de las Casas, as a Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art (2015)
- Puebla, as a Creative City of Design (2015)
- Ensenada, as a Creative City of Gastronomy (2015)

19. Legal instruments 16 ratified

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	07/10/2003	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003	14/12/2005	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001	05/07/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	05/07/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	11/04/2007	Ratification

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

- (2016) - 150th anniversary of the foundation of the National Conservatory of Music (1866)
- (2014) - 100th anniversary of the birth of Octavio Paz, writer (1914-1998)
- (2006) - 200th anniversary of the birth of Benito Juárez (1806-1872)

21. Participation Programme

2016-2017: 3 projects submitted for a total amount of 78,000 US\$
 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of 77,000 US\$

22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

4 Mexican fellows were awarded a fellowship in 2015-2016 for a total amount of US\$92,412.

23. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:

- Ibero-American Television Organization (OTI)/ Organisation de la Télévision Ibéro-Américaine ; Statut de consultation
- Union Of Latin American Universities (ULAU) / Union des Universités de l'Amérique latine (UDUAL) ; Statut d'association

Last update : 27/10/16

24. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 22 September 2016) Paid in full

Assessment rate for 2016: 1.435 %;

Last payment: 18 February 2016

**25. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 28 September 2016): 19 (Max. 9; Min. 5):
NORMALLY-REPRESENTED**

Professional staff in geographical posts: 9

- 7 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts):
- 2 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts) :
- 2 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (including UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning, IIEP) (Non-Geographical Posts)
- 2 National Professional Officer in the Field
- 2 General Service Staff at Headquarters
- 4 General Service Staff in the Field

Junior Professional Officer (JPO) /Associate Expert (AE) Programme:

Mexico 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.