

## BELIZE AND UNESCO KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 10 May 1982
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No (Last mandate 2013-2017)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions:** 1
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **Director-General's visits to the country:** None
5. **Former Director-General's visits to the country:** None
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Mr Bassam Said Freiha, Permanent Delegate (since 24 January 1992)
7. **UNESCO Office:** No

The country is covered by UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica), headed by Ms Katherine Grigsby (D-1, Nicaragua) since August 2015.
8. **Belize National Commission for UNESCO**
  - President/Chairperson (since 2012): Mr Patrick Faber, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Culture, Youth and Sports
  - Secretary-General (since August 2017): Mr Roosevelt Blades
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities** (*Goodwill Ambassadors, Special Envoys, Chairpersons of Committees, etc*): None
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks**

**UNESCO Chairs:** None

**UNITWIN Networks:** None
11. **Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) :** 3  
Primaire (2) ; Secondaire (1)
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** None
13. **Biosphere Reserves:** None
14. **UNESCO Global Geopark Network:** None
15. **World Heritage**

**Sites inscribed on the World Heritage List:** 1

  - 1996: Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (Natural)

**Tentative List:** None
16. **Intangible Heritage Lists**

**Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity:** 1

  - 2008: Language, dance and music of the Garifuna (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua)
17. **Memory of the World Register:** 1
  - 2009: Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (submitted by Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom)

**Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC):** None

**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.	01/12/1982	Notification of succession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	01/12/1982	Notification of succession
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	26/01/1990	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	06/11/1990	Ratification
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.*	22/04/1998	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	04/12/2007	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	16/12/2011	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	24/03/2015	Accession

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

**21. Participation Programme**

2018-2019 No request submitted.

2016-2017 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$74,000.

**22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme**

7 fellowship awarded since 2010 for a total amount of USD 77 458.

**23. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO:** None

**24. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 11 April 2019):**

Assessment rate for 2019: 0.001 %;

Last payment: October 2018

**25. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 16/04/2019):** Under-represented (Max. 4; Min. 2):

Professional staff in geographical posts: 1