

THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR AND UNESCO

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 22 January 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last mandate from 2011 to 2015)
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 6
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (term expires: 41st 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: 41st General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires: 40th General Conference);
 - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 40th session (2019) until the beginning of the 41st session (2021);
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires: 41st General Conference);
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **DG's visit to Ecuador:** none to date
5. **Former Director General's visit to Ecuador:** 1, in July 2017
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Marco Patricio Zambrano Restrepo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate of Ecuador to UNESCO (since July 2018)
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H. E. Mr. Galo Mora Witt (May 2015-June 2018)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Quito (Ecuador)
 - Since February 2014, Ms Saadia Sánchez (D-1, Venezuela) is the Director of the Office in Quito and UNESCO representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
 - In June 1983, UNESCO established an Office in Quito as a sub-regional education unit, supporting the principal education project for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2001, as part of the reorganisation of UNESCO's field structure, the Office became the Cluster Office for the Andean sub-region covering Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.
8. **Ecuadorian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 24 October 1947, restructured in 1966.
 - President: H.E. Ms Mireya Muñoz, Undersecretary of Multilateral Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs (since September 2018)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Consuelo Beatriz Barrera Nieto (since 14 November 2018)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** 1
 - Ms Ivonne A-Baki, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (February 2010)
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 5

- 2018: UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (1290)
- 2016: UNESCO Chair on Support Technologies for Educational Inclusion, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana (1186)
- 2016: UNESCO Chair on Freedom of Expression and Knowledge Societies, The International Centre for Advanced Studies in Communications for Latin America (CIESPAL) (1165)
- 2016: UNESCO Chair on Ethics and Society in Higher Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (1150)
- 2012: UNESCO Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (988)

11. Associated Schools: 56

- 2 Pre-primary, 30 Primary, 14 Primary/Secondary, 8 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 1 Vocational and Technical Institution

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

- As regards the proposal of Ecuador concerning the designation of the International Centre of Advanced Communication Studies for Latin America (CIESPAL), in Quito, Ecuador, as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2), the General Conference decided (39 C/Resolution 41) to authorize the Executive Board, at its 204th session, to review the outcomes of the feasibility study and to take a decision, on its behalf, on the designation of CIESPAL as a centre category 2, with a view to authorizing the Director-General to sign the corresponding agreement. The Executive Board, at its 204th session, decided to postpone this item to the 205th session, and then further postponed to the 206th session.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 7

- 2018: Choco Andino de Pichincha
- 2014: Bosque Seco (Part of Transboundary Bosques de Paz with Peru since 2017)
- 2013: Macizo del Cajas
- 2007: Podocarpus-El Condor
- 2000: Sumaco (extended in 2002; reviewed in 2016)
- 1989: Yasuni (reviewed in 2001 and 2017)
- 1984: Galapagos Biosphere Reserve (former Archipiélago de Colón) (reviewed in 1999, 2016 and 2019), also a National Park and a World Heritage site.

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 3

- Ecuador has three UNESCO global geopark projects in course: Imbabura, Napo Sumaco and Tungurahua Volcano.

15. World Heritage Sites: 5

- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Cultural)
- 1999: Historic Center of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca (Cultural)
- 1983: Sangay National Park (Natural).
- 1978: Galápagos Islands (Natural), also a Biosphere reserve (extended in 2001)
- 1978: City of Quito (Cultural)

16. Tentative List: 5

- 2016: Mayo Chinchipe - Marañón archaeological landscape

- 2016: Cultural Itinerary of Ecuador's Trans-Andean Train
- 2016: Zaruma ciudad minera
- 1998: Bosque petrificado de Puyango
- 1998: Parque Nacional Machalilla

17. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 3

- 2015: Marimba music, traditional chants and dances from the Colombia South Pacific region and Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador (with Colombia)
- 2012: Traditional weaving of the Ecuadorian toquilla straw hat
- 2008: Oral heritage and cultural manifestations of the Zápara People (with Peru)

18. Memory of the World Register: 2

- 2016: The “Carta de Jamaica” (Regional Register)
- 2015: The Gaze of the Other: Documentary heritage of the Salesian apostolic vicariate in the Ecuadorian Amazon 1890-1930

19. Creative Cities Network: 2

- 2017: Chordeleg (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)
- 2015: Durán (Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art)

20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified

Ratified conventions:

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
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.	02/10/1956	Ratification
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	05/03/1957	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.	05/03/1957	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.	05/03/1957	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	08/02/1961	Ratification
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	08/02/1961	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	08/02/1961	Ratification
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	19/12/1963	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	24/03/1971	Acceptance
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	04/06/1974	Ratification
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	16/06/1975	Acceptance
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	24/06/1977	Ratification
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	05/03/1979	Acceptance
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.*	07/09/1990	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.	06/06/1991	Accession

Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.	06/06/1991	Accession
Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.	06/06/1991	Accession
Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.	26/10/1994	Accession
Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.	21/02/1995	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.	02/08/2004	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	08/11/2006	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	01/12/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	22/03/2007	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	13/02/2008	Ratification

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated: 8

- 2015: 50th anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer (1882-1965);
- 2012: 100th anniversary of the death of José Eloy Alfaro Delgado, statesman and thinker (1842-1912);
- 2010: 100th anniversary of the birth of Monseñor Leonidas Proaño (1910-1988);
- 2006: 100th anniversary of the birth of Jorge Icaza, writer (1906-1978);
- 2000: Hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antonio J. Quevedo (8 April 2000);
- 1989: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio María de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela);
- 1983: 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolívar, Liberator of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia);
- 1982: 150th anniversary of the birth of Juan Montalvo, writer and essayist.

22. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: two requests were approved for a total amount of US\$56,000. Moreover, Ecuador submitted an emergency assistance request following the earthquake that occurred in April 2016, for an amount of US\$50,000. The DG approved it for the amount requested in June 2016. UNESCO Quito implemented this project.
- 2018-2019: Ecuador submitted two requests under the PP which were both approved by the DG for the total amount requested: US\$30,000:
 - Architectural study of reconversion of activity and architectural rehabilitation of patrimonial buildings in Zaruma (US\$15,000);
 - Project for the awareness and care of tourists with disabilities in the Historic Center of Cuenca (US\$15,000).

23. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 5 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US\$ 247, 748

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER), with consultative status

25. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: 2

- Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), based in Quito
- Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS), based in Guayaquil

26. Payment of assessed membership fees as at 16 May 2019:

- Assessment rate: 0.103 %
- Last payment on 30 April 2019

27. Staff members' status: as of 21 May 2019 normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)

- Total number of staff members: 12
- Professional staff on geographical posts: 3
- National Professional Officer in the Field: 1
- International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts): 1