

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PARAGUAY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 20 June 1955
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** 2015-2019
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards: 1**
Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Term expires in 2019)
4. **DG's to Paraguay: 23-25 June** (signature of the Agreement on the category 2 Centre in Hydro-informatics for Integrated Water Resources Management with ITAIPU Binational).
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Paraguay**
March 2007 (Koichiro Matsuura)
May 1994 (Federico Mayor)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**
Ms Leticia Casati, Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Julia Velilla Laconich (Nov 2012-Jan 2015); Mr Luis Fernando Avalos Giménez (2005/2009).
7. **UNESCO Office in Montevideo and Regional Bureau for Science**
Since May 2014, Ms Lidia Brito (D-1, Mozambique) is the Director of the Cluster Office in Montevideo and Representative to Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and Mercosur.
8. **Comisión Nacional Paraguaya de Cooperación con la UNESCO**
 - Established in 1955;
 - President (since May 2016): Mr Enrique Riera Escudero, Minister of Education and Culture;
 - General Secretary (since May 2016): Mr Tomás Anibal Zapattini;
 - Executive Secretary: Ms Carmen Espínola de Barreto.
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities:** None
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Paraguay: 1**
UNESCO-AUGM Chair in Environmental Basic Sciences (1994) at the Universidad Nacional de Asunción, which is under closure. The official letter of closure will be sent to the University by the end of 2016.
11. **Associated Schools: 16**
Paraguay joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1985.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres** None
13. **Biosphere Reserves** 2
 - Bosque Mbaracayú (2000)
 - El Chaco (2005)
14. **UNESCO Global Geopark:** None
15. **World Heritage: 1**
 - Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue (1993)

- 16. Tentative List: 4**
- Sistema Ferrocarril Pte. Carlos Antonio López (1993)
 - Parque Nacional Ybyturuzu (1993)
 - Parque Nacional Tinfunke' (1993)
 - Mbaracayú Forest Nature Reserve (2003)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: None

- 18. Memory of the World Register: 1**
- Archives of Terror (2009)

19. Creative Cities Network: None

20. Legal instruments: 15 ratified

Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001	07/09/2006	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003	14/09/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	30/10/2007	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	13/10/2008	Ratification

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated: None

22. Participation Programme

2015-2016: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$78,000.

2014-2015: No project submitted

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

3 fellowships granted between 2002 and 2006 for a total amount of 28,194 US\$

24. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs)/ Non-governmental organizations maintaining relations with UNESCO, with headquarters in Paraguay: None

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: Owing

Assessment rate for 2016: 0.014 %; Contributions assessed for 2016: 45,710 US\$

26. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 6 March 2016): Max. 4; Min. 2: 2, under-represented

1 Professional Staff at Headquarters (geographical post) :

1 General Service Staff at Headquarters