

UNESCO AND SURINAME: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 16 July 1976
2. **Membership on the Executive Board: not currently.**
Previous terms: 2001-2005 (Mr Cornelis Pigot); 1989-1991 (Mr Ronald Venetiaan, former President of the Republic), and 1987-1989 (Mr Allan S. Li Fo Sjoie).
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC
4. **DG's visit to Suriname:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Guyana:** 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in May 2003)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr Reggy Martiales Nelson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Surinam to France, Permanent Delegate (designate)
 - Previous: H. E. Mr Harvey H. Naarendorp; Mr Gerhard Otmar Hiwat.
7. **UNESCO Office:** Suriname is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby (Nicaragua, D-1) has been the Director since August 1, 2015.
8. **Suriname National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Established on 16 June 1976 by Resolution of the Council of Ministers
 - **Chairperson:** The Honourable Lilian Ferrier, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
 - **Secretary-General:** Mr. Roy Smith
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none
11. **Associated Schools:** 0
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
16. **World Heritage Sites:** 2 sites
 - Central Suriname Nature Reserve (2000)
 - Historic Inner City of Paramaribo (2002)
17. **Tentative List:** 1
 - The settlement of Joden Savanne and Cassipora cemetery (30/06/1998)
18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none
19. **Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions

- Archive Middelburgsche Commercie Compagnie (MCC)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives
- Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers

20. Creative Cities Network: none

21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 2 ratified and 3 accessed

| Convention | Date of deposit | Type of deposit |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974. | 10/06/1982 | Ratification |
| Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.** | 22/07/1985 | Accession |
| Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972. | 23/10/1997 | Acceptance |
| International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005 | 20/07/2009 | Accession |
| Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. | 05/09/2017 | Ratification |

**The States marked with two asterisks are parties to the 1971 Convention alone.

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019: none

23. Participation Programme:

- During the biennium 2016-2017, four requests submitted under the Participation Programme were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US\$75,000.
- During the biennium 2018-2019, three requests submitted by Suriname were approved by the Director-General for a total amount of US\$69,000.

24. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 1 fellowship has been awarded to Suriname for a total amount of US\$ 8,000.

25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: none

27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2019 :

- Assessment rate: 0.006 %
- Last payment: 30 August 2017

28. Staff members' status : Non-represented (min. 2, max. 4)