

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND UNESCO

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Not at present. Dominican Republic was Member of the ExB from 2013 to 2017.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 4
 - **Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee** Member (Term expires in 2019)
 - **Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics** (Members elected by the UNESCO General Conference : Mr. Luis Madera Sued (Term expires on 31 December 2019)
 - **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission** Member
4. **DG's visits to Dominican Republic:** None
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Dominican Republic**
 - 2010 and 2015 (Irina Bokova)
 - 1955 (Luther Evans)
 - 1978 (Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow)
 - 1992 and December 1998 (Federico Mayor)
 - March 2004 (Koïchiro Matsuura)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

Ambassador José Antonio Rodríguez (since 29 November 2016)

Previous Permanent Delegates: Ms Laura Faxas (20 February 2013-November 2016); Ms Rosa Hernández de Grullon (April 2010- January 2013); Ms Laura Faxas-Jorgensen (2005- March 2010); Ms Lil Despradel (2000-2004); Ms Laura Faxas (1997- September 2000); Mr Cándido Gerón (1995-1996); Mr Alfonso Canto Dinzey (1994-May 1995); Mr Emilio Ludovino Fernández (1991-1993); Mr Caonabo Fernández Naranjo (1987-1991); Mr Rafael Solano (1983-1986); Mr Federico Suro Franco (1979-1982); Mr Anselmo Paulino Álvarez (1976-1977); Mr Federico M. Smester (1970-1976); M. Héctor Aristy (1966-1969).
7. **UNESCO Office:** Havana (Cuba)
 - The Havana Office is a Cluster Office for Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Aruba.
 - It was established on 24 February 1950, as UNESCO's Office for the Western Hemisphere, and it is one of the oldest UNESCO's structures away from Headquarters. Since the implementation of UNESCO's decentralization strategy, the Office became a Cluster Office to the Caribbean region and a Regional Bureau for Culture (ORCALC) in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Director: Ms. Katherine Müller-Marin (Costa Rica, D-1) since 1 March 2016.
 - UNESCO had an Antenna in Santo Domingo with Ms. Julissa Ureña as « service contract », this arrangement was in place between March 1997 and December 2003.
8. **Dominican Republic National Commission for UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Dominicana para la UNESCO)**
 - Established by Presidential Decree: 14 November 1957;
 - President: Arq. Eduardo Selman, Minister of Culture
 - Secretary-General (since September 2017): Dr. Luis Brea Franco
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities:** 1

- Mr. Juan Luís Guerra, UNESCO Artist for Peace (15 September 2008).
- 10. UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Dominican Republic: 6**
- Chaire UNESCO pour la paix, les droits de l'homme et la démocratie (1999), Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo
 - UNESCO Chair in Communication, Democracy and Good Governance (2003), the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santo Domingo
 - Chaire UNESCO en sciences sociales, politiques publiques et gouvernance démocratique (2010), Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales
 - UNESCO Chair on Teacher Training and Reading/Writing Research (2012), Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra
 - UNESCO Chair on Social and Academic Inclusion for Disabled People with Special Educational Needs (2013), Universidad Iberoamericana
 - UNESCO Chair on Water, Women and Governance (2014), Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales (IGLOBAL), FUNGLODE, CEHICA
- 11. Associated Schools: 50**
The country is among the most dynamic network members.
- 23 Primary/Secondary
 - 5 Teacher Training Institutions
 - 1 Vocational and Technical Institution
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres 1**
- Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States in Santo Domingo.
- 13. Biosphere Reserves: 1**
- La Selle - Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Dominican Republic/Haiti); (former Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo, 2002) 2017.
- 14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: None**
- 15. World Heritage: 1 cultural property**
- Colonial City of Santo Domingo (1990)
- 16. Tentative List: 13**
- Archaeological and Historical National Park of Pueblo Viejo, La Vega (21/11/2001)
 - Arte Rupestre Prehispánico en República Dominicana (05/02/2018)
 - City of Azúa de Compostela (21/11/2001)
 - Historical Centre of Puerto Plata (21/11/2001)
 - Jacagua, Villa of Santiago (21/11/2001)
 - Montecristi (21/11/2001)
 - Nuestra Señora de Monte Alegre or la Duquesa Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (05/04/2002)
 - Parque Nacional Cotubanamá (05/02/2018)
 - Parque Nacional Jaragua (05/02/2018)
 - Primeros Ingenios Coloniales Azucareros de América (05/02/2018)
 - Sanate Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios] (05/04/2002)
 - Santuario de Mamíferos Marinos Bancos de La Plata y Navidad (05/02/2018)
 - Sitio Arqueológico de la Villa La Isabela (05/02/2018)
- 17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3**
- Cocolo dance drama tradition Dominican Republic (2008)
 - Cultural space of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit of the Congos of Villa Mella (2008)
 - Music and dance of the Dominican merengue (2016)

18. Memory of the World Register: 2

- Book for the Baptism of Slaves (1636-1670) (inscribed in 2009).
- Documentary Heritage on the Resistance and Struggle for Human Rights in the Dominican Republic, 1930-1961 (inscribed in 2009).

19. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

20. Legal instruments 14 ratified

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.	05/01/1960	Accession
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	24/08/1972	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	24/08/1972	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	07/03/1973	Ratification
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	30/08/1977	Ratification
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	08/02/1983 1	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.	08/02/1983	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	12/02/1985	Ratification
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	27/10/1986	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	21/03/2002	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	15/05/2002	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	02/10/2006	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.	03/03/2009	Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	24/09/2009	Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19	06/09/2012	Accession

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2019: none

22. Participation Programme

- For the 2018-2019 biennium, Dominican Republic submitted five national requests and one regional request. Two national requests were approved for a total amount of 48,000 US\$.
- 2016-2017: 4 requests were approved for a total amount of US\$83000.
- Moreover, following the rainfall caused by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016, the Dominican Republic made a request for Emergency Assistance under the Participation Programme for an amount of US\$43,250 with a view to repairing the structural damage to the Felix Moreno Marcona Primary School located in Sabana Perdida. The DG approved this Emergency Assistance project for the requested amount.

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

- Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded to Dominican Republic for a total amount of USD 28,204.

24. NGOs and/or Foundations in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- Since 2006, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE) / Fondation mondiale pour la démocratie et le développement (FUNGLODE). Official relations with FUNGLODE were renewed in 2013 for another 6 years.

It should also be noted that the Desk INO received (11/11/2016) a request for official partnership by the Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Ayuda Social, Ecológica y Cultural (FIADASEC). The President of this NGO is Ms Irmgard Radefeldt.

- **IGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO: none**

25. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 24 January 2019):

- Assessment rate for 2019: 0.068 %
- Last payment: 17 December 2018

26. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 18 November 2017): 0 on geographical position posts; non-represented (Max. 4; Min. 2)