

## I. COUNTRY PROFILE

### Political system

- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government.
- President: H.E. Mr. Mario Abdo Benitez (since 15 August 2018). The President is elected by simple majority popular vote for a single 5-year term.
- Minister of Foreign affairs: H.E. Mr Antonio Rivas Palacios. The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President.

### Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2019)

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| • Total population (million):                          | 7.0             |
| • Human Development Index:                             | 0.724/ Rank: 98 |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years) :                   | 74.1            |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): | 11,720          |
| • Internet users (% of population):                    | 65.0            |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones):         | 0.9             |
- (Map of Paraguay at the last page)*

### Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Expected years of schooling (years):            | 12.7                  |
| • Compulsory education (years):                   | 13 (from age 5 to 17) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%):   | 77.95%                |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 4.52%                 |

## II. PARAGUAY/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 20 June 1955

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No, last term was in 2015- 2019.

3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 1

- Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) term expires on the 41<sup>st</sup> General Conference.

4. **DG's visit to Paraguay:** none to date

5. **Former Director General's visit to Paraguay:** 1, in June 2016

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

- H. E. Mr Emilio Lorenzo Gimenez Franco, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Paraguay in France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since April 2019)
- First Secretary: Ms Luz Marina Moreno
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H. E. Ms Julia Velilla Laconich (2012-2015); Chargée d'Affaires a.i. : Ms Leticia Casati (2015- déc 2018)

7. **UNESCO Office:** Montevideo (Uruguay)

- Since May 2014, Ms Lidia Brito (D-1, Mozambique) is the Director of the Cluster Office in Montevideo and Representative to Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

## 8. Paraguay National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:

- Date of establishment : 1955
- President: H. E. Mr Eduardo Petta San Martin, Minister of Education and Science and President of the Paraguay National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO
- Secretary General: Mr Javier Albino Alcaraz Cabral, Secretary General of the Paraguay National Commission for cooperation with UNESCO

## 9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: 1

- The Paraguayan Orchestra H2O – Sound of Earth (Dir: Mr Luis Szarán), UNESCO Artist for Peace, December 2016.  
*Background.* The Orchestra H2O – Sound of the Earth was appointed UNESCO Artist for Peace in December 2016. The Orchestra uses musical instruments made from salvaged waste, such as bottles and cans. Guitars, trumpets and flutes made from recycled pipes and funnels hold a large musical repertoire in order to spread a simple and urgent message: water is a natural resource that could be irremediably drained if the necessary measures are not taken. H2O - Sounds of the Earth travels all around Paraguay and beyond, with its 50 orchestras of 2,200 children and young musicians and 300 adults from 44 ethnic communities in Paraguay. H2O organizes also during their tours many awareness campaigns about the good management of environment and water conservation. In March 2018, they performed during the 8th World Water Forum on the theme “Sharing Water”, held in Brasilia, Brazil.

## 10. UNESCO Chairs: none

## 11. Associated Schools: 16

- 8 primary, 3 primary/secondary, 4 secondary, 1 vocational and technical institution.
- Paraguay joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1985.

## 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1 (partially signed in 2016)

- The joint Paraguay and Brazil International Centre on Hydroinformatics for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICHIWRM) was approved by in 2007 by the General Conference in 34 C/Resolution 30. Thirteen (13) years on, the agreement between the two Member States and UNESCO, is still not signed by the Member States. In May 2019, UNESCO invited the Governments to take action and submit the signed agreement, to which the Member States requested additional time for negotiations. Upon termination of the time granted, a second request for additional time was received in January 2020. UNESCO has written to both Member States granting a second extension to 30 June 2020 for signing the agreement.

## 13. Biosphere Reserves: 3

- 2017: Itaipu
- 2005: El Chaco
- 2000: Bosque Mbaracayú, periodic review in 2013

## 14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

## 15. World Heritage Sites: 1

- 1993: Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue (Cultural)

## 16. Tentative List: 6

- 2018: Paraguayan Pantanal
- 2018: Railway Complex and English Village of Sapucaí
- 2003: Mbaracayú Forest Nature Reserve
- 1993: Sistema Ferrocarril Pte. Carlos Antonio López
- 1993: Parque Nacional Ybyturuzu
- 1993: Parque Nacional Tinfunke'

**17. Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none

**18. Memory of the World Register:** 1

- 2009: Archives of Terror (Documentary heritage)

**19. Creative Cities Network:** 1

- 2019: Areguá (Paraguay) – Crafts and Folk Art

**20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 17 ratified and 23 non-ratified conventions

Ratified conventions:

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	11/12/1961	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.	11/12/1961	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.	11/12/1961	Accession
Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	11/12/1961	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	26/11/1969	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	30/10/1978	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	27/04/1988	Ratification
Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.	07/06/1995	Ratification
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.*	07/06/1995	Ratification
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.	09/11/2004	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	09/11/2004	Accession
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	09/11/2004	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.	09/11/2004	Accession
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 was associated:** none

## 22. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: four requests were approved for a total amount of US\$74,500. Those projects were implemented by our Office in Montevideo.
- 2018-2019: three requests were approved for a total amount of US\$69,000. UNESCO Montevideo is implementing these projects.

## 23. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Paraguay.

## 24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

## 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2020:

- Assessment rate: 0.021 % corresponding to US\$ 54, 983

## 26. Staff members' status: normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)

- Total number of staff members: 3
- Professional staff on geographical posts: 2

## 27. Map of Paraguay :

