

## I. COUNTRY PROFILE

### Political system

- Jamaica is a Parliamentary democracy, under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Dr. Patrick L. ALLEN (since 26 February 2009)
- Prime minister: Prime Minister Andrew HOLNESS (since 3 March 2016)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade : Senator Kamina Johnson Smith

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

- Total population (million): 2.9
- Human Development Index: 0.726 / Rang 96
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 74.4
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 7,932
- Internet users (% of population): 55.1
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 2.5  
(Map of Jamaica at the last page)

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

- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.3
- Compulsory education (years): 6 (from age 6 to 11)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 79.1 (2019)
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.17 (2019)

## II. JAMAICA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 7 November 1962

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (2017-2021), elected at the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference for a second term, which expires in 2021.  
Representative: Minister Ms Olivia Grange  
Previous terms: 2007-2009; 2001-2005; 1991-1995; 1981-1985; 1980-1981; 1974-1976; 1970-1976.

3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**

- Intergovernmental Council for the Information for all program. Member (Term expires: 41<sup>st</sup> General Conference)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

4. **The Director-General's visit to Jamaica:** none to date

5. **Former Director-Generals' visit to Jamaica:** none

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

- H. E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2018).

Previous Ambassadors:

- H.E. Ms. Vilma Kathleen McNish (July 2012 – December 2017)

- H.E. Ms. Marcia Gilbert Roberts (October 2007 – December 2011)
  - H.E. Ms. Ruby Evadne Coye (June 2006 – December 2006)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Yes, Jamaica hosts the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston, which serves 20 Member States and Associate Member States. Ms. Saadia Sanchez-Vega (Venezuela, D-1) is the Director since September 2020.
8. **Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO:**
- Established in February 1965;
  - Chairperson: Hon. Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (since March 2016);
  - Secretary-General: Mr Everton Hannam, since October 2004.
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** None
- Prior the current review of the Goodwill Ambassador programme in 2020, Ms. Veronica Campbell Brown, track and field sprint athlete, was UNESCO Champion for Sport.
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 1
- UNESCO-Commonwealth Regional Chair in Education and HIV/AIDS (2004), University of the West Indies.
11. **Associated Schools:** 4 (Pre-primary 1, Primary 1, Secondary 2). Jamaica has joined the ASPnet in 1980.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none
14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none
15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
16. **World Heritage Sites:** 1 site  
Blue and John Crow Mountains (2015)
17. **Tentative List:** 2 sites
- The Underwater City of Port Royal (2009);
  - Seville Heritage Park (2009).
18. **Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** 2
- Reggae music of Jamaica, inscribed in 2018
  - "The Maroon Heritage of Moore Town" Inscribed in 2008
19. **Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions
- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834 (2009)
  - Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011)
  - The West India Committee collection (2016)
20. **Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Music – Kingston.

**21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 5 ratified**

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	14/06/1983	Acceptance
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	07/10/1993	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	27/10/1993	Accession
Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.	12/10/1999	Accession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	16/03/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	02/08/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	04/05/2007	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	27/09/2010	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	09/08/2011	Ratification

**22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2020-2021: none**

**23. Participation Programme:**

- For the 2018-2019 biennium, four requests under the Participation Programme were approved for a total amount of US\$75,000.
- During the 2016-2017 biennium, four national requests submitted by Jamaica were approved for a total amount of US\$79,000 and a regional request for US\$35,000.

**24. Fellowships:**

- Since 2010, 7 fellowships have been awarded to Jamaica for a total amount of US\$ 64 228,59.

**25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none**

**26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: none**

**27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2020**

- Assessment rate: 0.010 %

**28. Staff members' status : 11 staff members, out of which 2 in geographical distribution posts, normally-represented (min. 2, max. 4)**