

# UNESCO AND THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

## 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 Jimmy Ernesto MORALES CABRERA (since 14 January 2016). The President is elected by universal suffrage for a four-year term (not eligible for consecutive terms). The last Presidential elections took place on 11 August won by Alejandro Giammattei. He will step in in January 2020.
- Vice President: H.E. Mr Jafeth CABRERA FRANCO (since 14 January 2016).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Ms Sandra JOVEL (since 27 August 2016).

### Statistical data (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2018)

- Total population (million): 16,9
- Human Development Index: 0.650 / 127<sup>th</sup> rank
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 73.7
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 7,278
- Internet users (% of population): 34.5
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones): 1.2

(Map of Guatemala at the last page)

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

- Expected years of schooling (years): 10.8
- Compulsory education (years): 16 (from age 0 to 15)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 85.22
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 2,8

## II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 2 January 1950

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous terms: 2003-2007, 1989-1993, 1978-1983)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions:** 6

- 2021: Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
- 2021: Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (Vice-Chairperson)
- 2020: Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- 2019: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
- 2019: Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme
- Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **The Director-General's visits to Guatemala:** None

5. **Former Director-General's visits to Guatemala:**

- Irina Bokova: 2015
- Koïchiro Matsuura: 2004
- Federico Mayor: 1992, 1993, 1996

## **6. Permanent Delegation:**

- H.E. Mr Roberto Francisco Gross Hernandez, Permanent Delegate (designate)
- Ms Iris Julissa Hengstenberg Delgado, Minister Counsellor
- Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Luis Fernando Andrade Falla (May 2018–November 2018); Mr Marco Tulio Chicas Sosa (September 2013 – January 2018)

## **7. UNESCO Office in Guatemala (Guatemala)**

- Since July 2014, Mr Julio Carranza is the Head of the Office.

## **8. Guatemalan National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Guatemalteca de Cooperación con la UNESCO)**

- Establishment: 2 June 1950
- President/Chairperson: Mr Óscar Hugo López Rivas, Minister of Education (since January 2016)
- Secretary-General: Ms Sara Peralta de Rodríguez (since April 2016)

## **9. Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities:** Ms Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Goodwill Ambassador since June 1996.

## **10. UNESCO Chairs: 2**

- 2017: Chair on Peace, Security, Justice and Human Rights, Latin American Social Sciences Institute FLACSO-Guatemala
- 2005: Chair on Water Resources Sustainability, University of San Carlos de Guatemala, Ciudad de Guatemala

## **11. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 18**

- 14 primary and 4 secondary schools
- The country joined the ASPnet in 1965

## **12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: None**

## **13. Biosphere Reserves: 3**

- 2011: Trifinio Fraternidad, transboundary with El Salvador/Guatemala/Honduras
- 1992: Sierra de las Minas
- 1990: Maya

## **14. UNESCO Global Geopark Network: None**

## **15. World Heritage Sites: 3 (2 cultural and 1 mixed)**

- 1981: Archaeological Park and Ruins of Quirigua (cultural)
- 1979: Antigua Guatemala (cultural)
- 1979: Tikal National Park (mixed)

## **16. Tentative List: 21 properties**

- 2012: The Painted Murals of San Bartolo
- 2012: Tak'alik Ab'aj National Park
- 2012: The Caves of Naj Tunich
- 2002: Castle of San Felipe de Lara

- 2002: Naj Tunich Cave
- 2002: National Park Sierra del Lacandón
- 2002: Protected area of Lake Atitlán: multiple use
- 2002: Route of the Agroindustry and the Architecture Victoriana
- 2002: Route of the Franciscan Evangelisation
- 2002: Route of the Peace and National Identity
- 2002: Route of the to Dominique Evangelisation
- 2002: Sierra De Las Minas Biosphere Reservation
- 2002: The Core of the Mayan Area
- 2002: The Cuenca Mirador
- 2002: The Cultural Triangle
- 2002: The Green Route of Verapaz, Guatemala
- 2002: The Manglares Route of Pacific Coast of Guatemala
- 2002: The Mayan-Olmecan Encounter
- 2002: The Route of The Rivers
- 2002: Town of Chichicastenango
- 2002: Visis Cabá National park and Triangulo Ixil Vernacular Architecture

#### 17. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: 2

- 2008: Rabinal Achí dance drama tradition
- 2008: Language, dance and music of the Garifuna, multinational with Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua

##### List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding: 1

- 2013: Nan Pa'ch ceremony

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

- The Florid Recollection, a historical speech and natural, material, military and political account of the Reyno of Guatemala (2017)

##### Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC): 2

- Acuerdos de Paz de Guatemala (Archivo General de Centroamérica AGCA) (137/2016)
- 60 años de Historia de la Ciudad Maya de Quiriguá escrita en piedra (Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes a través del Viceministerio del Patrimonio Cultural y Natural de Guatemala) (138/2016)

#### 19. Creative Cities Network: none

#### 20. Legal instruments

Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.	08/07/1960	Ratification
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	23/11/1960	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	23/11/1960	Ratification
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	28/07/1964	Ratification
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.	28/07/1964	Ratification
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.	28/07/1964	Ratification

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.	28/07/1964	Ratification
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	14/10/1976	Accession
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	14/10/1976	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	16/01/1979	Acceptance
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	04/02/1983	Ratification
Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.	04/02/1983	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	14/01/1985	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.	02/10/1985	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	26/06/1990	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	19/05/1994	Accession
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.	04/02/2005	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	25/10/2006	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	25/10/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	17/03/2008	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	03/11/2015	Ratification

## 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated

None anniversary in 2018-2019

- 1999: Centenary of the birth of the Guatemalan writer Miguel Angel Asturias (19 October 1999).
- 1989: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Puerto Rican thinker Eugenio Maria de Hostos (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)
- 1963: 400th anniversary of the death of Francisco Marroquin, first Bishop of Guatemala, linguist and protector of the Indians (1534-1563)
- 1962: 100th anniversary of the birth of Agustín Mencos Franco
- 1962: 100th anniversary of the death of Mariano Gálvez

## 22. Participation Programme

- 2018-2019: 3 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 61,000. The UNESCO Office in Guatemala City will implement these projects.
- 2016-2017: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 75,000. The UNESCO Office in Guatemala City implemented the 4 projects;
- 2014-2015: 3 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 78,000.

## 23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

Since 2010, 3 fellowships have been awarded for a total amount of US\$ 33.251,34.

## 24. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO: None

25. **IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** Secretaría Permanente del Tratado General de Integración Económica Centroamericana (SIECA)
26. **Representation within the Secretariat** (as at 01/09/2019): under-represented with 1 staff on geographical post at Headquarters (Max. 4; Min. 2):
  - Total staff Nationals from Guatemala: 7