

## UNESCO AND SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE

#### Political system

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a Parliamentary democracy (House of Assembly), under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Sir Frederick Nathaniel BALLANTYNE (since 2 September 2002)
- Prime Minister: Prime Minister Ralph E. GONSALVES (since 29 March 2001)
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Regional Integration Minister: The Hon. Louis Straker.

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

- Total population (million): 0.1
- Human Development Index: 0.723 / Rang 99
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 73.3
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 10,499
- Internet users (% of population): 55.6
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 1.9  
(Map of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines at the last page)

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

- Expected years of schooling (years): 11.4
- Compulsory education (years): 12 (from age 5 to 16)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 69.6
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.75 (2017)

### II. SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 14 January 1983
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes (since October 2017, term expires in October 2021).  
Representative: Ms Claudine Le Marant de Kerdaniel
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication, Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
4. **DG's visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:** 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in January 2006)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Mr Nader El Hariri, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate (since March 2019)
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr. Walfic Said (1996 -2018).

7. **UNESCO Office:** none, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby has been the Director since August 1, 2015.

8. **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Established in 1983.
- **Chairperson** (since January 2016): The Honourable St. Clair Prince, Minister of Education, Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs.
- **Secretary-General:** Ms Janeil Henry, since December 2009.

9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** none

11. **Associated Schools:** 10  
1 pre-primary, 3 primary and 6 secondary

12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

13. **UNESCO Clubs:** none

14. **Biosphere Reserves:** none

15. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

16. **World Heritage Sites:** none

17. **Tentative List:** 3

- Grenadines Island Group (2012)
- Rock Art of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (2012)
- The La Soufrière National Park (2012)

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

19. **Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription

- 2017: Records of the Indian Indentured Labourers

20. **Creative Cities Network:** none

21. **UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** 3 ratified

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.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
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.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession

Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
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.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
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.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.	22/01/1985	Notification of succession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	03/02/2003	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	25/08/2009	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	25/09/2009	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	25/09/2009	Accession
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	08/11/2010	Ratification

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

**23. Participation Programme:**

- During the 2016-2017 biennium, three projects were approved by the DG under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$56,119.
- For the 2018-2019 biennium, three projects were approved by the DG under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$63,538.

**24. Fellowships:**

- Since 2010, 12 fellowships have been awarded to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for a total amount of US\$ 133 303.

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

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

**27. Staff members' status :** Non-represented (min. 2, max. 4). The National Commission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines submitted 2 candidatures for the YPP 2018.