

## I. COUNTRY PROFILE

### Political system

- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government. The Cabinet is appointed by the President with approval of the General Assembly.
- President: H.E. Mr Luis Lacalle Pou (since 1 March 2020).
- The President and the Vice-President are directly elected on the same ballot by absolute majority vote in 2 rounds, if needed, for a 5-year term (eligible for nonconsecutive terms); election last held on 27 October 2019, with a runoff on 24 November 2019.
- Minister of Foreign Relations: H.E. Mr. Francisco Carlos Bustillo Bonasso (since 6 July 2020).

### Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

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| • Total population (millions):                         | 3.6             |
| • Human Development Index:                             | 0.817 / Rank 55 |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years):                    | 77.9            |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): | 20,064          |
| • Internet users (% of population):                    | 68.3%           |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes):        | 2.0             |
- (Map of Uruguay at the last page)*

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

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| • Expected years of schooling (years):            | 16.8                  |
| • Compulsory education (years):                   | 14 (from age 4 to 17) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%):   | 99,8% (2018)          |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 5.05% (2018)          |

## II. URUGUAY/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 8 November 1947

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes; for the period 2019 – 2023

3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 2

- Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires: 41st General Conference);
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **DG's visits to Uruguay:** 1 in December 2019

5. **Former Director General's visit to Uruguay:** 2, in June 2016 and September 2012

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**

- H.E. Ms. Gabriela Civila Lopez (since June 2021)
- Previous Permanent Delegate: Ms. Alejandra De Bellis, (June 2016- May 2021), Mr. Guillermo Dighiero Arrarte (October 2015 to May 2016)

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

- UNESCO Office in Montevideo (Uruguay) is a Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean and a Cluster office to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

**8. Uruguayan National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Date of establishment: 11 March 1975
- President: H.E. Ms Ana Ribeiro, Vice-Minister of Education and Culture (since March 2020)
- Secretary-General: Mr Marcello Figueredo (since March 2020)

**9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: one as of November 2021**

- Mr Milton MASCIADRI, UNESCO Artist for Peace since October 1998. His mandate has been renewed for two years from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2022, on the basis of a plan of action. Recently, in the context of UN-UNESCO celebrations for 2021 World Oceans Day, on 8 June, Milton Masciadri joined UNESCO Artist for Peace Eijin Nimura's initiative of a musical video dedicated to the preservation of oceans.
- Furthermore, Mr Óscar Washington Tabárez was a Champion for Sport from Uruguay, from 2012 to 2020.

**10. UNESCO Chairs: 9**

- 2021: UNESCO Chair on Open Education, Universidad de la República
- 2019: UNESCO Chair on Education of Young People and Adults in Uruguay, Universidad de la República
- 2019: Chair on Socio-cultural Anticipation and Resilience, South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainability Studies
- 2018: Chair on Coastal and Continental Shelf Geoscience, Universidad de la República
- 2015: Chair on Water and Culture, Universidad de la República
- 2013: Chair on Integrated Coastal Zone Management of the Southern Cone, Universidad de la República
- 2012: Chair in Carnival and Heritage, Universidad de la República
- 2011: Chair on Neuroactive Natural Products, The Clemente Estable Institute of Biological Research, Montevideo
- 2002: Chair in Human Rights, University of the Republic, Montevideo

**11. UNITWIN Network: 1**

2018: International Network on Climate Change and Decision Making, established at the South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainability Studies (SARAS)

**12. UNESCO – UNEVOC Network: 2**

- 2013: National Institute of Employment and Professional Formation "Instituto Nacional de Empleo y Formación Profesional" (INEFOP)
- 2012: National Education and Work programme - Educational Centers of Capacitation and Production (PNET-CECAP)

**13. Associated Schools: 129**

- 4 Pre-primary, 94 Primary, 5 Primary/Secondary, 18 Secondary, 3 Teacher Training Institution and 5 Vocational and Technical Institution

**14. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2**

- The Regional Experimental Centre for Sanitation Technologies (CERTS) in Canelones, Uruguay was approved in 2019 via General Conference decision contained in 40 C/Resolution 28.
- The Regional centre for groundwater management for Latin America and the Caribbean (CeReGAS) in Montevideo, Uruguay was approved in 2013 via General Conference decision contained in 37 C/Resolution 27. The agreement with UNESCO was signed on 20 December 2016 and will expire on 19 December 2022.

**15. Biosphere Reserves: 2**

- 2014: Bioma Pampa-Quebradas del Norte
- 1976: Bañados del Este (reviewed in 2005 and 2014)

**16. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 1 since 2015**

- Grutas del palacio

**17. World Heritage Sites:**

*Cultural Sites: 3*

- 2021: The work of engineer Eladio Dieste: Church of Atlántida
- 2015: Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape
- 1995: Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento

*Tentative List: 6*

- 2015: Isla de Flores Cultural Landscape and its fluvio-marine context
- 2014: Quartier de Peñarol : la Vieille Ville historique et le paysage industriel ferroviaire
- 2010: Architecture Moderne du XX siècle de la Ville de Montevideo
- 2010: La Rambla (promenade maritime) de la Cité de Montévideo
- 2005: Insular area and bay of Colonia del Sacramento
- 2005: Chamangá: A Rock Paintings Area

**18. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 2 (on the Representative List)**

- 2009: Candombe and its socio-cultural space: a community practice
- 2009: Tango (with Argentina)

**19. Memory of the World Register: 3**

- 2015: Fundo Comitê de Defesa dos Direitos Humanos para os Países do Cone Sul (CLAMOR), submitted with Brazil
- 2015: The War of the Triple Alliance Iconographic and cartographic presentations, submitted with Brazil
- 2003: Original records of Carlos Gardel – Horacio Lorient Collection (1913-1935)

**20. Creative Cities Network: 1**

- 2015: Montevideo (Creative City of Literature)

## 21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 20 ratified

Date	Title	
28 April 2008	International Convention against Doping in Sport.	Ratification
18 January 2007	Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.	Ratification
18 January 2007	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.	Ratification
03 January 2007	Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.	Accession
03 May 2004	Convention against Discrimination in Education.	Acceptance
24 September 1999	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention.	Ratification
24 September 1999	First Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.	Ratification
20 April 1999	Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed.	Ratification
20 April 1999	Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV	Acceptance
20 April 1999	Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H.	Accession
12 January 1993	Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention.	Accession
12 January 1993	Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI.	Ratification
12 January 1993	Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations.	Ratification
12 January 1993	Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees.	Ratification
12 January 1993	Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI.	Accession
09 March 1989	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.	Acceptance
22 May 1984	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat.	Accession
06 October 1982	Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms.	Ratification
09 August 1977	Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.	Ratification
04 April 1977	International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations.	Accession

## 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated: 7

- 2020-2021: 100th anniversary of the birth of Cintio Vitier, poet (1921-2009) (Cuba with the support of the Dominican Republic and Uruguay)
- 2020-2021: 100th anniversary of the birth of Oswaldo Guayasamín, painter (Ecuador with the support of Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay) ;

- 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);
- 1968: 100th anniversary of the birth of Carlos Reyles, writer
- 1967: 50th anniversary of the death of Jose' Enrique Rodo', writer
- 1967: 100th anniversary of the death of Michael Faraday
- 1964: 200th anniversary of the birth of Jose' Gervasio Artigas
- Spain: 400th anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes, writer (1547-1616) (with the support of Colombia, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Portugal and Uruguay)

### **23. Participation Programme:**

- 2020-2021: four requests submitted under the Participation Programme were approved by the DG for a total amount of US\$75,000.
- 2018-2019: four national requests and one regional request were approved for a total amount of US\$109,950.
- 2016-2017: four requests were approved for a total amount of US\$75,000

**24. Fellowships:** since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Uruguay

### **25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: 3**

- There are 3 NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:
  - Asociación Internacional de Radiodifusión (AIR), with associate status
  - International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), with consultative status
  - Servicio Paz y Justicia (SERPAJ), with consultative status
- There is one Foundation and similar institutions in official relations with UNESCO:
  - Fundación Celeste, since 1992

### **26. IGOs and Foundations in official relations with UNESCO: 1**

- Inter-American Children's Union

### **27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:** (as at November 2021)

- Assessment rate: 0.112 %

### **28. Representation within the Secretariat**

- Total staff Nationals from Uruguay: 15
- Professional staff in geographical posts: 2
- Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 4; Min. 2): Normally represented

1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)  
 1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts)  
 1 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Non-Geographical Posts)  
 2 National Professional Officer in the Field  
 1 General Service Staff at Headquarters  
 9 General Service Staff in the Field

As a normally represented Member State, Uruguay is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

31. Map of Uruguay:

