

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON DOMINICAN REPUBLIC / UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The President of the Dominican Republic functions as both Head of State and of Government. Executive power is exercised by the Government. Legislative power is vested in the bicameral National Congress.
- President of the Republic: H.E. Mr Luis Abinader (since 16 August 2020).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Mr Roberto Alvarez (since 16 August 2020).
- General elections were held in the Dominican Republic on 5 July 2020 to elect a President, Vice-President, 32 senators and 190 deputies. They had originally been planned for 17 May, but were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Statistical data (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

- Population, total (millions): 11.8
- Human Development Index: 0.756/Rank: 88
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 74.1
- Expected years of schooling (years): 14.2
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP \$): 17,591
- Internet users (% of population): 74.8
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tons): 2.3

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Compulsory education: 15 years (from age 3 to 17)
 - Net enrolment ratio in primary education: 86.1%
 - Net enrolment ratio in secondary education: 77.17%
 - Youth literacy rate: 98.84 %
 - Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): N/A
- (Map of the Dominican Republic attached)

II. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership:** since 4 November 1946

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Yes; for the period 2019-2023.

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

- Permanent Membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **Director-General's visits to Dominican Republic:** None

5. **The former Director-General's visits to Dominican Republic:** 2010 and 2015

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO**

- H.E. Mr. Andrés Luciano Mateo Martínez, Ambassador (November 2020)
- Former Ambassador : José Antonio Rodríguez (November 2016 – September 2020)

7. UNESCO Office: Havana (Cuba)

- The Havana Office is a Cluster Office for Cuba and the Dominican Republic.
- Established on 24 February 1950.
- Director: Ms. Saadia Sanchez Vegas (Venezuela, D-1) a.i. since 1 February 2021.
- UNESCO has an Antenna in Santo Domingo.

8. Dominican Republic National Commission for UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Dominicana para la UNESCO)

- Established by Presidential Decree: 14 November 1957
- Secretary-General (since August 2020): Mr. Jesus Paniagua

9. Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities: None

10. UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in Dominican Republic: 6

- 2014 : UNESCO Chair on Water, Women and Governance, Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales (IGLOBAL), FUNGLODE, CEHICA
- 2013: UNESCO Chair on Social and Academic Inclusion for Disabled People with Special Educational Needs, Universidad Iberoamericana
- 2012 : UNESCO Chair on Teacher Training and Reading/Writing Research, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra
- 2010 : Chaire UNESCO en sciences sociales, politiques publiques et gouvernance démocratique, Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales
- 2003 : UNESCO Chair in Communication, Democracy and Good Governance, the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santo Domingo
- 1999 : Chaire UNESCO pour la paix, les droits de l'homme et la démocratie, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo

11. Associated Schools: 50

- 23 Primary/Secondary; 21 Secondary; 5 Teacher Training Institutions; and 1 Vocational and Technical Institution
- The country is among the most dynamic network members.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres 1

- Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States in Santo Domingo.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 1

- 2017: La Selle – Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo (transboundary; jointly with Haiti) (former Jaragua-Bahoruco-Enriquillo, 2002)

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: None

15. World Heritage Sites: 1 Cultural

- 1990: Colonial City of Santo Domingo

16. Tentative List: 13

- 2018: Santuario de Mamíferos Marinos Bancos de La Plata y Navidad
- 2018: Sitio Arqueológico de la Villa La Isabela
- 2018: Parque Nacional Cotubanamá
- 2018: Parque Nacional Jaragua
- 2018: Primeros Ingenios Coloniales Azucareros de América
- 2018: Arte Rupestre Prehispánico en República Dominicana
- 2002: Nuestra Señora de Monte Alegre or la Duquesa Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios]
- 2002: Sanate Sugar Mill [Ruta de Los Ingenios]
- 2001: Archaeological and Historical National Park of Pueblo Viejo, La Vega
- 2001: City of Azúa de Compostela
- 2001: Historical Centre of Puerto Plata
- 2001: Jacagua, Villa of Santiago
- 2001: Montecristi

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 elements in the Representative List

- 2019 Music and dance of Dominican Bachata
- 2016: Music and dance of the Dominican merengue
- 2008: Cocolo dance drama tradition Dominican Republic
- 2008: Cultural space of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit of the Congos of Villa Mella

18. Memory of the World Register: 2

- 2009: Book for the Baptism of Slaves (1636-1670)
- 2009: Documentary Heritage on the Resistance and Struggle for Human Rights in the Dominican Republic (1930-1961)

19. Creative Cities Network: 1

- 2019: Santo Domingo – City of Music

20. Legal instruments 14 ratified

Convention	Date of deposit	Type of deposit
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.	05/01/1960	Accession
Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	24/08/1972	Ratification
Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	24/08/1972	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	07/03/1973	Ratification
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	30/08/1977	Ratification
Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	08/02/1983 1	Accession
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.	08/02/1983	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	12/02/1985	Ratification
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	27/10/1986	Accession
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	21/03/2002	Accession

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	15/05/2002	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	02/10/2006	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.	03/03/2009	Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	24/09/2009	Accession
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	06/09/2012	Accession

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: none

22. Participation Programme

- For the 2020-2021 biennium, the Dominican Republic National Commission submitted a total of three requests. So far, two requests were approved by the DG for a total amount of US\$38,485.
- For the 2018-2019 biennium, the DG approved three requests submitted by the Dominican Republic for a total amount of US\$68,000.

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme

- Since 2010, 3 fellowships awarded to Dominican Republic for a total amount of USD 28,205.

24. NGOs and/or Foundations in official partnership with UNESCO: 1

- the *Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo* (FUNGLODE) is in official relations with UNESCO under the *Directives concerning UNESCO's official relations with foundations and similar institutions*. Established in 2006 for a renewable period of six years, the relations were renewed in 2013 and are currently under evaluation.
- A request of admission has been recently submitted (June 2019) by the *Fundación Eduardo Leon Jimenes* (not yet evaluated).

25. IGOs maintaining official relations with UNESCO: none

26. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 25 February 2021):

- Assessment rate for 2020: 0.068 %

27. Representation within the Secretariat (as at October 2019): non-represented (max.: 4; min.: 2)

- 1 General Service Staff at Headquarters.

28. Map of the Dominican Republic

