

UNESCO AND THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The country is a Federal Presidential Republic. The President is both Chief of State and Head of Government.
- President: H.E. Mr. Nicolas MADURO Moros (since 19 April 2013). The President is directly elected by simple majority popular vote for a 6-year term (no term limits). The Council of Ministers is appointed by the President.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Mr. Jorge Arreaza.

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2019)

- Total population (million): 28.9
- Human Development Index: 0.726/ Rank 96
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 72.1
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 9,070
- Internet users (% of population): 72.0%
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 4.3
(Map of the country at the last page)

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 14.3
- Compulsory education (years): 16 (from age 0 to 16)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): 83.99%
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 6.87% (as of 2009)

II. VENEZUELA/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 25 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires : 2021)
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 2
 - Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme. Elected by the 40 General Conference for 2019-2021
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **DG's visit to Venezuela:** none to date
5. **Former Director General's visit to Venezuela:** January 2001, M. Koïchiro Matsuura
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Jorge Valero Briceño, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Venezuela to UNESCO (since December 2020)
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Hector Alejandro Constant Rosales (since 10 January 2018 until November 2020); H.E. Mr Luis Alberto Crespo (Sept 2013- Nov 2017)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Quito (Ecuador)

- The UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador) covers Venezuela. Since September 2020, Mr. Youssef Filali-Meknassi (D-1, Maroc) is the Director of the Office and UNESCO Representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

8. Venezuelan National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:

- Date of establishment : 17 August 1948
- Secretary-General: Mr Carlos Luis Uztáris Pérez (since December 2018)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: None

10. UNESCO Chairs: 1

- 2004: UNESCO Chair on Computer Network, Universidad de Los Andes

11. Associated Schools: 205

- 12 Pre-primary, 158 Primary, 23 Primary/Secondary, 9 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 2 Vocational and Technical Institution

12. Category 1 Institute: 1

The UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) was created by the UNESCO General Conference in 1997, replacing the Regional Center for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRESALC for its Spanish abbreviation) established in 1974. It is the sole specialized institute of the United Nations system with the mission to contribute to the improvement of higher education in member States. The institute is located in Caracas.

13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 2

- 1993: Alto Orinoco-Casiquiare
- 2009: Delta del Orinoco

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

16. World Heritage Sites: 3

- 2000: Ciudad Universitaria de Caracas (Cultural)
- 1994: Canaima National Park (Natural)
- 1993: Coro and its Port (Cultural)

17. Tentative List: 3

- 2003: Ciudad Bolivar in the narrowness of the Orinoco River
- 2002: Hacienda Chuao (Chuao Plantation)
- 1999: City of "La Guaira"

18. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 7

- 2019: Biocultural programme for the safeguarding of the tradition of the Blessed Palm in Venezuela
- 2017: Colombian-Venezuelan llano work songs

- 2016: Carnival of El Callao, a festive representation of a memory and cultural identity
- 2015: Traditional knowledge and technologies relating to the growing and processing of the curagua
- 2014: Mapoyo oral tradition and its symbolic reference points within their ancestral territory
- 2013: La Parranda de San Pedro de Guarenas y Guatire
- 2012: Venezuela's Dancing Devils of Corpus Christi

19. Memory of the World Register: 3

- 2007: Colombeia: Generalissimo Francisco de Miranda's Archives
- 1997: General Archive of the Nation - Writings of The Liberator Simón Bolívar
- 1997: Collection of Latin American photographs of the 19th Century

20. Creative Cities Network: none

21. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 19 (between accessed, ratified and accepted) and 23 non-ratified

Ratified conventions:

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.	30/06/1966	Accession
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.	30/06/1966	Accession
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.	30/06/1966	Accession
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.	30/06/1966	Accession
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	16/12/1968	Ratification
Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.	07/09/1976	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	30/07/1982	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	23/11/1988	Accession
Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.	23/11/1988	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	30/10/1990	Acceptance
Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.	01/05/1992	Accession
Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.	01/05/1992	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	30/10/1995	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.	11/01/1996	Accession
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	21/03/2005	Acceptance
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.	09/05/2005	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	12/04/2007	Acceptance

International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	13/08/2009	Acceptance
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	28/05/2013	Acceptance

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

Previous anniversaries:

- 2015: 150th anniversary of the death of Andrés Bello Lopez, humanist (1781-1865)
- 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)
- 1989: 100th anniversary of the birth of writer Teresa de la Parra
- 1984: 100th anniversary of the birth of the writer Romulo Gallegos
- 1984: Centenary of the birth of the Venezuelan writer Romulo Gallegos
- 1983: 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, Liberator of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia)
- 1981: 200th anniversary of the birth of Andres Bello

23. Participation Programme: none

24. Fellowships:

- 2 fellowships since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 28,332

25. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

26. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO: 1

- Latin American Economic System (*Sistema Económico Latinoamericano y del Caribe-SELA*), Caracas

27. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2020:

- Assessment rate: 0.940 %

28. Staff members' geographical distribution status: under-represented (min. 4, max. 7)

- Total number of staff members: 6
- Professional staff on geographical posts: 2

As an under-represented Member State, Venezuela is eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

The National Commission submitted one candidature for the YPP 2018.

29. Map of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela :

