

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON DOMINICA/ UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The Commonwealth of Dominica is a Parliamentary Republic. The President of the country holds the Executive Power.
- President: H.E. Mr. Charles A. SAVARIN (since 2 October 2013). The President is nominated by the Prime Minister and elected by the House of Assembly, for a 5-year term (eligible for a second term).
- Prime Minister: H.E. Mr. Roosevelt SKERRIT BARR (since 8 January 2004)
- Minister of Foreign affairs: H.E. Mrs. Francine BARON (since 13 December 2014).

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2018)

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| • Total population (million): | 0.1 |
| • Human Development Index: | 0.715 / 103 ^e rank |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years) : | 78.0 |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): | 8,344 |
| • Internet users (% of population): | 67.0% |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones): | 7.1% |

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Expected years of schooling (years): | 12.7 |
| • Compulsory education (years): | 12 (from age 5 to 16) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): | 95.64% |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 3.4% |

(Map of Dominica at the last page)

II. DOMINICA/ UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 9 January 1979
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently, but from 2001 to 2005.
 - Dominica presented its candidature to the Executive Board for the first time at the 31st session of the General Conference (2001). Mr Nicholas J.O. Liverpool, represented the country from 2001 to 2003. On December 2003, Mr Liverpool became the President of the Commonwealth of Dominica and was replaced to the Board by Mr Johnson.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees / Commissions or Boards:** None
4. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:** A Representative has not yet been appointed by the Dominican Government. The representation is assured by Mr Claude Skalawski, Minister Counsellor.
 - The Permanent Delegation of Dominica to UNESCO is located 67 bis, Quai Branly 75007 Paris.
 - **Previous Ambassador and Permanent Delegate:** Mr. Eric Torner presented his credentials on 15 June 2006. His tenure ended the 23th of July 2015.
5. **Dominica National Commission for UNESCO:** established in November 1981.

Chairperson: Mr Petter Saint Jean, Minister of Education and Human Resource Development (Minister responsible for UNESCO affairs).

Secretary-General: Ms Gretta Roberts.

- 6. UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston (Jamaica):**
 - Established in October 1989, following the request made by the Government of Jamaica and became Cluster by the DG/Note/01/08 of 27 April 2001.
 - Cluster Office for: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.
 - Director: Ms. Katherine Grisby since August 2015
- 7. Personalities in relation with UNESCO activities:** none.
- 8. UNESCO Chairs:** none.
- 9. Associated Schools:** **10** (8 primary and 2 secondary).
- 10. UNESCO Club:** none.
- 11. Biosphere Reserves:** none.
- 12. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** none
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
- 14. World Heritage Sites:** **1**
Morne Trois Pitons National Park (inscribed in 1997).
- 15. Tentative List:** **3**
 - Fort Shirley (2015)
 - Morne Diablotin National Park (2015)
 - Soufriere-Scott's Head Marine Reserve (2015)
- 16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** none
- 17. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments:** **9 ratified/accessed and 31 non-ratified.**
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** **1**
 - **Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834.** Documentary heritage submitted by Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom and recommended for inclusion in the Memory of the World Register in 1997.
- 19. Celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** none.
- 20. Participation Programme:** Dominica did not submit any requests under the Participation Programme during the 2016-2017 biennium.
For the biennium 2018-2019, the DG approved three requests under the Participation Programme for an amount of US\$67,000.
- 21. UNESCO Fellowships Programme**
Since 2010, no fellowships were awarded to Dominica.

- 22. Representation within the Secretariat:** (as at 17/03/2019):
1 in total. Max. 4; Min. 2: under-represented.