

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.
- President: H.E. Mr Juan Orlando HERNANDEZ Alvarado (since 27 January 2014); Vice Presidents: H.E. Mr Ricardo ALVAREZ, H.E. Ms Maria RIVERA, and H.E. Ms Olga ALVARADO (since 26 January 2018).
- The President is directly elected by simple majority popular vote for a 4-year term; election last held on 26 November 2017 (next to be held in November 2021); Note: in 2015, the Constitutional Chamber of the Honduran Supreme Court struck down the constitutional provisions on presidential term limits.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs: H.E. Mr Lisandro ROSALES BANEGAS

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2019)

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| • Total population (millions): | 9.6 |
| • Human Development Index: | 0.623 / Rank 132 |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years) : | 75.1 |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP \$): | 4,258 |
| • Internet users (% of population): | 31.7% |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): | 1.0 |
- (Map of Honduras at the last page)*

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Expected years of schooling (years): | 10.2 |
| • Compulsory education (years): | 12 (from age 5 to 16) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): | 80.09 |
| • Net enrolment ratio in secondary education (%): | 43.78 |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): | 6.0 |

II. HONDURAS/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 16 December 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last mandate from 1997 to 2001)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions:** 4
 - 2023: International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) (Vice-President)
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication
 - 2021: Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (UNESCO, Paris, 1970)
 - Permanent membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visit to Honduras:** none to date
5. **Former Director-Generals' visit to Honduras:** Mr Luther H. EVANS (1, in 1955) and Mr Federico MAYOR (2, in 1993 and 1999)

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- H.E. Mr Roberto Alejandro Ramirez Aldana, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Honduras to UNESCO (since July 2015)
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H. E. Mr Alejandro PALMA CERNA (October 2010 to July 2015)

7. UNESCO Office: San José (Costa Rica)

- Honduras is covered by the Cluster Office in San José (Costa Rica). Since October 2018, Ms Esther KUISCH-LAROCHE (D-1, The Netherlands) is the Director of the UNESCO Office in San José and UNESCO Representative to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

8. Honduras Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: 1948
- President: H.E. Mr Arnaldo BUESO, Minister of Education (since January 2019)
- Secretary-General: Ms Mayra Leticia MOTINO CANALES (since July 2020)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none

10. UNESCO Chairs: none

11. Associated Schools: 43

- 32 Primary, 3 Primary/Secondary, 1 Secondary, 2 Teacher Training Institution and 5 Other

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

13. Biosphere Reserves: 4

- 2017: San Marcos de Colón
- 2015: Cacique Lempira, Señor de las Montañas
- 2011 (extended in 2016): Trifinio Fraternidad Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (transboundary with El Salvador and Guatemala)
- 1976: Río Plátano

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 2

- 1982: Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Natural)
- 1980: Maya Site of Copan (Cultural)

16. Tentative List: 1

- 2019: Rio Plátano Biosphere Reserve

17. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 1

- 2008: Language, dance and music of the Garifuna (with Belize, Guatemala and Nicaragua)

18. Memory of the World Register: none

19. Creative Cities Network: none

20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 14 ratified and 26 non-ratified

Ratified conventions:

Convention	Date du dépôt	Type de dépôt
Convention concernant les mesures à prendre pour interdire et empêcher l'importation, l'exportation et le transfert de propriété illicites des biens culturels. Paris, le 14 novembre 1970.	19/03/1979	Ratification
Convention concernant la protection du patrimoine mondial, culturel et naturel. Paris, le 16 novembre 1972.	08/06/1979	Ratification
Convention internationale sur la protection des artistes interprètes ou exécutants, des producteurs de phonogrammes et des organismes de radiodiffusion. Rome, le 26 octobre 1961	16/11/1989	Adhésion
Convention pour la protection des producteurs de phonogrammes contre la reproduction non autorisée de leurs phonogrammes. Genève, le 29 octobre 1971.	16/11/1989	Adhésion
Convention relative aux zones humides d'importance internationale particulièrement comme habitats de la sauvagine. Ramsar, Iran, le 2 février 1971.	23/06/1993	Adhésion
Convention pour la protection des biens culturels en cas de conflit armé, avec règlement d'exécution. La Haye, le 14 mai 1954.	25/10/2002	Adhésion
Protocole à la Convention pour la protection des biens culturels en cas de conflit armé et résolutions de la Conférence. La Haye, le 14 mai 1954.	25/10/2002	Adhésion
Deuxième Protocole relatif à la Convention de La Haye pour la protection des biens culturels en cas de conflit armé. La Haye, 26 mars 1999.	26/01/2003	Adhésion
Convention pour la sauvegarde du patrimoine culturel immatériel. Paris, le 17 octobre 2003.	24/07/2006	Ratification
Convention concernant la distribution de signaux porteurs de programmes transmis par satellite. Bruxelles, le 21 mai 1974.	07/01/2008	Adhésion
Convention sur la protection du patrimoine culturel subaquatique. Paris, le 2 novembre 2001.	23/07/2010	Ratification
Convention sur la protection et la promotion de la diversité des expressions culturelles. Paris, 20 octobre 2005.	31/08/2010	Adhésion
Convention concernant la lutte contre la discrimination dans le domaine de l'enseignement. Paris, 14 décembre 1960	05/09/2013	Ratification
Convention internationale contre le dopage dans le sport. Paris, 19 octobre 2005	26/05/2015	Adhésion

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated: none

22. Participation Programme:

- 2020-2021: Honduras submitted three requests under the Participation Programme. Honduras intends to submit a fourth request linked to COVID-19.
- 2018-2019: four requests were approved for a total amount of US\$70,000.

23. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, 3 fellowships have been awarded to Honduras for a total amount of USD 61 622.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

25. IGOs and Foundations in official relations with UNESCO: 1

- Central American Bank for Economic Integration (a regional organization)

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2020:

- Assessment rate: 0.012 %

27. Staff members' status: Normally represented (min. 2, max. 4)

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