

## UNESCO AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

### I. COUNTRY PROFILE

#### Political system

- Saint Kitts and Nevis is a federal parliamentary democracy (National Assembly) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm.
- Chief of State: Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952); represented by Governor General Samuel W.T. SEATON (since 2 September 2015); note - SEATON was acting Governor General from 20 May to 2 September 2015.
- Prime Minister: H.E. Timothy HARRIS (since 18 February 2015); Deputy Prime Minister Shawn RICHARDS (since 22 February 2015)
- Cabinet appointed by Governor general in consultation with Prime Minister.

#### Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2018)

- Total population (million): 0.1
- Human Development Index: 0.778 / Rang 72
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 74.4
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP\$): 23,978
- Internet users (% of population): 76.8
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 4.3  
(Map of Saint Kitts and Nevis at the last page)

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

- Expected years of schooling (years): 11.4
- Compulsory education (years): 12 (from age 5 to 16)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (%): N/A
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 2.78 (2015)

### II. SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Since 26 October 1983
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Twice, 2005-2009 and 2013-2017. Representative was Mr. Antonio Maynard, Secretary-General of the National Commission for UNESCO.
3. **Current Membership on Intergovernmental Councils/Committees and Commissions:**
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, IOC
4. **DG's visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis:** none to date
5. **Former Director Generals' visit to Saint Kitts and Nevis:** 1 (Koïchiro Matsuura, in January 2006)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H. E. Mr David Doyle, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO and Honorary Consul to France presented his credentials to UNESCO on 21 April 2006 as Permanent Delegate and in September 2013 as Ambassador.
7. **UNESCO Office:** none, Saint Kitts and Nevis is covered by the UNESCO Cluster Office in Kingston. Ms Katherine Grisby has been the Director since August 1, 2015.

**8. Saint Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO:**

- Established in 1991.
- **Chairperson** (since January 2011): the Hon. Shawn Richards, Minister of Education.
- **Secretary-General** (since January 2004): Mr. Antonio Maynard.
- Structure of the Commission: Chairman, the Secretary-General as well as 6 Sub-Commission coordinators and 5 to 6 members per Sub-Commission. The Commission is composed of 30 members.

**9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none

**10. UNESCO Chairs:** none

**11. Associated Schools:** none

**12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

**13. UNESCO Clubs:** none

**1. Biosphere Reserves: 1**

- St. Mary's (2011)

**2. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none

**3. World Heritage Sites: 1**

Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park (1999)

**4. Tentative List: 2**

- City of Charlestown (17/09/1998) Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Historic zone of Basseterre (17/09/1998) Saint Kitts and Nevis

**5. Intangible Cultural Heritage List:** none

**6. Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription

- (2009) Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1817-1834

**7. Creative Cities Network:** none

**8. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 4 ratified**

<b>Convention</b>	<b>Date of deposit</b>	<b>Type of deposit</b>
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	10/07/1986	Acceptance
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	14/04/2008	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.	03/12/2009	Ratification
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.	15/04/2016	Ratification
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	26/04/2016	Ratification

**9. Anniversaries with which UNESCO was associated in 2018-2019:** none

**10. Participation Programme:**

- For the biennium 2016-2017, four requests were approved under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$57,000.
- For the biennium 2018-2019, four requests were approved by the Director-General under the Participation Programme for a total amount of US\$70,000.

**11. Fellowships:**

- Since 2010, no fellowship has been awarded to Saint Kitts and Nevis.

**12. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO:** none

**13. IGOs in official relations with UNESCO:** none

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