

ARGENTINA AND UNESCO: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The country is a Presidential Republic; the President is both Chief of State and Head of Government; the Cabinet is appointed by the President;
- President of the Republic: **Mr Alberto FERNANDEZ** (since 10 December 2019)
- Vice-President of the Republic: Ms Cristina FERNÁNDEZ DE KIRCHNER (since 10 December 2019)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cult: Mr Santiago CAFIERO (since 20 September 2021)
- Elections/appointments: President and Vice-President directly elected on the same ballot by qualified majority popular vote for a 4-year term (eligible for a second consecutive term); last election was held in 27 October 2019.

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report)

- Total population (million): 49.1
- Human Development Index: 0.845 / 46 rank
- Life expectancy at birth (years) : 76.7
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): 21,190
- Internet users (% of population): 74.3%
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 4.4

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

- Expected years of schooling (years): 17.7
- Compulsory education (years): 14 (from age 4 to 17)
- Net enrolment ratio in primary education (% 2019): 99.3%
- Government expenditure on education (% of GDP): 5.5%

II. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** 15 September 1948

2. **Membership on the Executive Board: Yes** (2019- 2023)
Previous mandate: 2013-2017

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions: 9**

- 2023: Executive Board
- 2023: MAB - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere
- 2023: Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication
- 2025: Legal Committee
- 2023: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee
- 2023: ICPRCP - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation
- 2023: President of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- 2025: 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)
- 2025: Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage

4. **DG's visits to the country:** 1, in 2018 (G20 Meeting, 4-6 September 2018)
5. **Former Director-General's visits to the country:** 2010 (20th Ibero-American Summit)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Ms Marcela Miriam Losardo (since 24 November 2021)
 - Mr Miguel Angel Hildmann, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Mr. Fernando Ezequiel 'Pino' Solanas (21th July 2020- died on 6 November 2020); Rodolfo Héctor Terragno (February 2016 – November 2019)
7. **UNESCO Office:** None
 - Argentina is covered by the UNESCO Office in Montevideo (Uruguay), Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ms Lidia Brito (D-1, Mozambique) became Head of Office in May 2014 and left in January 2022.
8. **Argentina National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (Comisión Nacional Argentina de Cooperación con la UNESCO)**
 - Establishment: October 1958
 - President/Chairperson (since September 2021): Mr Jaime PERZYCK (Minister of National Education)
 - Secretary-General (since March 2020): Mr Pablo Antonio Amadeo Gentili
9. **Personalities linked to the UNESCO activities:** 5
 - Mr Miguel Ángel Estrella, Goodwill Ambassador
 - Ms Susana Rinaldi, Goodwill Ambassador
 - Mr Ariel Hernan Troisi, President of the International Oceanographic Commission (mandate 2021-2023)
 - Prof. Paula Siverino Bavio, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (mandate 2018-2021)
 - Mr Octavio Kulesz, Member of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
10. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:**

UNESCO Chairs: 20

- 2021: UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainability and Global Citizenship, Universidad de San Andrés
- 2021: UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diversity, Creativity and Cultural Policies, Universidad Nacional de Avellaneda
- 2019: UNESCO Chair "City and Project", Universidad de Buenos Aires
- 2019: UNESCO Chair on Knowledge Societies and Digital Governance, Universidad Nacional del Sur, Bahía Blanca
- 2018: Chair on Higher Education and Indigenous and Afro-descendant Peoples in Latin America, Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero
- 2016: Chair on "Education and Future in Latin America. Reforms, Changes and Innovations", Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero
- 2013: Chair in Water and Education for Sustainable Development, Universidad Nacional del Litoral
- 2011: Chair in Human Security and Regional Development in Latin America, Blas Pascal University
- 2009: Chaire d'esthétique et sociologie de la différence et de la diversité culturelle en Argentine, Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero
- 2007: Chaire de Tourisme culturel, Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero, Asociación Amigos del Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires
- 2007: Chaire in Human Rights, Universidad Nacional del Comahue, Buenos Aires
- 2005: Chaire in current social issues, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires

- 2004: Chaire in Education for Peace and International Understanding, Instituto Superior San José de Calasanz, V. Teisi-Hurlingham
- 2002: Chaire en Education pour la diversité, Instituto Diocesano Monseñor Miguel Raspanti, Haedo
- 2001: Chaire “Femmes, Sciences et Technologies”, La Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Sede Académica Argentina, Buenos Aires
- 1999: Chaire UNESCO itinérante Edgar Morin sur la pensée complexe, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires
- 1998: Chaire UNESCO - COUSTEAU d'écotechnie, Universidad Nacional de General San Martín, Villa Ballester, Buenos Aires
- 1997: Mobile Chair in University History and Future, Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires
- 1994: Chaire de bioéthique, Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires
- 1993: Chaire en gestion et administration internationale des entreprises, Universidad de Palermo et Universidad de Valladolid (Espagne)

UNITWIN Networks: 2

- 1995: UNESCO Interdisciplinary Chair / Network for Sustainable Development, Universidad Católica de Cuyo, La Plata
- 1997 Chaire UNESCO / Réseau de formation en gestion de crises humaines, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Ambientales, Pcia. De San Juan (FLACAM)

11. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 86

- Pre-primary (2); Primary (12); Primary/Secondary (9); Secondary (44); Teacher Training Institution (13); Vocational and Technical Institution (6)

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- 2008: The International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights (ICPHR)

13. Biosphere Reserves: 15

- 2015: Patagonia Azul
- 2014: Valdés
- 2007: Andino Norpatagónica
- 2007: Pereyra Iraola
- 2002: Las Yungas
- 2001: Laguna Oca y Herraduras del Río Paraguay (2001) (Former Laguna Oca del Río Paraguay - extended and renamed in 2014)
- 2000: Delta del Paraná
- 2000: Riacho Teuquito
- 1996: Mar Chiquito
- 1995: Yabotí
- 1990: Laguna de Pozuelos
- 1986: Ñacuñán
- 1984: Costero del Sur
- 1982: Laguna Blanca
- 1980: San Guillermo

14. UNESCO Global Geopark Network: None

15. World Heritage List: 11 sites

Cultural (6)

- 1983, 1984: Jesuit Missions of the Guaranis: San Ignacio Mini, Santa Ana, Nuestra Señora de Loreto and Santa Maria Mayor (Argentina), Ruins of Sao Miguel das Missoes (Brazil)
- 1999: Cueva de las Manos, Río Pinturas
- 2000: Jesuit Block and Estancias of Córdoba

- 2003: Quebrada de Humahuaca
- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (jointly with Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru)
- 2016: The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement (jointly with Belgium, France, Germany, India, Japan, and Switzerland)

Natural (5)

- 1981: Los Glaciares National Park
- 1984: Iguazu National Park
- 1999: Península Valdés
- 2000: Ischigualasto / Talampaya Natural Parks
- 2017: Los Alerces National Park

Tentative List: 10

- 2019: Sanmartinian Routes
- 2018: Buenos Aires – La Plata: Two capitals of the Culture of Modernity, Eclecticism and Immigration
- 2018: Cueva de las Manos and associated sites of the Pinturas river basin
- 2017: ESMA Site Museum – Former Clandestine Centre of Detention, Torture, and Extermination
- 2017: City of Tigre and its rowing clubs
- 2014: Geological, Paleontological and Archaeological Provincial Reserve Pehuén co - Monte Hermoso
- 2011: La Payunia, Campos Volcánicos Llanquanelo y Payún Matrú
- 2015: Moisés Ville
- 2005: Sierra de las Quijadas National Park
- 2001: Valle Calchaquí

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

- 2020: Chamamé
- 2015: Filete porteño in Buenos Aires, a traditional painting technique
- 2009: Tango (Argentina and Uruguay)

17. Memory of the World Register: 3

- 2017: The Villa Ocampo Documentation Center
- 2007: Human Rights Documentary Heritage 1976 - 1983 - Archives for Truth, Justice and Memory in the struggle against State Terrorism
- 1997: Documentary heritage of the Viceroyalty of the Río de la Plata

Memory of the World Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC): 10

The current President of the Memory of the World Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean is Ms Sandra Moresco, from Argentina (as of October 2021).

- 2018: Manifiesto Liminar de la Reforma Universitaria, Córdoba, 1918
- 2018: Instrucciones que deberá observar el representante a la Junta de Buenos Aires en la Corte de Londres Dr. Mariano Moreno (1810)
- 2018: Documentación del Servicio Penitenciario Bonaerense incautada por la Secretaría de Derechos Humanos de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
- 2018: 75 Joyas de la Colección Cervantina de la Biblioteca Pública de la UNLP
- 2017: Patrimonio documental sobre derechos humanos en Argentina 1976-1983. Dos adendas al conjunto inscrito en 2006.
- 2016: Actas de reunión de la Junta Militar
- 2016: Protocolos Notariales: Documentos judiciales y notariales de la Córdoba colonial e independiente (1574-1882)

- 2015: Prensa Obrera del Cono Sur. Un siglo de historia en las colecciones del CeDInCI (1863-1973) (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay)
- 2014: Colección “Jesuítica de Biblioteca Mayor” de la Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
- 2010: Colección “Jose M “Pichi” Meisegeir S.J.” en el Archivo Carlos Francisco Múgica

18. Creative Cities Network: 1

- 2005: Buenos Aires (City of Design)

19. UNESCO’s standard-setting instruments:

Ratified conventions:

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952	13/11/1957	Ratification
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	13/11/1957	Ratification
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	13/11/1957	Ratification
Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960	30/10/1963	Ratification
Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962	17/07/1968	Ratification
Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970	11/01/1973	Ratification
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971	19/03/1973	Accession
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972	23/08/1978	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.	22/03/1989	Accession
International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961	02/12/1991	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.	07/01/2002	Accession
Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003	09/08/2006	Ratification
International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005	29/12/2006	Ratification
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954	10/05/2007	Accession
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005	07/05/2008	Ratification
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001	19/07/2010	Ratification

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2020-2021: None

21. Participation Programme:

- 2022-2023: No applications were submitted, the deadline being 28 February.
- 2020-2021: the Director-General approved four requests submitted by COMNAT Argentina for a total amount of US\$80,000.

22. UNESCO Fellowships Programme:

- 2012-2013 : 7 fellowships for a total amount of US\$82 726.

23. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO: 2 NGOs and 1 Foundation

- Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), with associate status
- Confederación Mundial de Educación (COMED), with consultative status
- Moreover, the *Fundación Bariloche* (FB) is a foundation in official relations with UNESCO.

24. Payment of assessed membership fees (as at 2 February 2022):

- Assessment rate: 0,929%

25. Representation within the Secretariat (as at 05/02/2022): Over-represented (Max. 7; Min. 4) with 11 Professional staff in geographical posts and a total of 33 staff members.

- 7 International Professional Staff at Headquarters:
- 4 International Professional Staff in the Field:

Young Professional Programme (YPP)

Argentina, being over-represented, is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

26. Map of Argentina

